



Bulletin 2 RV3



August 24th – September 2nd, 2026

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1. Training Fields and Locations

Official training will be at the KMCW airfield from August 18, 2026, through midday August 23, 2026. The scheduling process for Official Training will be arranged by the Organizer with Team Managers before the Official Training period.

KMCW will not be available for aerobatic training the week before official training. The airport will be open for takeoff and landings for test flights and nearby practice flights. KMCW is within Class E-to-surface airspace, and no aerobatics may be performed within the KMCW Class E airspace other than as specified in the contest and practice waivers. Under the US federal aviation regulations, aerobatics may be performed above 1,500 AGL under certain circumstances; most importantly, not overpopulated areas and not within 4 miles of an airway. There are numerous areas nearby KMCW which meet these criteria, which may be useful for initial post-assembly aerobatic test flights or leased aircraft familiarization flights. US pilots will be happy to provide suggestions as to those locations.

To facilitate competitor aerobatic practice prior to Official Practice, aerobatic practice area waivers have been obtained to permit formal low-level aerobatic training at four airports near KMCW beginning August 1, 2026. Airport officials at these airports have approved aerobatic operations. Operational procedures for each airport will be provided to pilots and teams wishing to train at these airfields. These procedures must be followed. Teams wishing to practice at these airfields should contact the Contest Director.

1.1 Algona - KAXA

This site will primarily be used by the Spanish and Portuguese teams August 2-17, but others may be able to use it in coordination.

Owner: CITY OF ALGONA
112 WEST CALL
ALGONA, IA 50511
Phone 515-295-2411

Manager: JIM KOHLHAAS
2907 HWY 18 W
ALGONA, IA 50511
Phone 515-295-7492

ALGONA MUNI (AXA)(KAXA) 2 W UTC-6(-5DT) N43°04.67' W94°16.31'

1216 B NOTAM FILE AXA

RWY 13-31: H4200X75 (CONC) S-30, D-48 PCN 7 R/D/W/U

MIRL 0.3% up NW

RWY 13: REIL. PAPI(P2L)—GA 3.0° TCH 30'. Thld dspcd 199'.

Road.

RWY 31: REIL. PAPI(P2L)—GA 3.0° TCH 34'.

RWY 18-36: 2895X160 (TURF) 0.4% up N

RWY 18: Road.

RWY 36: Fence.

SERVICE: S4 **FUEL** 100LL, JET A **LGT** ACTVT MIRL Rwy 13-31, REIL and PAPI Rwy 13 and 31—CTAF.

AIRPORT REMARKS: Attended Mon-Fri 1400-2300Z†, Sat 1400-1800Z†.

Rwy 18-36 marked with yellow cones. Rwy 13 is calm wind rwy. Rwy 18-36 no snow removal, rwy clsd when snow conditions exist.

AIRPORT MANAGER: 515-295-7492

WEATHER DATA SOURCES: AWOS-3 118.475 (515) 295-9634.

COMMUNICATIONS: CTAF/UNICOM 122.8

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CLEARANCE DELIVERY PHONE: For CD ctc Minneapolis ARTCC at 651-463-5588.

RADIO AIDS TO NAVIGATION: NOTAM FILE FOD.

FORT DODGE (H) TACAN Chan 82 FOD (113.5) N42°36.67' W94°17.69' 355° 28.0 NM to fld. 1164/7E.

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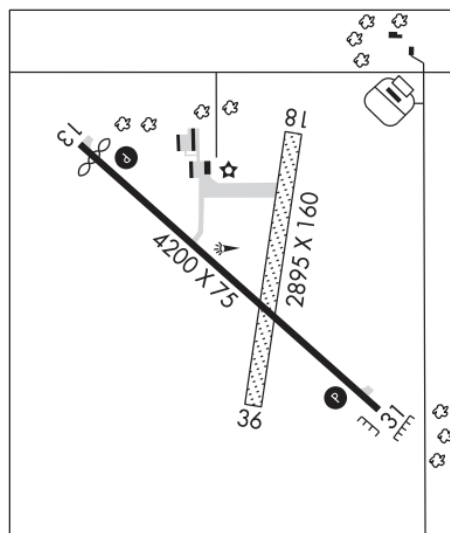
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DME unusable:

275°-282° byd 12 NM

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1.2 Pocahontas - KPOH

Owner: CITY OF POCAHONTAS
CITY HALL 23 WEST ELM
POCAHONTAS, IA 50574
Phone 712-335-4841

Manager: DENNIS DAHL
212 SOUTH MAIN
POCAHONTAS, IA 50574
Phone 712-335-4236
OFFICE NUMBER 712-335-4382

POCAHONTAS MUNI (POH)(KPOH) 1 NE UTC-6(-5DT) N42°44.57' W94°38.84'
1226 B NOTAM FILE FOD

RWY 12-30: H4100X60 (ASPH) S-15 PCN 12 R/B/W/U MIRL

RWY 12: REIL. PAPI(P2L)—GA 3.0° TCH 40'. Tree.

