

Super Bowl 2023: Special Procedures in Phoenix

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It's time to stock up on chicken wings – Super Bowl LVII is just around the corner.

This year, kick-off will be in **Glendale, Arizona on February 12.**

Airports within the area will be **extremely busy** – not just in Arizona, but across the state line in Nevada too.

The FAA are onto it, and have published their safety plan for the event. If you're flying into (or near) the game, here's what you need to know.

Parking

A ramp reservation program is already open (including for drop-and-goes) for airports in the Phoenix area from **Feb 8 - 14**, along with those in Las Vegas. Essentially, you have to **reserve a parking spot** in advance during this period.

This includes the following airports:

Arizona

- KPHX/Phoenix Sky Harbor
- KSDL/Scottsdale
- KDVT/Phoenix Deer Valley
- KGEU/Glendale
- KGYR/Goodyear

- KCHD/Chandler
- KFFZ/Falcon Field
- KIWA/Williams Gateway

Nevada

- KLAS/Las Vegas
- KVGZ/North Las Vegas
- KHND/Henderson

Who to talk to for your reservation

Talk to your **FBO** (sooner rather than later). They are the ones with the slot allocations and will be able to keep you updated on any changes nearer the time. No FBO? You can also get in touch with the **airport authority** directly.



If previous Super Bowls are to go by, parking will be a major issue.

There will be Special Air Traffic Procedures

Expect traffic jams and hold ups. To help keep things flowin', ATC will implement the usual culprits including ground delay programs, holding, reroutes, miles-in-trail and other restrictions.

Your best defence will be to avoid arriving and departing at **peak periods**.

These are expected to be between: **07:00am to 19:00pm local (14 - 00z) daily between Feb 8 - 13.**

A head's up that it can also be extremely busy for departures on game day well into the wee small hours of the morning too. Last year over one hundred and fifty jets had already left the LA Basin area within five hours of the game ending.

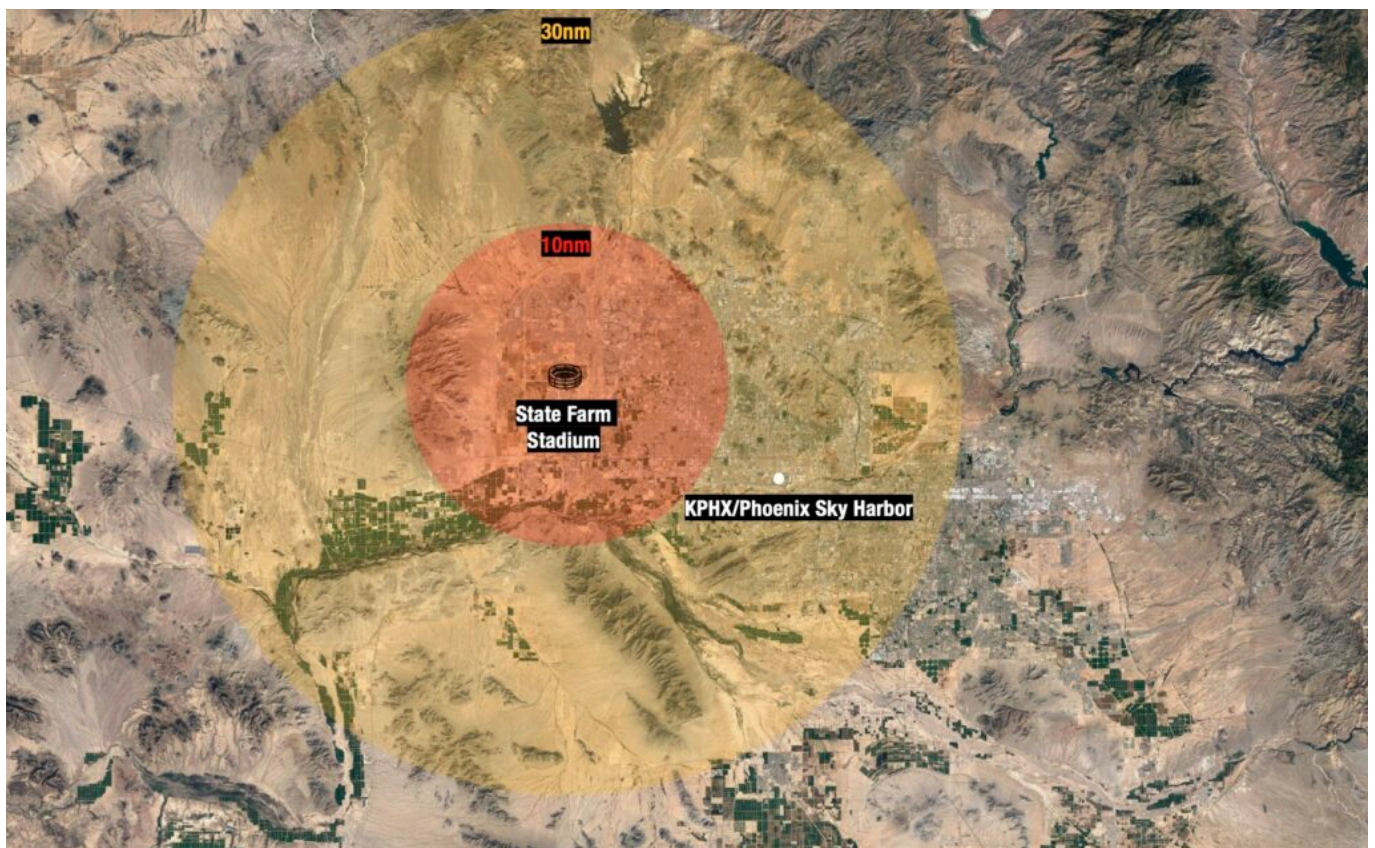
Also beware that ATC will not allow aircraft to pick up IFR clearances airborne, or change destinations within 200nm of Phoenix Terminal airspace.

