

Ops Planning for the World Cup 2022

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Here's some info on Qatar to help prepare if you're planning on heading there during the World Cup 2022.

UPDATE: *Bombardier are trying to negotiate support for Challengers and Globals / QAS just put their prices up*

The dates to know about.

The World Cup takes place from **November 20 to December 18**. So anytime during those dates (and probably a few days either end) it is going to be just a little bit busier.

Get parking requests, handling requests, and permit requests in early!

Before we get into it, I'm going to share THIS LINK because it takes you through to the full slot coordination page which has a lot of info on to you might need. Not just on slots, but on regulations, handling stuff, and all that jazz.



FIFA WORLD CUP QATAR 2022 FIXED WING GENERAL AVIATION / BUSINESS AVIATION FLIGHT OPERATIONS

1. PRE-FLIGHT BRIEFING

1.1 All Non-Hamad General and Business Aviation flights during PWC2022 will operate through Doha International Airport (OTBD). For all Double Doha flights it is mandatory to obtain a slot. The Slot Application process is in AIP (SUP 190500 – www.qaia.gov.qa). Penalties apply for non-adherence to the slot(s) or parts of the slot(s) process.

2. GROUND OPERATIONS

2.1 FOLLOWING OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES WILL BE APPLICABLE FOR ALL GENERAL AND BUSINESS AVIATION FLIGHTS:

- 2.1.1 **Passenger Handling:** Passengers will be processed through a dedicated facility. The facility is designated as the **Double Doha Terminal**.
- 2.1.2 **Short stay:** Turnaround up to 10 minutes ground time.
- 2.1.3 **Long stay:** It may take up to 60 minutes ground time (subject to approval of the Airport Operator).

2.2 ARRIVAL PROCEDURES:

2.2.1 **Short stay:** Turnaround

- a. Aircraft will be allocated to the designated parking positions around the Terminal Building. Depending on demand, parking slots in the adjacent areas may also be assigned (Refer Annex www.qaia.gov.qa).
- b. Follow-on guidance and marshalling services will be provided by the Airport Operator.
- c. The aircraft will be towed to the designated parking position and will be handed over to the established Ground Handling Agent (Qatar Aviation Services) in OTBD during the Ground Handling Confirmation Number application process (see AIP SUP 190500). Late, or non-submission of service requirements may result in denial or delayed aircraft servicing.

2.2.2 **Long stay:**

- a. Once passengers are offloaded, aircraft will be repositioned to a non-temporary parking position in the East Apron. To expedite the process, planes must remain on board and the aircraft will not under own power to the East Apron.
- b. **Passenger handling:** Turnaround up to 10 minutes ground time.
- c. Follow-on guidance is mandatory for aircraft repositioning and will be provided by the Airport Operator.
- d. The aircraft will be towed to the temporary parking position on the West Apron. All ground services may be provided after the aircraft reposition or prior to the scheduled departure, whichever is more appropriate to meet aircraft requirements. The aircraft will be handed over to the established Ground Handling Confirmation Number requirements (including maintenance and aircraft preparation for long stay) to the established Ground Handling Agent (Qatar Aviation Services) in OTBD during the Ground Handling Confirmation Number application process (see AIP SUP 190500). Late, or non-submission of service requirements may result in denial or delayed aircraft servicing.

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There is also a new **AIP SUP 32/2022** effective Nov 3 which contains , and if you still ain't sure then daily CDM conferences take place at 0800 UTC, with an ATFM Daily Plan published at 1000 UTC.

The airports to know about.

You have two choices if you want to actually fly to the World Cup - **OTHH/Doha International** (actually called Hamad) or **OTBD/Doha International** (actually called Doha).

You should probably also be aware of OTBH/Al Udeid Airbase because it is fairly close to the Double Dohas, has two big runways and has been known to confuse some people.

OTHH/Hamad is the **main international airport** in Qatar.

You will find:

- 2 giant runways (4250m and 4850m)
- All the runways are CAT II/III
- RFF 10

If you want to head in here, then bear in mind this is the main international airport for the country and it is already busy with scheduled airline traffic.

You can find info on the general fees for operating here in the AIM.

The official FBO is Qatar Executive reachable at request@qatarexec.com.qa or +974 4022 1700

All their rates and fees are available here. There may be different charges for operating during the World Cup though so get in touch with them soon!