RWY 30: REIL. PAPI(P2L)—GA 3.0° TCH 40'. Road.

RWY 18-36: 1999X135 (TURF) 0.3% up N

RWY 18: Road.

SERVICE: FUEL 100LL LGT ACTVT REIL Rwy 12 and 30; PAPI Rwy 12 and 30; MIRL Rwy 12-30—CTAF.

AIRPORT REMARKS: Unattended. For svcs call Sheriffs office 712-335-3308. Rwy 30 calm wind rwy. Rwy 18 marked with yellow cones. Rwy 36 marked with yellow cones. No snow removal, rwy clsd when snow conditions exist.

AIRPORT MANAGER: 712-335-4236

COMMUNICATIONS: CTAF/UNICOM 122.8

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FORT DODGE (H) TACAN Chan 82 FOD (113.5) N42°36.67' W94°17.69' 290° 17.5 NM to fld. 1164/7E.

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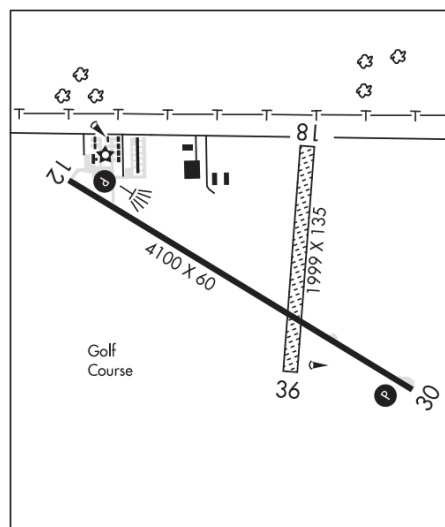
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1.3 Iowa Falls - KIFA

This site will be used primarily by the French team from August 11-17. Because of the size of the French team, it will be difficult for others to use this site; however, others may be able to use it in coordination.

Owner: CITY OF IOWA FALLS
PO BOX 698
IOWA FALLS, IA 50126
Phone 641-648-2527

Manager: RENA HEEM
16041 HWY 65
IOWA FALLS, IA 50126-8443
Phone 515-290-5450

IOWA FALLS MUNI (IFA)(KIFA) 3 S UTC-6(-5DT) N42°28.28' W93°16.24'
1137 B NOTAM FILE IFA

RWY 13-31: H4602X75 (CONC) S-47, D-69 PCN 16 F/B/X/T MIRL

RWY 13: REIL. PAPI(P2L)—GA 3.0° TCH 44'.

RWY 31: REIL. PAPI(P2L)—GA 3.0° TCH 44'.

SERVICE: FUEL 100LL, JET A+ LGT ACTIVATE MIRL Rwy 13-31,
REIL and PAPI Rwy 13 and Rwy 31—CTAF.

AIRPORT REMARKS: Attended Mon-Fri 1400-2300Z†. Fuel: 24 hr self
serve fuel avbl. Rwy 31 is calm wind rwy.

AIRPORT MANAGER: 515-290-5450

WEATHER DATA SOURCES: AWOS-3 120.425 (641) 648-2469.

COMMUNICATIONS: CTAF/UNICOM 122.8

Ⓡ DES MOINES APP/DEP CON 118.9 (1200-0200Z†)

Ⓡ MINNEAPOLIS CENTER APP/DEP CON 118.9 (0200-1200Z†)

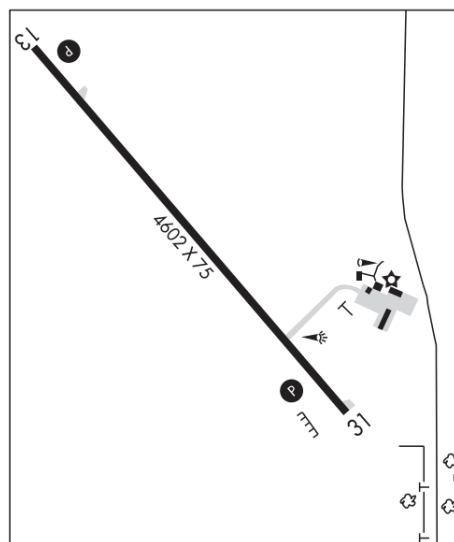
CLEARANCE DELIVERY PHONE: For CD ctc Des Moines Apch at
515-974-8016. When Des Moines app clsd, for CD ctc Minneapolis
ARTCC at 651-463-5588.

RADIO AIDS TO NAVIGATION: NOTAM FILE MCW.

MASON CITY (VH) (H) VORW/DME 114.9 MCW Chan 96

N43°05.69' W93°19.79' 170° 37.5 NM to fld. 1209/6E.