Security

Two **TFRs** will be established on February 12, centred around State Farm Stadium in Glendale, approx. 7nm northwest of downtown Phoenix.

Those details will be published via the **FDC Notams**, usually 3-5 days before kick-off. But you can expect standard stuff - a very restrictive 10nm inner ring, and a less restrictive one out to 30nm.

There should be minor impact for IFR aircraft but expect additional communication requirements and discrete transponder operations.



You can expect two TFR rings centered around State Farm Stadium - don't use this to navigate though, the real deal won't be published by the FAA until a few days prior.

Getting in and out

There are **preferred routes** for all IFR turbojet aircraft arriving and departing the Phoenix area from **17z Feb 10 until 23z Feb 12**. You can view those [here](#).

The FAA has also summarised tower hours for major airports near the event, many of which will be extended.

For real time info on delays, airport status and other flow related issues, the FAA NASS website is the place to check.

Other stuff to think about

Consider your alternates. Options are going to be limited and restricted because of the high traffic levels. Unless you have a bona fide emergency, you'll need to plan ahead.

Gas Up. With all the traffic management programs in place, there could be **lengthy delays**. Consider extra holding and taxi fuel.

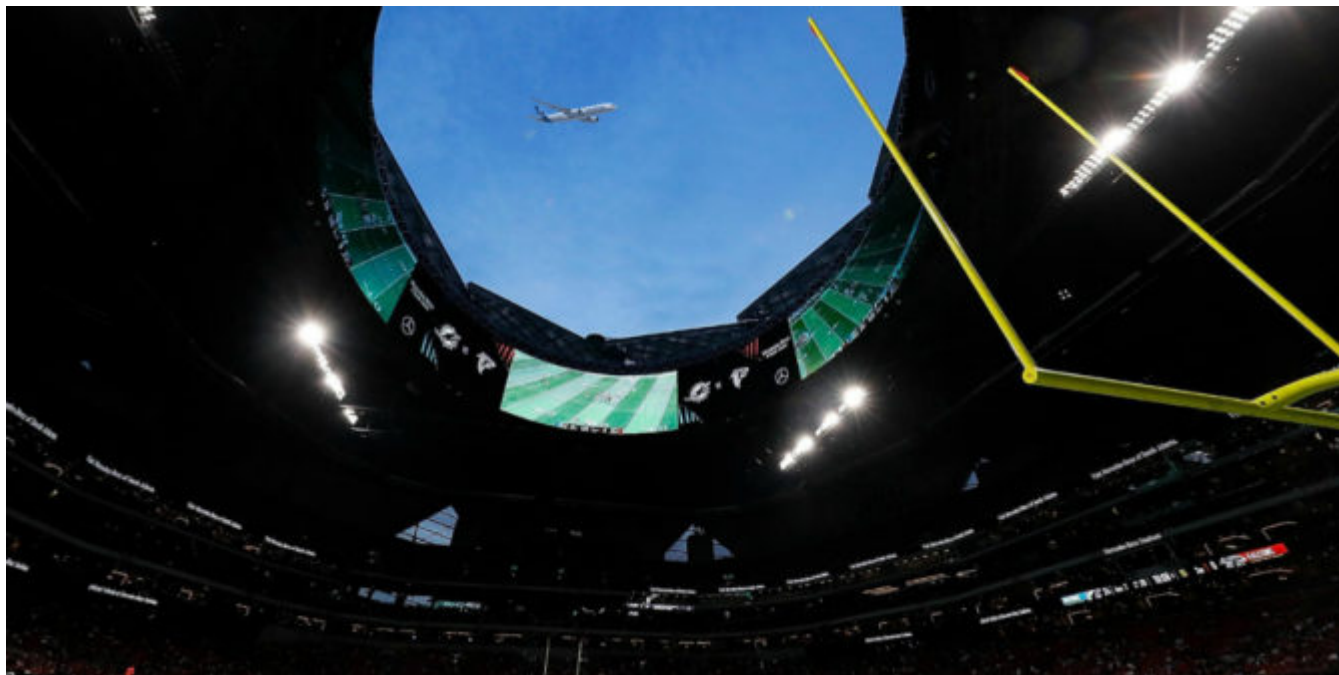
Check your documents. Make sure you have everything you need onboard, including crew licences, medicals, aircraft docs and confirmation of all reservations and confirmations. Increased security measures may involve ramp checks, searches, or other TSA requirements.

One last thing.....chicken.

It's just not Super Bowl weekend without **wings**. Looking for the best ones in Phoenix? This [article](#) may help.

Business aviation prepares for the Miami Super Bowl

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Everyone loves a huge sporting event like the Super Bowl – it usually even includes a fly-over! But, if you're operating in or around Miami next weekend, the last thing you want is a flag on the play...

Super Bowl LIV is happening in Miami on Sunday, 2 February 2020, and will attract a lot of attention – some in the form of intensified aircraft operations in the vicinity of the venue. As a designated National Security Special Event, a variety of **restrictions and special procedures are in place between 25 January - 04 February 2020**, most significantly a TFR centred on the stadium on gameday.



