

**Information notice about temporary regulations in the French Airspace  
during the 2020 Tour de France**

**Foreword**



The 107th edition of the cycling « Tour de France » is scheduled from August 29th to September 20th, with altogether 21 legs all around France, in a large variety of landscapes.



This document is made to inform pilots about the specific regulations, and/or temporary modifications in the French air space during the « Tour ».

The different legs or « stages » and all details in English may be found on <https://www.letour.fr/en/>, page « route ».



The race itself, preceded by a long advertising caravan, with cars and motorbikes about 1 :45 hour before the racers, is overflown by several aircraft, flying at different altitudes

These aircraft include film crews, VIP liaison flights, and several helicopters or fixed wings on every stage. The whole dispositive is re-enforced during mountain legs, or race against the clock. The aircraft will land on the airports nearest to the cities where the race stops overnight.

In this aeronautical context, the creation of temporary restricted areas (TRA) in mountain areas has been a rule for several years.



This dispositive is made to avoid blocking VFR flights; it offers routes between the helicopters protected areas and the relay aircraft. However, as there will be a lot of traffic, **we strongly recommend avoiding flying over the Tour de France during the stages.**

In any case, it is absolutely mandatory to respect air rules, and the conditions of penetration of the airspaces published in Notams, AIC or AIP Sups.



**This document concerns only the French territory.**

In order to guarantee flight safety, and particularly the safety of the aircraft covering the event, the French council of national air sports federations (CNFAS), is asking all air sports federations to circulate this document as much as possible, not only in France but also in European countries, so that pilots stay away from the race. Furthermore, in mountainous regions, the passage of the Tour may limit the evolution possibilities of aircraft, and of the VFR principle: "See and avoid ».

The Tour is going around France in very touristic regions, with a lot of people at this time of year, especially from the moment when the advertising caravan arrives until the last racers have gone.

So please circulate this document as much as you can.



If all pilots are behaving well, and stay away from the race, the event will be a success and allow the CNFAS to obtain less TRAs and constraints in the future.

Please do not forget to read aeronautical publications concerning airfields near to Tour route, as their activities may be reduced during the race.



We wish you good flights in France

The CNFAS airspace group



## Air device

### Filming helicopters

2 « Ecureuils » flying at very low altitude are overflowed by two other aircraft which relay the images signals, at about 6500 ft asfc.

### VIP liaisons helicopters

5 or 6 helicopters flying low along the race, from landing zone to landing zone.

### Relay aircraft

Several airplanes flying over the race are used to relay communications signals. Above FL85 over plains, and at varying altitudes in mountain areas, they fly IFR and use the ATC services

## Flying over the race outside mountain areas

One can find the dispositions with the following link:

[https://www.sia.aviation-civile.gouv.fr/pub/media/store/documents/file/l/f/lf\\_circ\\_2020\\_a\\_010\\_en.pdf](https://www.sia.aviation-civile.gouv.fr/pub/media/store/documents/file/l/f/lf_circ_2020_a_010_en.pdf)

In particular, it is important to remember the following:

***The attention of pilots is drawn upon the important concentration of aircraft nearby the Tour de France route, and the necessity to respect the French regulation about flying over cities, gatherings of people or animals, (arrêtés du 10 octobre 1957) and about helicopter traffic (arrêté du 17 novembre 1958).***

***Considering these preceding regulations and the specific context of the Tour de France, flying over the Tour legs is not allowed below the height of 1000 m (3300 Ft) above surface, except of the aircraft (fixed wings or helicopters) having obtained an authorization in advance.***

*Pilots are invited to read any complementary piece of information which could be made available, about access to air space and airfields located on the Tour route or nearby.*

**► The French federations believe that it is reasonable to stay at a minimum horizontal distance of 500 meters of the vertical plan of the Tour's road axis.**

***All the stages being altogether and entirely broadcast, the air device plan is set up on all the stages. The capacities (measures) of AIC 10/20 date june 25th 2020 and the recommendations of the CNFAS just take more importance, particularly for aerodromes and platforms nearby the road.***

## GA AERODROMES CONCERNED BY 2020 TOUR DE FRANCE EXCEPT FINISH TOWNS

Etape 10 8 septembre	Aérodromes Oléron, Marennes, Royan, Rochefort, La Rochelle.
Etape 11 9 septembre	Aérodromes La Rochelle, Niort, Poitiers.
Etape 12 10 septembre	Aérodromes Chauvigny, Limoges, Egletons.
Etape 13 11 septembre	Aérodromes Clermont, Ussel et sites de vol libre.
Etape 14 12 septembre	Aérodromes Clermont, Feurs, St Galmier, V Tarare, Brindas.
Etape 15 13 septembre	Aérodrome Morestel, Belley, Chambéry, Annecy.