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1.4 Hampton - KHPT

This site will be used primarily by the USA team from August 11-17. Because of the size of the USA team, it will be difficult for others to use this site; however, others may be able to use it in coordination.

Owner: CITY OF HAMPTON
122 1ST AVE. NW
HAMPTON, IA 50441
Phone 641-456-4853

Manager: JAY SCHUMANN
1274 B OLIVE AVE
HAMPTON, IA 50441
Phone 641-456-4102
SCHUMANN AVIATION

HAMPTON MUNI (HPT)(KHPT) 2 SW UTC-6(-5DT) N42°43.42' W93°13.58'

1176 B NOTAM FILE FOD

RWY 17-35: H4020X75 (CONC) S-12 PCN 6 R/D/W/U MIRL
0.4% up N

RWY 17: REIL. PAPI(P2L)—GA 3.0° TCH 22'.

RWY 35: REIL. PAPI(P2L)—GA 3.0° TCH 28'.

SERVICE: S2 **FUEL** 100LL, JET A **LGT** ACTVT REIL Rwy 17 and 35;
PAPI Rwy 17 and 35; MIRL Rwy 17-35—CTAF.

AIRPORT REMARKS: Attended Mon-Fri 1400-2300Z†. For attendant after hrs
call 641-456-9000 or 641-456-2529 (Police Dept).

AIRPORT MANAGER: 641-456-4102

WEATHER DATA SOURCES: AWOS-3 121.025 (641) 456-4055.

COMMUNICATIONS: CTAF/UNICOM 122.7

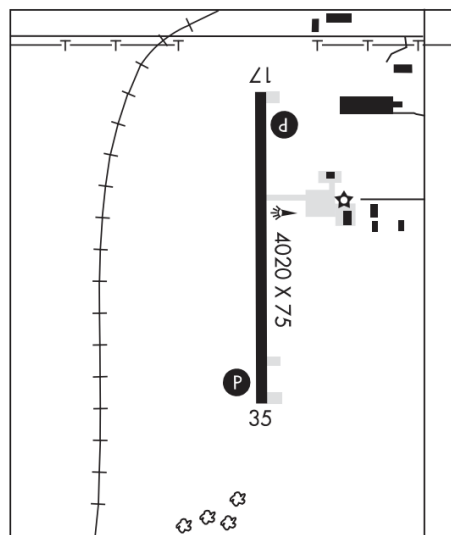
® **MINNEAPOLIS CENTER APP/DEP CON** 134.0

CLEARANCE DELIVERY PHONE: For CD ctc Minneapolis ARTCC at
651-463-5588.

RADIO AIDS TO NAVIGATION: NOTAM FILE MCW.

MASON CITY (VH) (H) VORW/DME 114.9 MCW Chan 96 N43°05.69'
W93°19.79' 162° 22.7 NM to fld. 1209/6E.

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1.5 Team assignments and operating procedures

Assignments to the training airfields will be made by the Contest Organizer, and teams may be rotated amongst the training airfields if requested. Teams and pilots requesting training access to training airfields should contact the Contest Director as soon as possible with the dates and times requested for unofficial training.

Preliminary assignments are:

- KAXA - Spain/Portugal
- KIFA - France
- KHPT - USA, Guatemala
- KPOH - Canada, Brazil, Romania

Although the training airfields have light traffic, the airfields will remain open to other traffic during training hours. The airfields are uncontrolled and aerobatic activities do not have priority over other traffic. Care must be taken to ensure ground observers are available to watch for and communicate on CTAF with other non-aerobatic traffic. Aerobatic activities must be paused temporarily if necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic.

Pilots and teams may wish to return to KMCW at the end of each day for convenient aircraft hangaring and hotels. However, those who prefer to stay in the offsite locations should contact the Contest Director for hangar possibilities at those locations.

2. Rental Cars

Discounted car rentals may be arranged through the local Mason City IA Enterprise Rental Car location using rental code XZ16GX1 - approximately \$275/week for midsize (note, no insurance is included with this discount code. Renters may wish to purchase incremental insurance).

Transportation to the Enterprise Rental Car location will be provided by the contest organizer, although there may be some wait time for transportation. Enterprise Rental Car may be reached at <https://www.enterprise.com/en/home.html> or (641) 423-8300.

3. Rental Aircraft

Potential aircraft rentals have been identified as follows:

- Extra 330SC at \$19,000 per pilot (up to 3 pilots).
- Extra 330SC at \$15,000 per pilot (one pilot).
- Extra 300S+ at \$10,000 per pilot (up to 2 pilots).
- MX-S at \$10,000 (up to 2 pilots).

Interested participants may contact Craig Gifford (craig@craiggifford.com) for further details.