Whether you are arriving, transiting, or departing the area, here are **five key things** to keep in mind:

1. Information can (and likely will) change

Check NOTAMs frequently, call your Flight Service Station, monitor ATIS – make sure you are operating to the most current information. Your first stop, however, should be the FAA Super Bowl Flight Advisory and the FAA Super Bowl Website.

2. Expect delays, and plan accordingly

Intensified aircraft and security operations mean that reroutes are extremely likely, as are ground and airborne delays due to potential Traffic Management Initiatives. Increase your contingency fuel, manage expectations, and build extra time into your schedule wherever you can. Preferential IFR Arrival and Departure routings are also in place for jet and turboprop aircraft, while VFR traffic may experience lengthy delays and holding.

3. Don't lose sight of the wider picture

The main event may be in Miami, but there will be impacts further afield. In particular, watch out for POTUS/VP TFRs (KPBI/Palm Beach International will likely be impacted) and other restrictions/impacts as military, law enforcement, and medical services position throughout the event. Efforts are also being made to reduce demand on the airspace through actively discouraging training, sightseeing, and other non-essential flight activities.

4. Book ahead to avoid disappointment

FBO space is limited, and pre-booking of slots will be required for most South Florida airports between 29 January and 4 February. Signature Flight Support have a Super Bowl page with further information. Equally so, if you are relying on rental cars, hotels, or other local infrastructure – book them now!

5. Ensure your documents are in order

File your flight plan between 22 and 6 hours ahead of departure, and ensure you have your pilot's license, company ID (if applicable), applicable aircraft documentation, and access to copies of all reservations/confirmations. Increased security operations may involve ramp checks, security searches, or routing through a gateway airport for TSA screening.

With careful planning and collaboration (and some amount of patience!) from all involved, Super Bowl LIV is shaping up to be a memorable experience. Fly smart, fly safe, and if you have information that could help the community, pass it along!