


SAFETY INFORMATION AND ADVISORY NOTICE (SIAN)		 Transport Malta Civil Aviation Directorate Safety and Compliance Unit Transport Malta Centre Triq Pantar Lija LJA 2021 Malta aviationsafety.tm@transport.gov.mt
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Subject: Adherence to the standard visual circuit patterns at LMML.		

1.0 INTRODUCTION

This Safety Notice contains instructions and recommendations regarding operational safety.

Following recent reported events concerning General Aviation (GA) aircraft within the airport traffic pattern, the Civil Aviation Directorate (CAD) reiterates the importance of Situational Awareness and Collision Avoidance Awareness for the continued safe conduct of GA operations around the island.

2.0 APPLICABILITY

This Notice is to be disseminated to all personnel, and people who have interests relating to the safe conduct of GA flights around the Island of Malta.

Aerodromes:	Not primarily affected.
Air Traffic:	All Air Traffic Services.
Airspace:	Not primarily affected.
Airworthiness:	Not primarily affected.
Flight Operations:	All General Aviation Operators and GA local flights, GA PICs, FIs and Solo Students.
Licenced/Unlicenced Personnel:	ATOs, GA and Microlight Community.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS

Pilots-in-command, examiners, instructors, student pilots and GA community are reminded that:

In line with SERA requirements, the standard VFR circuit pattern at LMML shall be based on a specified path as published in the Malta AIP (AD 2-LMML-MISC-VC) and may only be altered for sequencing purposes or as necessary by ATC. A pilot requiring deviation from the standard pattern shall only be executed after obtaining the necessary approval from ATC.

Aircraft in the circuit shall always maintain their sequence in the pattern unless instructed otherwise by ATC. Cross-wind turns shall not be dependant only on performance and on passing 500ft AGL but also on the aircraft's geographical positioning, as indicated in the Aeronautical Information Publication (AIP).

It is imperative that pilots listen and understand radio communications at all times and are capable of having situational awareness during this delicate phase of flight.

4.0 FURTHER INFORMATION

Aeronautical Information Publication (AIP):

<https://www.transport.gov.mt/aviation/air-navigation-services-aerodromes/aeronautical-information-publication-3764>

Any queries or further guidance as a result of this safety notice are to be addressed to: aviationsafety.tm@transport.gov.mt

5.0 CANCELLATION

This safety notice will remain in force till further notice.

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