



Local Rules for the Slot Coordination process of GABA flights at Athens International Airport – Winter 2026/7



Athens International Airport – ATH/LGAV

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1. Introduction

During the Winter 2026/2027 scheduling season (25 October 2026 – 27 March 2027), extensive pavement reconstruction works on the Western Runway and the replacement of the airfield lighting system are scheduled to take place. These works will continue beyond the end of this scheduling season and are scheduled to be completed in May 2027.

Athens International Airport has been designated by the Hellenic Civil Aviation Authority as a "Coordinated" Airport (IATA Level 3) for the Winter 2026/7 season.

This means that, in order to land or take off, it is necessary for an aircraft operator, including business aviation operators, to have been allocated a slot by a coordinator, with the exception of State flights, emergency landings and humanitarian flights.

For the said period, although the applicable procedures for GA/BA flights will be the same as those under Level 2, there will be certain shortage of available slots due to runway capacity restrictions applied by HASP/ATC in order to cope with execution of works in the West Runway system alongside arrangements for take-offs of wide body aircraft from only the East Runway system. Furthermore the Flight Plan Suspension (FLS) process will be introduced to be implemented on a "pilot basis" and for trial purposes, aiming to assess feasibility.

2. Local Rule

Slot Coordination process of General and Business Aviation (GABA) Flights at Athens International Airport

The Local Rule applies to IFR, mixed portion IFR/VFR GABA Flights, and GABA flights operating exclusively under VFR conditions (Helicopter flights are exempted).

GABA flights with MTOW less than 5,700 kgs – regardless flight rules - are included in the Slot Coordination processes.

- **Seven (07) days prior to the operation**

All GABA flight requests will be processed by the Hellenic Slot Coordination Authority (HSCA) via email or the Online Coordination System (OCS) no earlier than **seven (07) days prior to the operation, subject to availability**. This early permission is strictly applied to all GABA flights with maximum Ground Time at Athens International Airport up to 90 minutes while Minimum Ground Time will be calculated to 20 minutes.

Buffer time is 30 minutes for the same apron stand.

Category C apron stands that are exclusively for allocation of GA-BA flights for Global 5000/5500/6000/6500/7000/7500/8000, G500, G550, G600, G650, G700, G800, FA7X and FA8X have a buffer time between a departure and a next arrival of 90 minutes.

- **D-1 (00:01-24:00) and On the Day of Ops (00:01-24:00)**

For all flight requests intended for ground time exceeding 90 minutes or planned to operate with a/c types that are not provided in the purposely declared apron stands, relevant slot requests must be submitted the earliest one day prior (D-1) operation or on the day of operation. It is a prerequisite for such flights to have obtained a PPR apron clearance from Athens International Airport - ASOC Senior supervisor (**asoc_senior_srv@aia.gr**) prior submission of their slot request to HSCA. Conformation of the PPR clearance must be included in the message of the slot request. Flights of this category will not be accounted by HSCA in the published apron parameters of the airport.

Requestors of the flight movements under this procedure (the air operator and the Representative entities and Handling Agents) are responsible for the procedure's guidelines adherence.

(Detailed process in Appendix)

Appendix 1: PPR Local Rule for Athens International Airport – Winter 2026/2027

Seven 07 Days prior arrival	D-1 (00:01-24:00) On the Day of Ops (00:01-24:00)
The Applicant must secure a slot through the Hellenic Slot Coordination Authority (HSCA). The maximum ground time for all GABA flights at Athens International Airport is set at 90 minutes, while the minimum ground time is 20 minutes.	For all flights with ground time exceeding 90 minutes or planned to operate with a/c types that are not indicated in the declared apron stands, regardless of ground time, slot requests must be submitted either one day prior (D-1) or on the day of operation. For these flights it is mandatory that a PPR apron clearance is obtained from Athens International Airport - ASOC Senior supervisor (asoc_senior_srv@aia.gr) prior to the slot request to HSCA and it must be included in the message of the slot request. If there are requests for the extension of already confirmed flights, beyond 90 minutes, respective slots must be cancelled and a new slot request must be submitted, subject to the Prior Permission Required (PPR) procedure. These flights will not be counted within the published apron parameters of the airport by HSCA.
	If a change to a larger aircraft type is required for an existing PPR, a new approval from Athens Airport is mandatory. For any time, changes that fall within the originally approved timeframe, renewed PPR is not required. For any changes exceeding 20 minutes prior to arrival and/or 20 minutes after the departure, from the approved PPR time frame, a new PPR is required. PPRs must align with the approved slots otherwise they will be deemed invalid. Confirmed PPRs that are no longer required for any reason must be cancelled by written notification to AIA as soon as the applicant becomes aware. On the day of OPS the applicant must request the PPR from Athens airport, at least <u>two (02) hours</u> prior to the scheduled arrival time. The applicant will be solely responsible if an inconsistency between confirmed slot and approved PPR is observed, or a slot is confirmed without an approved PPR. AIA will contact HSCA, detailing the discrepancies.

