

Los Alamitos Air Traffic Control

Los Alamitos management would like to extend an invitation to the Southern California Civilian flying community to utilize Air Traffic Control services for the purpose of conducting Practice Instrument Approaches with Los Alamitos GCA at Los Alamitos Army Airfield.

RWY 22L Practice Instrument Approaches available:

RNAV (GPS)
VOR or TACAN

Airport Surveillance Radar (ASR)
Precision Approach Radar (PAR)

1. Practice Instrument Approaches for civilian aircraft are subject to workload permitting and the conditions below:
 - a. Aircraft requesting Practice Instrument Approaches shall:
 - 1) Civil Aircraft executing a Practice Instrument Approach can expect Los Alamitos GCA to provide radar services per FAA regulations/publications for the purposes of executing Practice Instrument Approach at Los Alamitos.
 - 2) Civil aircraft are authorized to request a Practice Instrument Approach when the GCA is operational, if approved, all Practice Instrument Approach are authorized under VFR conditions for Runway 22L.
 - a) Weather Criteria: Reported ceiling at or above 1000' AGL and visibility 3 miles or more.
2. GCA Hours of Operation: Mon 0700L – 1500L, Tue – Thu 1400L – 2100L, Closed Fridays, Weekends, & Federal Holidays.
3. Los Alamitos GCA Frequency: VHF 124.75
4. In order for aircraft to be vectored for practice approaches with Los Alamitos GCA:
 - a) An operational transponder is required for aircraft requesting Practice Instrument Approaches under RADAR control.
 - b) If radar contact is lost and cannot be re-established, Los Alamitos GCA will instruct the aircraft to maintain VFR and depart the area.
 - c) In the event of lost communications, aircraft must maintain VFR, proceed visually and will be treated as an emergency aircraft with Los Alamitos Tower/GCA.
 - d) Los Alamitos Approaches will be IAW most recent distributed Approach plate. Changes/Updates to Approach plate will be distributed through local user working groups via Los Alamitos Base Operations or found on the web.
 - e) IFR separation will be afforded to aircraft being vectored on final for practice approaches at Los Alamitos. Controller responsibility for separation begins at the point where the approach clearance becomes effective. Except for super or heavy aircraft, 500 feet vertical separation may be applied between VFR aircraft and between a VFR and an IFR aircraft.
 - f) Consider an aircraft as an arrival until that aircraft crosses the landing threshold; thereafter consider the aircraft as a departure.
 - g) VFR separation will be provided to aircraft being vectored in the pattern for practice approaches at Los Alamitos.
 - h) Services will be terminated when leaving Los Alamitos GCA and/or when instructed to resume own navigation. For example, "Call Sign, maintain VFR, resume own navigation."