4. Maps and Arrivals

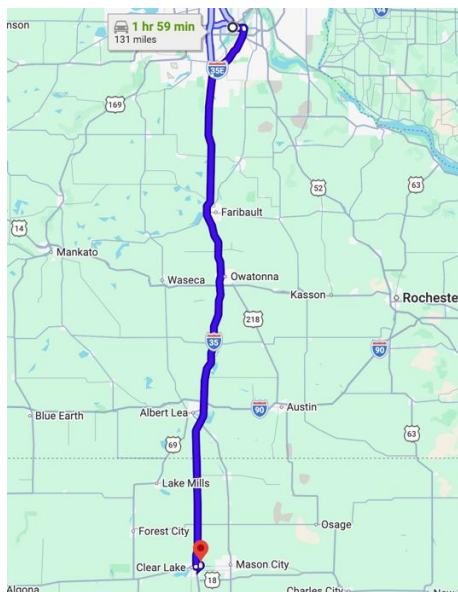
4.1 Commercial Flights into KMCW

Commercial flights to MCW from Chicago are available on United Airlines. Commercial flights to Chicago are available directly from Europe and other international locations. Participants arriving at MCW will be met at the arrivals terminal and provided transportation to Contest Central, only a few hundred feet away. Please provide your arrival information to contact.wac2026@gmail.com.

4.2 Commercial Flights into KMSP

Commercial flights to MSP are available directly from Europe and other international locations. CIVA officials arriving at MSP will be transported to MCW by van. Please provide your arrival information to contact.wac2026@gmail.com.

Other contest participants arriving MSP will be responsible for making their own travel arrangements from MSP to MCW. The drive is approximately 2 hours, completely on a major highway. There MAY be opportunities to coordinate rides to MCW with volunteers coming from Minneapolis, depending on arrival date. Please contact contact.wac2026@gmail.com if you wish to explore whether this may be available.



MSP Terminal 1 Concourse B

St Paul, MN 55111

- > Get on I-35E S in Mendota Heights from MN-62 E
6 min (3.9 mi)
- > Take I-35 S to 265th St/4th St SW in Clear Lake.
Take exit 194 from I-35 S
1 hr 47 min (125 mi)
- > Continue on 265th St/4th St SW to your
destination
4 min (1.5 mi)

Mason City Municipal Airport

9184 265th St •, 9184 265th St, Clear Lake, IA 50428

5. Accommodations and Logistics

5.1 Accommodations

All pilots and official team members, and warm-up pilots, will be lodged at the Best Western Holiday Lodge in Clear Lake, Iowa, a short five-minute drive to the Mason City airport. Lodging arrangements are included in the entry fee (for participants choosing lodging) arriving August 23rd through September 2nd, 2026.

Pilots and team officials wishing to make lodging arrangements before August 23rd or after September 2nd, 2026 may contact the hotel directly to make arrangements as follows:

- Call the Best Western directly at: 01-641-357-5253.
- Say you are with the World Aerobatic Championship.
- The phone number goes to the front desk, and they will honor the discounted group pricing for days before August 23 and after September 2.
- Use your own credit card to secure extra days.
- Provide guest information to the desk clerk. (The hotel may have some of their info already, because pilot registration information will have been provided.)

All CIVA officials will be lodged at the Hampton Inn in Mason City, Iowa. Lodging arrangements have been made for each official's indicated date and arrival time.

5.2 Transportation

Transportation will be provided to all contest participants at scheduled times and locations. Contest officials will be transported to the contest via passenger van in time for morning briefing each day.

Contest pilots and team staff will be transported to the morning briefing via passenger van. Contest officials will be returned to the hotel in the evening following contest flights via passenger van.

Transportation may be available for contest pilots and team staff throughout the day via passenger van; however, the schedule will likely be intermittent.

6. Content for Livestream

The entire championship will be broadcast via livestream. In accordance with CIVA rules, flight recordings will not be made available during the championship. After the championship, flight recordings will be made available by the organizer.

The organizers hope to fill spaces between flights, during breaks, and between programmes with interesting video content. Participants are encouraged to provide interviews, team videos, flight videos, sponsor product reviews, and other content to the organizers. Any content provided must be edited and provided free of royalty or payment. (Add? The Dropbox link?)

7. Official Training Slot Assignment Process

The Official Training period runs from 18th August through 23rd August. The training waiver begins at 7:30 am each day and runs through 19:30 each day. Training slots will be 15 minutes, allowing each competitor to fly one practice slot each day, with schedule capacity to accommodate local traffic and airline arrivals.

If additional training slots are available at the end of the day, they will be assigned one slot per team. A schedule of training slot assignments will be prepared by the Contest Organizer and coordinated with Team officials before Official Training.

8. Contest Communication / WhatsApp

Most communications during the contest will be distributed on WhatsApp. QR codes for the appropriate groups will be available at registration. Pre-contest communications can be received by joining the following group:

Pilots
WhatsApp group



WAC volunteer
WhatsApp group



2026 WAC General
WhatsApp group



Certain official contest communications, such as publication of sequences, programme results, any protests, etc., will be made available at a designated point in the contest offices.