Etape 16 15 septembre	Aérodromes La Tour du Pin, St Jean d'Avelanne, Grenoble, Le Versoud.
Etape 17 16 septembre	Aérodromes Le Versoud, Challes, Albertville, St Rémy, Méribel, Courchevel.
Etape 18 17 septembre	Aérodromes Méribel, Courchevel, Megève, Annecy, Annemasse.
Etape 19 18 septembre	Aérodromes Bourg en Bresse, Lons, Champagnole.
Etape 20 19 septembre	Aérodromes Vesoul, Belfort, Colmar, Mulhouse.
Etape 21 20 septembre	Aérodromes Chérence, Beynes, Chavenay, St Cyr.



Etape 2 30 août	Zones de modélisme 9610 et 9615.
Etape 3 31 août	Aérodromes Fayence, Puimoisson, St Auban et Sisteron.
Etape 4 1er septembre	Aérodromes St Auban, Sisteron, Serres, Aspres, Gap.
Etape 5 2 septembre	Aérodromes St Auban, Sisteron, Serres, Aspres, La Motte Ch, Montélimar.
Etape 6 3 septembre	Aérodromes Aubenas, Ruoms, Aubenas, La Grand Combe, Alès, Pic St Loup.
Etape 7 4 septembre	Aérodromes Millau, Ste Afrique, Albi, Graulhet, Castres, Bourg St Bernard, Lasbordes.
Etape 8 5 septembre	Aérodromes Lasbordes, Muret, Cazères, St Gaudens, St Girons, Luchan et Peyresourde.
Etape 9 6 septembre	Aérodromes Pau, Oloron, altisurface Escarry.

**FINISH TOWNS AIRFIELDS: Check aeronautical information on SIA website  
for restrictions not figuring in this document**

## Flying over the race in mountain areas

Helicopter flights for filming in mountainous areas make necessary specific air space dispositives, or « Helico TRAs » to facilitate the evolutions of these aircraft.

These TRAs also aim at enforcing the respect of the « 10th October 1957 Regulation » concerning flights over cities and gatherings of people/animals. They are limited in altitude at 3500ft above surface and sideways the protection at a distance of 0,75NM each way of the axis of the Tour's road.

Stages 8, 9, 13, 16, 17, 18 are concerned by these helicopter TRAs, especially in places with difficult access, and/or when the legs finish.

Opening/closing hours of these TRAs have been calculated according to the race schedule itself.

Relaying aircraft flights are ATC controlled flights.

The following table gives a synthesis of the different stages, with the air space dispositive and the links towards the Tour's website.

Stage 8	Saturday, Sept 5th	Cazères / Loudenvielle	AIP SUP 147/20 aug 20th, 2020 <a href="https://www.letour.fr/en/stage-8">https://www.letour.fr/en/stage-8</a>
Stage 9	Sunday, Sept 6th	Pau / Laruns	AIP SUP 148/20 aug 20th, 2020 <a href="https://www.letour.fr/en/stage-9">https://www.letour.fr/en/stage-9</a>
Stage 13	Friday, Sept 11th	Châtel Guyon / Puy Mary Cantal	AIP SUP 149/20 aug 20th, 2020 <a href="https://www.letour.fr/en/stage-13">https://www.letour.fr/en/stage-13</a>
Stage 16	Tuesday, Sept 15th	La Tour du Pin / Villard de Lans	AIP SUP 150/20 aug 20th, 2020 <a href="https://www.letour.fr/en/stage-16">https://www.letour.fr/en/stage-16</a>
Stage 17	Wednesday, Sept 16th	Grenoble/ Méribel Col de La Loze	AIP SUP 151/20 aug 20th, 2020 <a href="https://www.letour.fr/en/stage-17">https://www.letour.fr/en/stage-17</a>
Stage 18	Thursday, Sept 17th	Méribel / La Roche Sur Foron	AIP SUP 152/20 aug 20th, 2020 <a href="https://www.letour.fr/en/stage-18">https://www.letour.fr/en/stage-18</a>