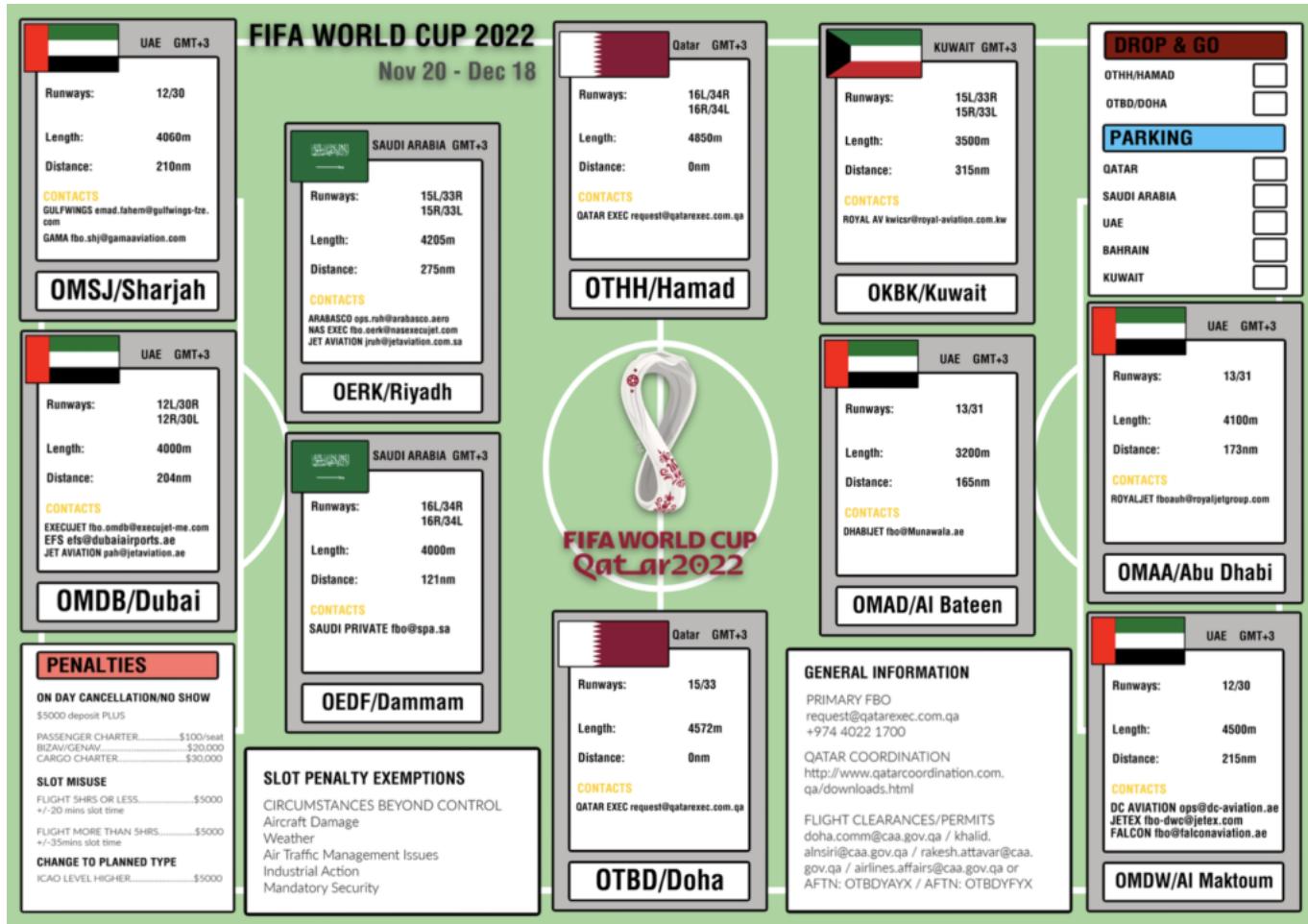
We discovered this updated fee list from QAS. It has jumped up just a little during the World Cup period so don't rely on old fees...

OTBD/Doha is the older international airport and was pretty much decommissioned for a while there. It

looks like it will be used for charter and private stuff, and some airline overflow traffic.