9. Box Orientation and Weather

9.1 Box Orientation

The competition box will be oriented 18/36/09/270. The preferred judging position, if winds allow, will be the South judge position, as it is conveniently located to Contest Central, which is ideal for team and spectator viewing, and the sun angle will allow use all day.

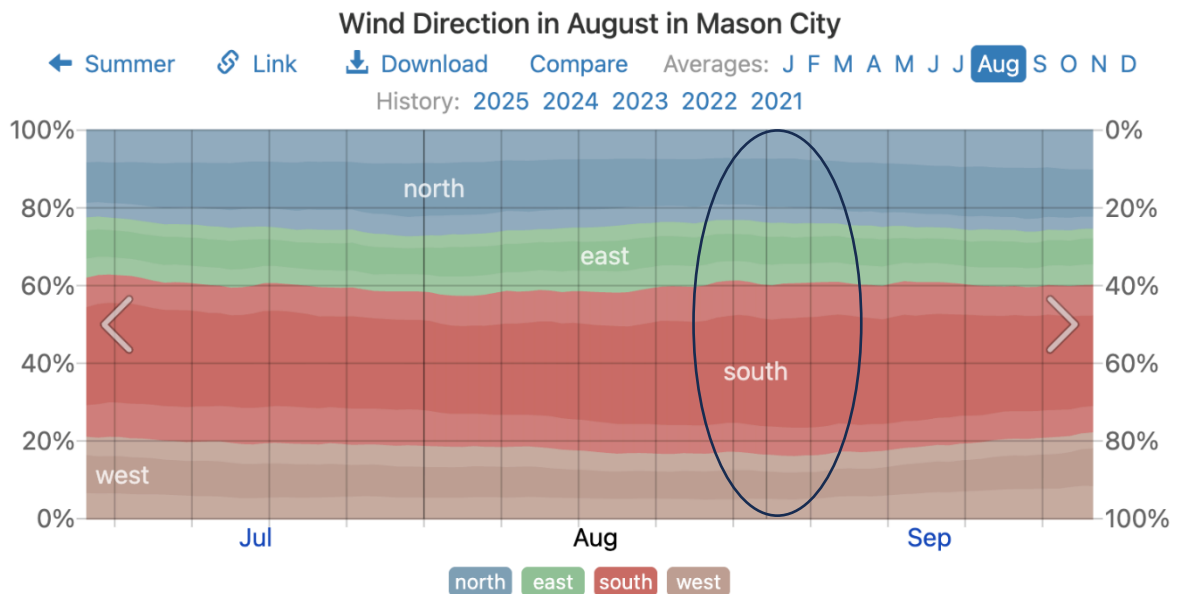
However, the prevailing winds in Iowa in late summer are from the South, so East and West judging positions may be necessary.

The East/West/South positions will be prepared for judges and are readily accessible for judges and assistants (North position will not be used, as the sun angle prevents it throughout the day). The East and West positions are not readily accessible to teams or spectators but can be viewed from roads approximately 300 meters behind the judges.

