7. Flight Operations

7.1 General

All flights must be conducted in accordance with:

- BlueLake SOP
- Realistic airline procedures
- Approved aircraft and routes

Unrealistic behavior or deviations from procedures may result in penalties or rejected flights.

Callsign & Flight Number Usage

BlueLake distinguishes between internal and operational identifiers:

- The **Airline ID (e.g. ULKxxxx)** is used **internally only**
- The **published flight number** is the only valid operational identifier

The flight number must be used as:

- ATC callsign
- FMC callsign entry

Example:

- Flight number: **ULK1234**
- ATC Callsign: **BLUELAKE 1234**

Additionally, the **callsign entry “CS/BLUELAKE” must be included in the flight plan (remark field)**
to ensure correct identification by ATC.

Correct usage is mandatory for all online operations.

7.2 Route Usage and Flight Schedule

Flights must be conducted exclusively on:

- Available **scheduled routes**

BlueLake Airways does **not operate**:

- Charter flights
- Tour systems

This ensures a structured and realistic network.

Pilots are not obliged to follow the corresponding scheduled departure time of a booked flight, however, it is encouraged to do so in order to maintain the published flight schedule and positioning of the aircraft.

7.3 Aircraft Usage & Livery Policy

- Only approved aircraft may be used
- Correct type rating is required
- Aircraft selection must be operationally realistic

Additionally:

- Flights must be conducted **exclusively with official BlueLake Airways liveries**
- The **correct aircraft type, variant, and registration must be used**
- **No deviations are permitted**

This includes:

- No alternative airline liveries
- No incorrect registrations
- No mismatched aircraft variants

This strict policy ensures:

- A consistent airline appearance
- High realism standards
- Accurate fleet representation

Violation of this rule will result in **flight rejection**.

7.4 Maintenance & Ferry Flights

From time to time we offer special ferry or maintenance flights from or to Friedrichshafen. This flights are not part of our regular schedule and are NOT open for all member.

Follow the instruction below or on the discord channel for a correct handling.

- These flights can be done only once!
- No Pilot is allowed to do these flights without staff approval
- Apply via our discord for these flights

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