

VATSIM NORTH AMERICA

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SUBJECT: VATSIM NORTH AMERICA (VATNA) POSITION RESTRICTION POLICY

PURPOSE: To clarify and support policy regarding position restrictions within VATNA.

DEFINITIONS:

POSITION. Defined as those positions identified in the VATSIM Code of Conduct that pertain to the control of air traffic within VATSIM.

RATING. A VATSIM-assigned designation that identifies the administrative level of a particular VATSIM member. A rating also reflects a minimal competence level of a VATSIM member.

POLICY:

1. Due to the complexity of certain airspace areas and operations within VATNA divisions, certain restrictions are needed to ensure that the level of service provided by a particular local division is not compromised or degraded during certain evolutions.
2. The Division Director may create and publish guidelines used by local divisions in the creation of position restrictions for specific control positions based on certain events. In establishing these guidelines, they should consider the accomplishment of training goals and/or maintaining controller continuity during peak operational events. The use of division training guidelines regarding applicable rating-to-position criteria may also be used. Divisional guidelines should also address policy review and approval procedures.
3. The creation of local position restrictions should be delegated to the local ARTCC/FIR. However, division directors shall ensure that local-established position restriction procedures are unbiased and meet the basic standards as defined in this policy and VATSIM Code of Conduct.
4. No restriction shall be established or imposed that is based exclusively on a ARTCC/FIR affiliation requirement. Additionally, any division or local position restriction policy that does not equally apply to both assigned local members and visiting controllers from other areas is considered invalid and must be removed.
5. Position restrictions shall be clearly posted and accessible to all VATSIM members.