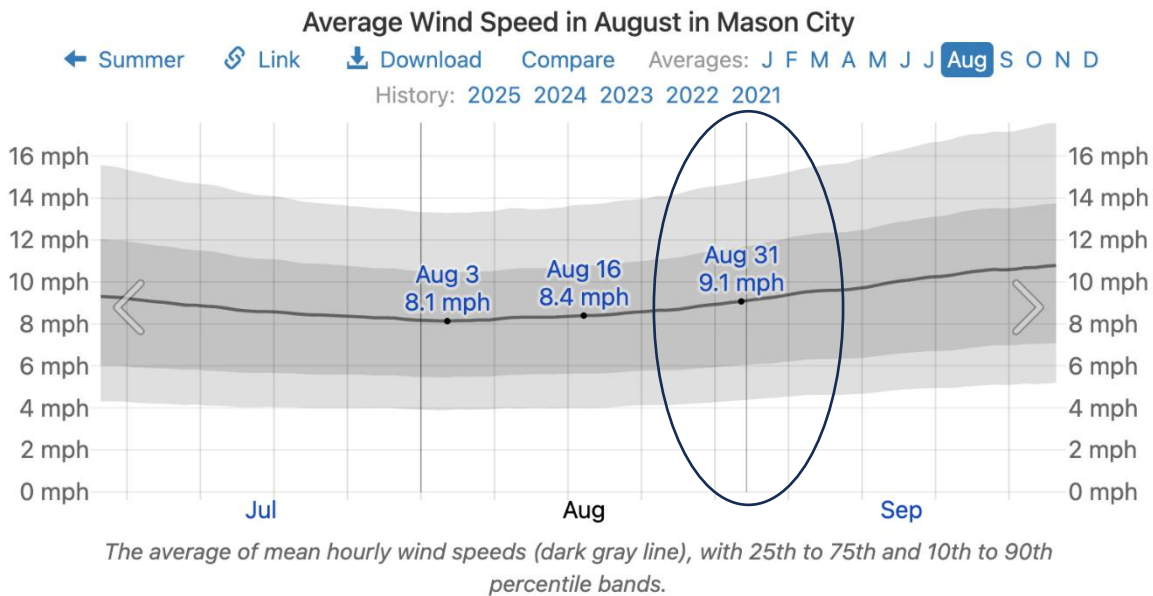


9.2 Winds

In Iowa, the winds at 2,000 feet average slightly less than 2 times the surface wind speed and shift approximately 30 degrees clockwise. The predominant surface wind direction (shown in diagram below) is from the South, and averages 8kt in late August.



The percentage of hours in which the mean wind direction is from each of the four cardinal wind directions, excluding hours in which the mean wind speed is less than 1.0 mph. The lightly tinted areas at the boundaries are the percentage of hours spent in the implied intermediate directions (northeast, southeast, southwest, and northwest).



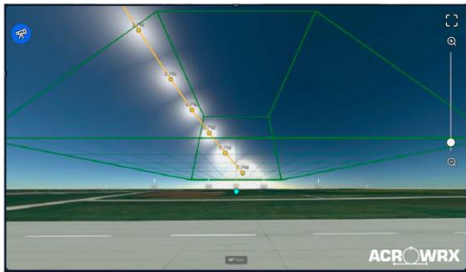
9.3 Sun Angles

The sun angle models below were provided by Paulo Iscold using his prototype AcroWrx software. They depict, from each judge station, the hourly position of the sun - during the hours it would be impactful - against a pictorial of the performance box as seen from the judge position. In short, if winds allow, a South position can be used all day. If southerly winds require, an East judging position will be used in the morning and a West judge position will be used in the afternoon.

For the 18/36 orientation:

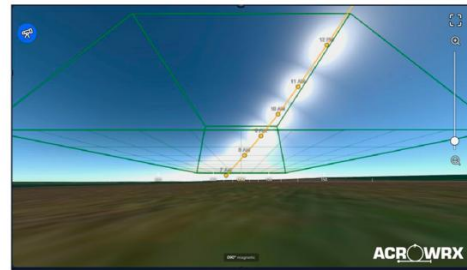
- The East position is not impacted by sun before 2pm and is unusable afterward.
- The West position is not useable before noon but is not impacted in the afternoon.
- The South position is useable all day, never impacted by sun.
- The North position is never useable - which is ok because it would not be needed.

Box 18-36 – East judges



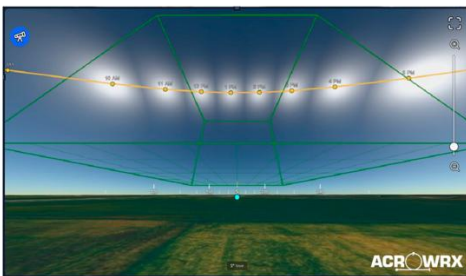
Useable in the morning
Unusable after 2pm

Box 18-36 – West judges



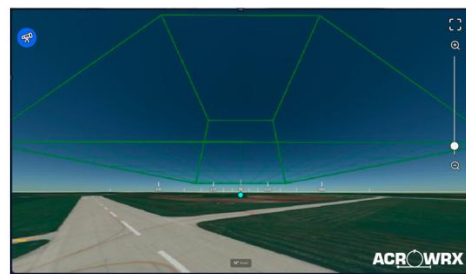
Useable in the afternoon
Unusable until afternoon

