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June 9, 2026

Pro Football Hall of Fame
Enshrinement Festival
Mr. Benjamin J. Miller
1015 Hartshorn St.
Alliance, OH 44601

Dear Mr. Miller:

Enclosed is your Certificate of Waiver for the Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival Balloon Classic 2026 to be held from July 24, 2026 to July 26, 2026 at the Kent State University Stark Campus in North Canton, Ohio.

Please note the standard and special provisions on the authorization, FAA Form 7711-1, holding you responsible for strict observance to the provisions of the balloon event.

Enclosed is a statement that you will accept the responsibilities of monitoring this event. This statement must be signed, returned, and received by this office prior to the balloon event.

The pilot/participant's statement of understanding must be signed by all flight crewmembers including the pilot-in-command of each balloon prior to participation in the balloon event under the waiver.

Upon completion of the balloon event, please return the completed participant statement. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. The office hours are 7:30 AM until 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday.

Sincerely,

SCOTT M CLARK Digitally signed by SCOTT M
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Date: 2026.06.08 15:28:11 -04'00'

Scott M. Clark
Principal Operations Inspector
Federal Aviation Administration

Enclosures: Certificate of Waiver and Statements



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2026 Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival Balloon Classic Additional Special Provisions

The provisions of this Certificate of Waiver will not be exercised for the 2026 Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival Balloon Classic, North Canton, Ohio, unless Mr. Benjamin J. Miller is present as the "responsible party" during the entire show and has determined that all pre-event responsibilities & requirements have been met.

ACCEPTANCE OF RESPONSIBILITIES

I fully understand the terms, conditions, and limitations of this Certificate of Waiver or Authorization and agree to serve as a representative of the Federal Aviation Administration to ensure that they are complied with. I further agree to notify the appropriate FAA personnel within 48 hours of any deviation of these terms, conditions, or limitations.

Signature: 
Mr. Benjamin J. Miller

Date: 6/15/2026

NOTE: The responsible party named in this Acceptance is acting in the capacity of a representative of the FAA Soley for the duration of the event as specified in the waiver and not in the capacity or in official duties as an FAA Employee of the FAA's Air Traffic Organization.



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**APPLICATION FOR
CERTIFICATE OF WAIVER
OR AUTHORIZATION**

OMB Control Number: 2120-0027 / Expiration Date: 03/31/2024

APPLICANTS - DO NOT USE THESE SPACES

Flight Standards Office

Great Lakes GL-25

Date

06/9/2026

Action

☒ Approved

☐ Disapproved – "Explain under "Remarks"

Signature of authorized FAA representative

SCOTT M CLARK

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INSTRUCTIONS

Submit this application to the responsible FAA Flight Standards district office.

Applicants requesting a Certificate of Waiver or Authorization for an aviation event must complete all the applicable items on this form and attach a properly marked 7.5 series Topographic Quadrangle Map(s), published by the U.S. Geological Survey (scale 1:24,000), of the proposed operating area. The map(s) must include scale depictions of the flightlines, showlines, race courses, and the location of the air event control point, Police dispatch, ambulance, and fire

fighting equipment. The applicant may also wish to submit photographs and scale diagrams as supplemental material to assist in the FAA's evaluation of a particular site.

Application for a Certificate of Waiver or Authorization must be submitted 45 days prior to the requested date of the event.

Applicants requesting a Certificate of Waiver or Authorization for activities other than an aviation event will complete items 1 through 10 only and the certification, item 17, on the reverse.

1. Name of organization

Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival Balloon Classic

2. Name of responsible person

Benjamin J Miller

3. Permanent
mailing
address

House number and street or route number

1015 Hartshorn St.

City

Alliance

State and ZIP code

Ohio, 44601

Telephone Number

330.9366401

4. State whether the applicant or any of its principal officers/owners has an application for waiver pending at any other office of the FAA.

No

5. State whether the applicant or any of its principal officers/owners has ever had its application for waiver denied, or whether the FAA has ever withdrawn a waiver from the applicant or any of its principal officers/owners.