**Pilots are invited to plan their flights well ahead, and read the information available on the French AIS website "Service de l'Information Aeronautique" (SIA):**

<https://www.sia.aviation-civile.gouv.fr/documents/supaip/aip/id/6>

SUMMARY DIAGRAM



Relay aircraft, flying IFR

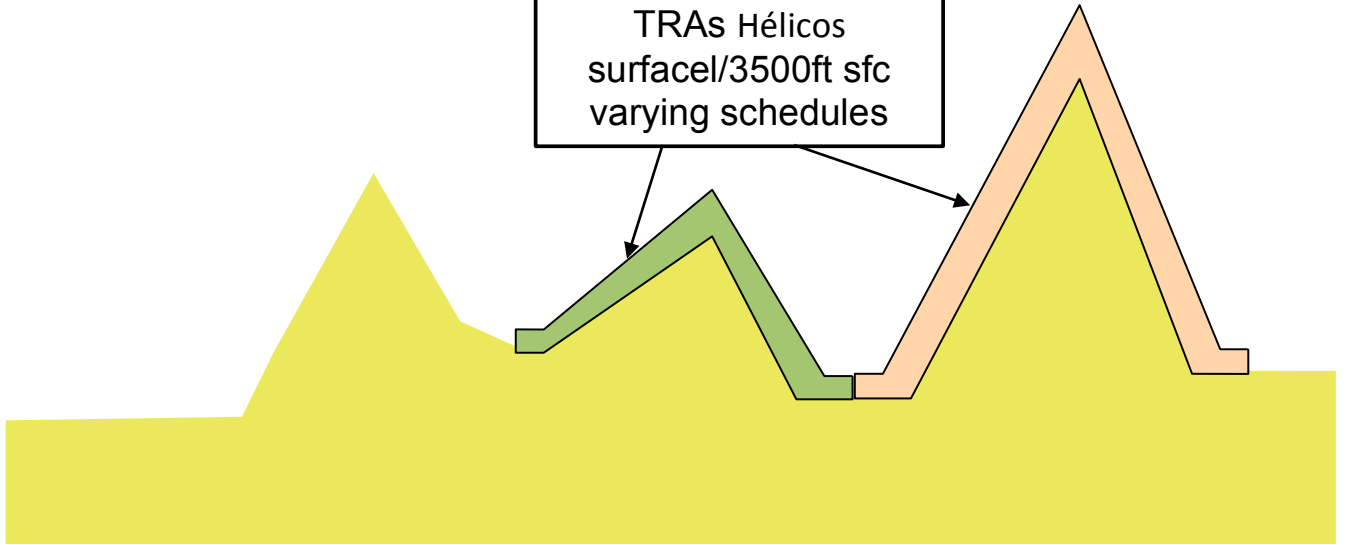


On the Tour's stages

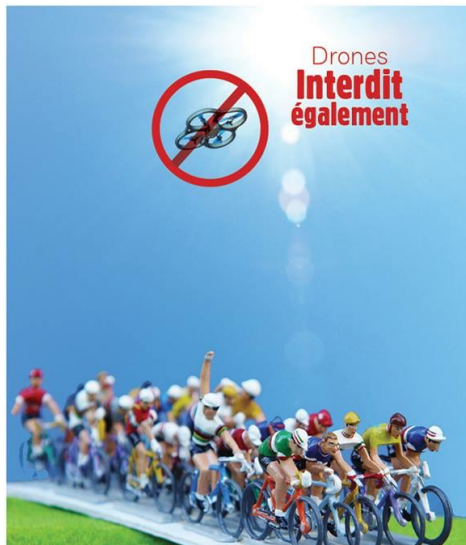
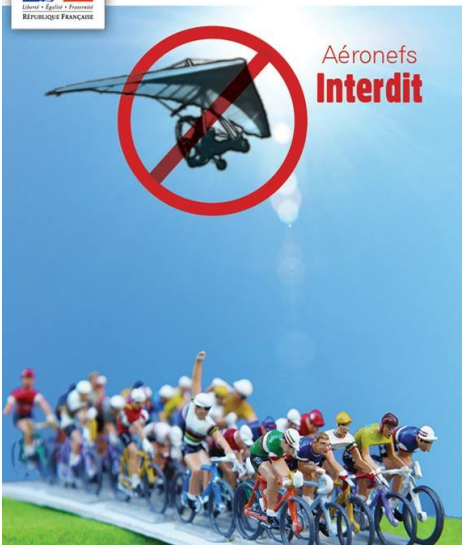
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No flying over the race**

Mountain areas or areas with difficult access

TRAs Hélicos  
surfacel/3500ft sfc  
varying schedules



INTERDICTION DE SURVOL DU PARCOURS DU TOUR DE FRANCE



Les forces de l'ordre seront vigilantes en cas de non respect de l'interdiction de survol.  
Outre la confiscation du matériel au titre de l'article L.6232-2 du code des transports, toute personne qui viole l'interdiction de survol s'expose à une peine d'un an d'emprisonnement et à 45 000 euros d'amende.