Box 18-36 – North judges



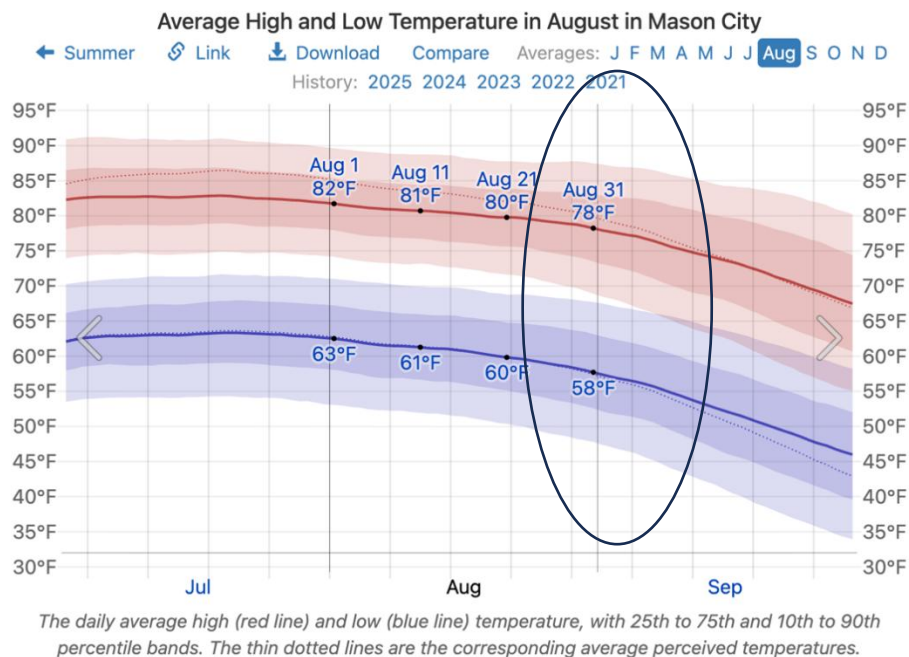
Only useable before 10am

Box 18-36 – South judges

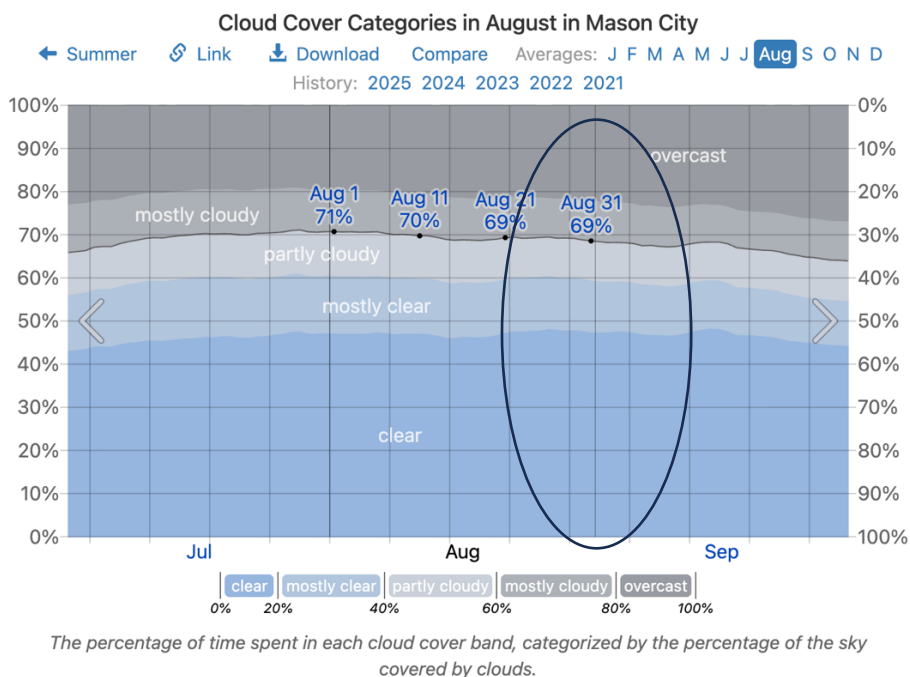
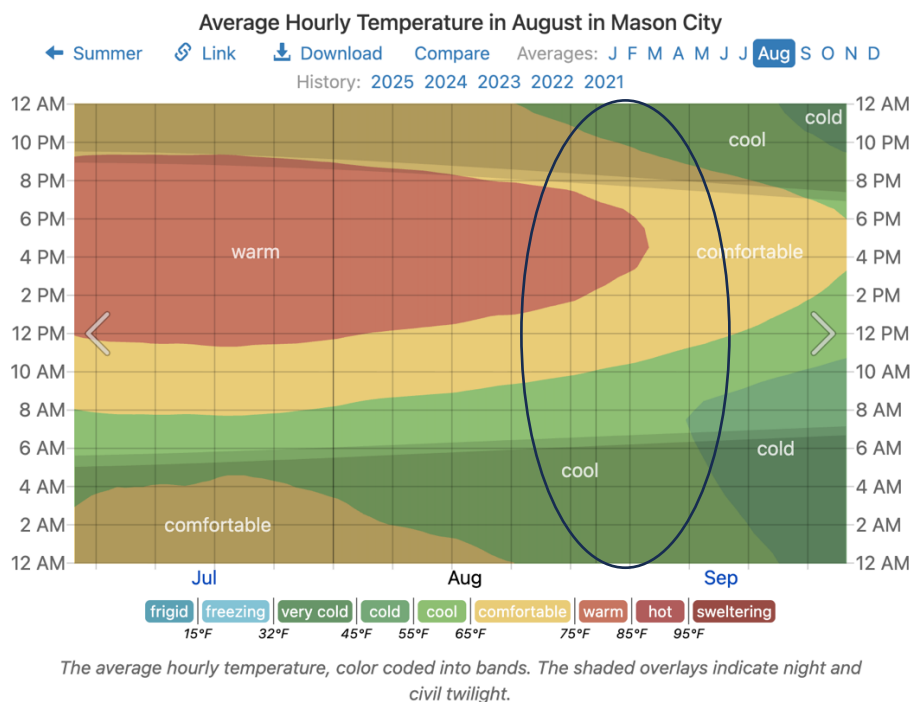


