SUBJECT: Change in Night Restrictions

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This FIF changes FOM Sections WMU91.66 and WMU91.91 to read as follows:

WMU91.66 **Night Weather Minimums – VFR**

A. VFR night weather minimums for solo and team-ride flights shall be 6 sm visibility and 3000’ ceiling existing and forecast for the entire route/area for 2 hours before and after the proposed operation.
   1. In the event that during a night cross-country, the weather deteriorates below 6 sm visibility and/or 3000’ ceiling, the SOF should be contacted as soon as reasonably possible. At the discretion of the SOF, continued flight can be authorized for recovery to a suitable airfield including back to base with current/forecast conditions as low as 5 sm and/or 2500’ ceiling in conjunction with the student’s PQ card if applicable. Under no conditions should the SOF authorize flight contrary to any endorsed limitation in a student pilot’s logbook.

B. VFR night weather minimums for flights with an instructor on board shall be:
   1. for flights remaining in the pattern: 3 sm visibility and 1500’ ceiling;
   2. for flights in the local area: 4 sm visibility and 2000’ ceiling existing and forecast for the entire area for 1 hour before and after the proposed operation;
   3. for flights out of the local practice areas: 5 sm visibility and 2500’ ceiling existing and forecast for the entire route/area for 1 hour before and after the proposed operation; and
   4. If the forecast applicable to 2 or 3 above includes a PROB, BECMG or TEMPO below these minimums, the Chief Flight Instructor or his/her assistant must authorize the flight.
WMU91.91 Additional Night Flight Restrictions

A. All pilots flying at night are reminded that right traffic patterns are illegal at Battle Creek and Kalamazoo when the tower is closed unless procedurally permitted by NOTAM or as published in the AFD.

B. The following maneuvers are not permitted during night operations:
   1. Spins
   2. Eights on Pylons
   3. Ground Reference Maneuvers

C. For multi-engine training flights, the following maneuvers are prohibited at night when there is not adequate visual reference to safely conduct the maneuver.
   1. Engine failure after takeoff
   2. Full feather engine shut down
   3. $V_{MC}$ Demonstration
   4. $V_{YSE}$ Demonstration (Drag Demonstration)

D. With the exception of AVS 4990 students, solo/team-ride night training flights, both local and cross country, shall be limited to the following airports: AZO, BTL, JXN, GRR, LAN, *MKG, *SBN, *FWA, *TOL, *FNT (* >50NM from BTL)