## *Your references on the SIA website*

### **Saturday, Sept 4th** Stage 8 Cazères → Loudenvielle

[https://www.sia.aviation-civile.gouv.fr/pub/media/store/documents/file/l/f/lf\\_sup\\_2020\\_147\\_en.pdf](https://www.sia.aviation-civile.gouv.fr/pub/media/store/documents/file/l/f/lf_sup_2020_147_en.pdf)

**Note:** 3 helo TRAs from Aspet.

### **Sunday, Sept 5th** Stage 9 Pau → Laruns

[https://www.sia.aviation-civile.gouv.fr/pub/media/store/documents/file/l/f/lf\\_sup\\_2020\\_148\\_en.pdf](https://www.sia.aviation-civile.gouv.fr/pub/media/store/documents/file/l/f/lf_sup_2020_148_en.pdf)

**Notes:** 3 helo TRAs from Lanne en Barétous.

### **Friday, Sept 11th** Stage 13 Châtel Guyon → Puy Mary Cantal

[https://www.sia.aviation-civile.gouv.fr/pub/media/store/documents/file/l/f/lf\\_sup\\_2020\\_149\\_en.pdf](https://www.sia.aviation-civile.gouv.fr/pub/media/store/documents/file/l/f/lf_sup_2020_149_en.pdf)

**Note :** 1 helo TRA from Royat.

### **Tuesday, Sept 15th** Stage 16 La Tour du Pin → Villard de Lans

[https://www.sia.aviation-civile.gouv.fr/pub/media/store/documents/file/l/f/lf\\_sup\\_2020\\_150\\_en.pdf](https://www.sia.aviation-civile.gouv.fr/pub/media/store/documents/file/l/f/lf_sup_2020_150_en.pdf)

**Note:** 3 helo TRAs from St Laurent du Pont.

### **Wednesday, Sept 16th** Stage 17 Grenoble → Méribel Col de La Loze

[https://www.sia.aviation-civile.gouv.fr/pub/media/store/documents/file/l/f/lf\\_sup\\_2020\\_151\\_en.pdf](https://www.sia.aviation-civile.gouv.fr/pub/media/store/documents/file/l/f/lf_sup_2020_151_en.pdf)

**Note** 4 helo TRAs on the whole leg / High terrain.

### **Thursday, Sept 17th** Stage 18 Méribel → La Roche Sur Foron

[https://www.sia.aviation-civile.gouv.fr/pub/media/store/documents/file/l/f/lf\\_sup\\_2020\\_152\\_en.pdf](https://www.sia.aviation-civile.gouv.fr/pub/media/store/documents/file/l/f/lf_sup_2020_152_en.pdf)

**Note:** 3 helo TRAs on the whole leg / High terrain.

# IN SHORT...

## 1/ FOR ALL LEGS

→ NO FLYING OVER THE RACE BELOW 3300ft AND 500 M SIDWAYS

NO FLYING OVER THE RACE Below 3300ft ground



And less than 500m sideways

AIC A 10/20 DATE 25/06/2020  
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CNFAS RECOMMENDATIONS

## 2/ FOR STAGES 8, 9, 13, 16, 17 AND 18...

→ Saturday, Sept 4th Stage 8 Cazères → Loudenvielle	SUP AIP 147/18
→ Sunday, Sept 5th Stage 9 Pau → Laruns	SUP AIP 148/20
→ Friday, Sept 11th Stage 13 Châtel Guyon → Puy Mary Cantal	SUP AIP 149/20
→ Tuesday, Sept 15th Stage 16 La Tour du Pin → Villard de Lans	SUP AIP 150/20
→ Wednesday, Sept 16th Stage 17 Grenoble → Méribel Col de La Loze	SUP AIP 151/20
→ Thursday, Sept 17th Stage 18 Méribel → La Roche Sur Foron	SUP AIP 152/20

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