You have:

- One runway - RWY 15/33
- 4570m / 14,993'
- CAT I ILS 15 / CAT II/III ILS 33
- RFF 9



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A quick bit on Slots, because they are quite a big deal.

Slots are already filling up fast. And they are mandatory. And there is an official process for requesting them which you can read about here.

If you haven't already organised it then **get on this fast**. I can't stress that enough. Do it now!

There are a few things to know:

- You will need to pay a **5000USD deposit**
- The deposit will be deducted from airport charges

- There will be hefty penalties applied for:
 - No shows or Go shows
 - Misuse (seriously late aircraft)
 - Using a different aircraft type to the one mentioned in the slot request
 - Cancelling on the day

There are exceptions to the penalties. Basically for anything outside the operator's control:

- If your airplane gets damaged (presumably not through your own fault)
- If the weather is particularly adverse
- Delays due to issues with Air Traffic management
- Industrial action
- Security related stuff (of the mandatory sort)

What sort of penalties are you looking at?

- If you cancel on the day or don't show up then on top of losing the slot booking deposit, you can expect the following penalties:
 - 100USD per seat (per flight) if you're a passenger charter flight
 - 20,000USD if you're a GA/BA flight
 - 30,000USD if you're a charter cargo flight
- If you just 'misuse' your slot then they'll fine you the following:
 - 5,000 USD for arrivals more than 20 minutes outside the approved slot time, for flights 5 hours or less
 - 5,000USD for arrivals outside 35 minutes of the slot, for flights longer than 5 hours
- Finally, if you take a different type in then expect a 5,000USD fine for each higher ICAO category than the one approved.

We got all this info from here - the official local slot rule spot.

If you sort it all out, get your slot, and plan to use it properly, then on the day, you'll need to do this:

Operators need to mention the Slot ID produced by the Qatar Slot Coordinator at their Flight Plan

- ▶ Operators on the day of scheduled operation should file the Flight plan along side with the unique Slot ID.
- ▶ Operators must file flight plans matching the slot approved as per below:
 - FIELD 18 - RMK/ASLOTHHXXX0130
 - ASL = Airport Slot
 - OTHH = Airport concerned
 - A = Arrival (D for Dep)
 - XXX0130 = Flight number or Slot ID

On the day.

If you don't want to stick around in Qatar...

There are some handy and fairly close other places which you might want to consider using instead (if you can't get parking in Doha). These are probably what you'll file as your alternates for Doha anyway, given the size and airport numbers in Qatar (2).

Next to Qatar you have Bahrain and **OBBI/Bahrain International**. A very good alternate, *although we are currently checking whether flights direct between the two countries are possible*.

Just past Bahrain you have Saudi Arabia, and **OEDF/Dammam International**. This is a good alternate, although not as good as OBBI. A little bit further into Saudi and you have OERK/Riyadh.

On the other side of Qatar you have some water and then the UAE with **OMAA/Abu Dhabi**, **OMDB/Dubai**, **OMDW/Another Dubai** are all good alternates. We also heard that **OMSJ/Sharjah** FBO Gama Aviation is offering 7 days free parking there.

Head north and you'll find **OKBK/Kuwait**. Also a good alternate. I forgot to put it on the map, it is up there just outside the edge of the picture though.



A few useful ones to know about.

Some things to know about the country.

You need permits for both landings and overflights. To get all your flight clearances stuff, try these folk at the Civil Aviation Authority Qatar: doha.comm@caa.gov.qa / khalid.alnsiri@caa.gov.qa / rakesh.attavar@caa.gov.qa / airlines.affairs@caa.gov.qa or AFTN: OTBDYAYX / AFTN: OTBDYFYX

Their AIP is available online, for free, if you need it. You can find it [here](#).

They have a **new airspace**. Yes indeed. Read about that [here](#).

You really, really **can't take alcohol into Qatar**. Or a lot of medication (anything containing Codeine will get you into trouble. Anything else, just carry a prescription for it).

Because Qatar is fairly small and **hotel rooms fairly limited**, most are requiring tickets to the game so you might have trouble finding space for your crew if they're overnighting.

It will be **mandatory to have a maintenance agreement in place with your ground handling agent** if you are operating into Qatar, or else you'll have to carry your own engineer/maintenance person with you onboard – even for a drop and go.

- Bombardier are negotiating with Qatar Executive for them to provide support for the Challenger and Global series of aircraft. It's not been finalised yet, but hopefully will all be in place before things 'kick off' (if you'll pardon the pun).