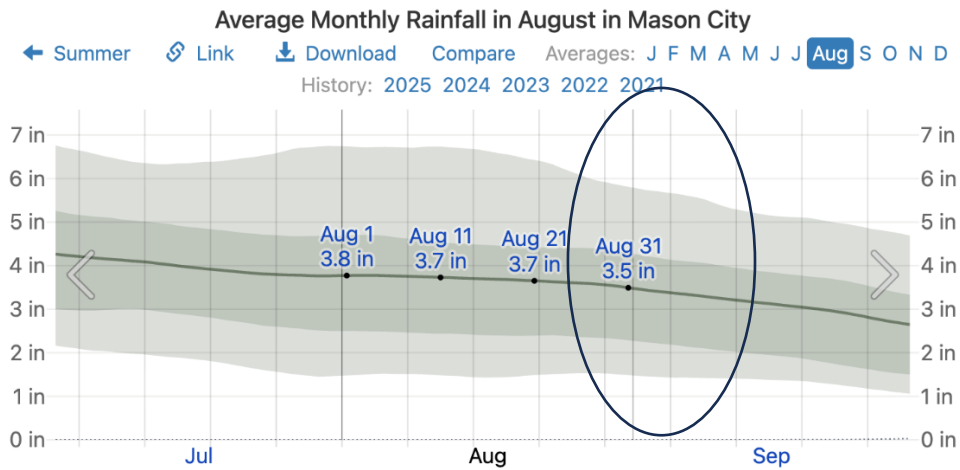
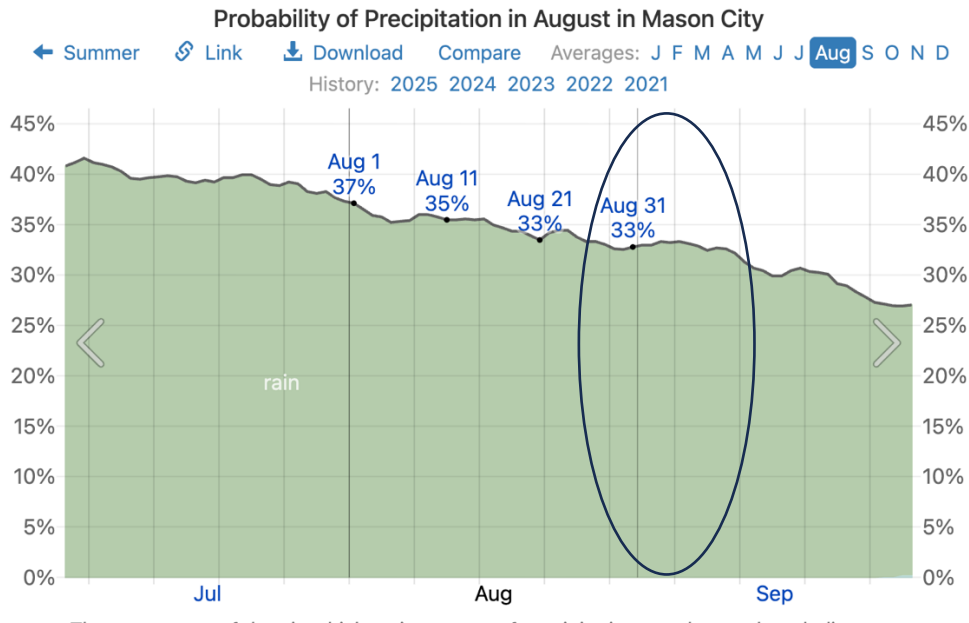
Useable the entire day

9.4 Other Weather Data



Temperatures in Iowa in late Iowa are relatively moderate but can range from chilly to quite warm. Bring a jacket but also be prepared for hot days and lots of sunshine.

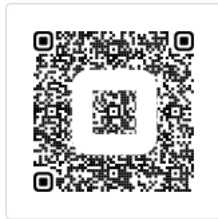




The average rainfall (solid line) accumulated over the course of a sliding 31-day period centered on the day in question, with 25th to 75th and 10th to 90th percentile bands. The thin dotted line is the corresponding average snowfall.

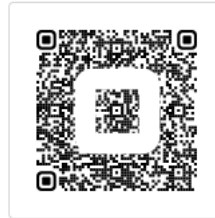
10. Opening and Closing Ceremonies Meals

Participant entry fees include meals at the Opening and Closing Ceremonies. Non-registered families and friends can be invited to attend, and tickets can be purchased online until August 12. <https://2026wac.com/tickets>



[Opening Ceremony](#)

173 Craft Distillery, \$25/each



[Closing Ceremony](#)

Surf Ballroom, \$50/each

11. Contact Information

Please feel free to contact the event organizing staff with questions.

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