Example for GABA Slot Requests vs PPR process

Submission date	Action	DAY OF OPS	D-1 (00:01-24:00)	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5	DAY 6	DAY 7
		09DEC	10DEC	11DEC	12DEC	13DEC	14DEC	15DEC
09DEC	Slot requests sent on 09DEC for flights that will operate on 09DEC	HSCA/OCS for flights up to 90 mins ground time						
		PPR /HSCA- OCS for flights with more than 90 mins ground time or with a/c type that is not declared						
09DEC	Slot requests sent on 09DEC for flights that will operate on 10DEC		HSCA/OCS for flights up to 90 mins ground time					
			PPR /HSCA- OCS for flights with more than 90 mins ground time or with a/c type that is not declared					
09DEC	Slot requests sent on 09DEC for flights that will operate on 11DEC			HSCA/OCS for flights up to 90 mins ground time				
09DEC	Slot requests sent on 09DEC for flights that will operate on 12DEC				HSCA/OCS for flights up to 90 mins ground time			
09DEC	Slot requests sent on 09DEC for flights that will operate on 13DEC					HSCA/OCS for flights up to 90 mins ground time		
09DEC	Slot requests sent on 09DEC for flights that will operate on 14DEC						HSCA/OCS for flights up to 90 mins ground time	
09DEC	Slot requests sent on 09DEC for flights that will operate on 15DEC							HSCA/OCS for flights up to 90 mins ground time

HSCA : Hellenic Slot Coordination Authority

OCS : Online Coordination System

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Exclusion List of Aircraft Registrations

REG	A/C TYPE	REMARKS
SX-FDA	C550	<i>Ambulance flights even for just one leg of the flight (arrival or departure)</i>
SX-FDC	PA31T	"
SX-FDK	C650	"
SX-API	BE-58	"
SX-AQB	208B	"
SE-MLP	B350	"
SX-MKG	PRM1	"
SX-INT	BE200	"
SX-AEI	PA31-325	"
SX-BLE	PA31-350	"
SX-SEM	LJ35	"
SX-BMK	C55B	"
TOTAL	12 A/C	

REG	A/C TYPE	REMARKS
SX-ECI	C750	<i>HCAA' aircraft based at AIA</i>
SX-VVN	G650	<i>A3 aircraft based at Aegean's Hangar</i>
SX-VVO	G550	"
SX-BNR	LJ60	"
TOTAL	4 A/C	



Local Rule for Long Ground Time of ADHOC Flights



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Long Ground Time process for ADHOC flights at Athens International Airport

1. Introduction

Athens International Airport hereby issues the “Local Rule – Guideline for Ad Hoc Flights” pertaining to the Slot Coordination process for the Winter 2026/7 season, in compliance with applicable European and Greek legislation, as well as established international best practices.

This Local Rule aims to ensure the transparent, fair, and efficient allocation of available airport capacity, while supporting the orderly coordination of ad hoc flight operations.

The implementation and strict adherence to this Local Rule shall be mandatory for all users, to optimize the utilization of airport infrastructure, enhance operational efficiency, and ensure the effective management of traffic demand and airport resources, particularly during periods of high congestion.

2. Local Rule

Long Ground Time process for ADHOC Flights at Athens International Airport

- **Submissions during the three (3) days prior to the day of operation**

For **ad hoc flights submitted within the three (3) days prior to the day of operation**, any planned operation involving a **ground time exceeding five (5) hours (300 minutes)** at Athens International Airport is subject to **prior approval by the Airport Operator**.

Where such approval is required, the Coordinator may allocate the requested slot times **subject to conditions**, using **Action Code "T"**, pending receipt of the Airport Operator's approval.

Requests requiring Airport Operator approval will be processed on a **first-come, first-served basis**, subject to operational feasibility and slot availability.

The **aircraft operator is responsible for submitting the relevant request to the Airport Operator and obtaining the required approval**.

Upon receipt of a positive confirmation from the Airport Operator, the Coordinator will confirm the operation and the allocated slot times.

In the event that the Airport Operator **does not approve** the requested long ground time, the Coordinator will **cancel the slot times allocated under Action Code "T"** and, where possible, allocate alternative slot times **subject to availability**.

The allocation of slot times under Action Code "T" shall not be considered as final confirmation of the operation until the required Airport Operator approval has been obtained.