Some Covid stuff.

As of at the moment, **Air Crew can enter Qatar for 96 hours**. To do this, you need a vaccination certificate and a PCR taken in Qatar within 72 hours of your arrival. **Unvaccinated crew will not be allowed in**.

A quick definition.

Football = Soccer (if you're American).

Monday Briefing: Kenya concerns, Serbia flooding

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19MAY Operators have cancelled flights to **HKMO/Mombassa** amid increasing terrorist concerns in the north-east of Kenya; some have repatriated tourists mid-stay. The US Embassy is reducing staff numbers.

19MAY **Catastrophic flooding in Serbia and Bosnia** has led into increased aid traffic at LYBE/Belgrade and delays and parking restrictions may apply; the flooding is the worst since records began.

LYBE/Belgrade is seeing increased traffic due to aid activity as a result of flooding in the country. Delays of up to 2 hours for non-scheduled traffic possible.

LSGG/Geneva - anticipate high traffic volume and some delays due to EBACE traffic 20-22MAY. Aircraft static display is open on 22MAY.

SKCG/Cartagena, Colombia has restrictions until 28MAY requiring non-scheduled operators to seek permission at least 24H before arrival (though longer is recommended) SKBQ/Barranquilla is a sensible alternate during this period.

VYYY/Yangon, Myanmar is closed 29MAY 0730-0815Z for a live fire drill.

EGLL/London Heathrow ATC Regulation Trial continues, with a pre-tactical EGLLTC regulation of 52 aircraft per hour in place 0400-0800 daily until 31OCT.

HLLB/Benghazi, Libya closed until further notice due to security situation.

LDPL/Pula, Croatia is closed 23MAY 1600-1800Z due emergency exercise.

LIML/Milan Linate will close overnight for runway repairs between 03JUN-04JUL.

ULLI/St. Petersburg SPIEF International Economic Forum 21-24MAY. Refueling is available only on arrival and crews must be at the airport no less than two hours ahead of their departure time. Slots allocated to allow approx 10 arrivals per hour for the Forum. No overnight parking is available for unconnected flights during this period.

UKxx/Ukraine FIR's (L'viv, Kyiv and Dnipro FIRs) Several airline reports of loss of GPS signals flying through this airspace.

Brazil has issued airport slots for World Cup 2014 on 15MAY, most are allocated already. An AVANAC domestic operating permit is required for all operators before a slot can be requested. Slot validity is 15 minutes. All pax and most crews will require a visa before arrival during World Cup operations – there is no possibility to obtain on arrival.

European Union The European Commission has adopted a new regulation that requires commercial air transport (CAT) operators from outside the European Union (EU), also known as “third-country operators” (TCOs), to obtain a single EU-wide safety authorization to fly to, from or within the EU. The registration requirement applies to CAT TCOs, who must demonstrate to the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) compliance with ICAO standards. CAT operators include all airlines and charter operators. The TCO authorization is a single process for all operators flying to the 28 European Union states, EU overseas territories and the four European Free Trade Association (EFTA) states (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland). The authorization will be a prerequisite to operating in these states and territories. A TCO authorization is not required for operators only overflying the EU member states, EU overseas territories and the four EFTA states. All existing operators must reapply for authorization, even if they hold authorization from individual EU member states. The regulation is in effect from 26MAY and EASA recommends approval be gained within 6 months.

Turkey The previously announced Turkish e-Visa scheme, abolishing Visa on Arrival, scheduled to become effective 10APR14, has been postponed until 31DEC14. <https://www.evisa.gov.tr/en/> for an e-Visa.

United States The FAA's Flight Standards Service (AFS) has created OpSpec/MSpec/LOA A153, a new and more efficient operations authorization for U.S.-registered aircraft in order to comply with early automatic dependent surveillance – broadcast (ADS-B) directives mandated by a growing number of other countries, primarily in the Asia-Pacific region. The new approval is in the final stages of development and is expected to be available to operators at the end of June 2014.

Belarus A visa-free regime will be in place for the official participants of the 2014 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship and foreign tourists for the period from 25 April until 31 May 2014. An original or electronic ticket to a game of the 2014 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship will become the basis for a visa-free entry in the territory of Belarus for tourists.