No

6. 14 CFR section and number to be waived

14 CFR Part 91: §91.119 (b) and (c); §91.127 (a) and (c); §91.129 (a), (c) (1) and (d); and §91.130 (c) (1)

7. Detailed description of proposed operation (*Attach supplement if needed*)

Hot air balloon competition with a dawn patrol flight and media/VIP flight operations Friday morning, July 24, Sponsor flight and ground-based static display night glow Friday evening, and competitive flights Saturday morning and Saturday evening, July 25, with the last competitive flight Sunday morning, July 26. Complete details are included in the attached Balloon Competition Operations Manual.

8. Area of operation (*Location, altitudes, etc.*)

Surface to 8000' MSL within a 12 nautical mile radius of the launch field located at Kent State University Stark Campus (N 40°51'53.2" W 081°)

9a. Beginning (*Date and hour*)

7/24/2026

06:16:00

9b. Ending (*Date and hour*)

7/26/2026

10:00:00

10. Aircraft
make and model
(a)

Pilot's Name
(b)

Certificate number
and rating
(c)

Home address
(Street, City, State)
(d)

See Attached

11. The air event will be sponsored by:

Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival

12. Permanent mailing address	House number and street or route number	City	State and ZIP code	Telephone Number
	222 Market Ave North	Canton	Ohio 44702	330.458.2048

13. Policing *(Describe provisions to be made for policing the event.)*

Refer to enclosed Balloon Competition Operations Manual and Emergency Response Plan for provisions of crowd control which will be performed by event officials or local law enforcement, as appropriate, in the area of operations and at all targets.

14. Emergency facilities *(Mark all that will be available at time and place of air event.)*

☐ Physician

☒ Fire truck

☐ Other - Specify _____

☒ Ambulance

☐ Aircraft rescue vehicle _____

15. Air Traffic control *(Describe method of controlling traffic, including provision for arrival and departure of scheduled aircraft.)*

A class D NOTAM will be requested from LEIDOS 877.487.6867 advising of balloons in the area flying at various altitudes from Friday July 24 to Sunday July 26, 2026 during the three hours after sunrise and three hours before sunset. The event Safety Officer will contact CLE ATC/TRACON personnel before each flight with details of the flight and anticipated flight path and altitudes. CAK Tower frequencies are provided to all pilots on competition maps.

16. Schedule of Events *(include arrival and departure of scheduled aircraft and other periods the airport maybe open.)*

Hour (a)	Date (b)	Event (c)
		See Attached

If sufficient space is not available, the entire schedule of events may be submitted on separate sheets, in the order and manner indicated above.

Please Read



The undersigned applicant accepts full responsibility for the strict observance of the terms of the Certificate of Waiver or Authorization, and understands that the authorization contained in such certificate will be strictly limited to the above described operation.

17. Certification - I CERTIFY that the foregoing statements are true.

Date	Signature of Applicant
3/30/2026	

Remarks

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

CERTIFICATE OF WAIVER OR AUTHORIZATION

ISSUED TO

Benjamin J. Miller
Pro Football Hall Of Fame Enshrinement Festival Balloon Classic 2026

ADDRESS

1015 Hartshorn ST.
Alliance, OH 44601

This certificate is issued for the operations specifically described hereinafter. No person shall conduct any operation pursuant to the authority of this certificate except in accordance with the standard and special provisions contained in this certificate, and such other requirements of the Federal Aviation Regulations not specifically waived by this certificate.

OPERATIONS AUTHORIZED

Hot Air Balloon competition with flight operations from the surface up to 8,000' MSL occurring within a 12NM radius of the primary launch field. Primary launch field is at the Kent State University Stark Campus, 6000 Frank Ave. North Canton, OH 44720 at coordinates N40°51'53.2" W81°26'04.8" and is 4.2 NM from the Briggs (BSV) VOR on radial 359° in Jackson Township, OH. Final landings may occur beyond this distance but no goals, targets, pilots choice takeoffs, or mass-ascensions will extend beyond these boundaries.

LIST OF WAIVED REGULATIONS BY SECTION AND TITLE

14 CFR Part 91:§ 91.119(b)&(c); §91.127(a)&(c); §91.129(a)(c)(1)&(d); §91.130(c)(1)
(Attachment A)List of Waived Regulations, (Attachment B)Special Provisions

STANDARD PROVISIONS

1. A copy of the application made for this certificate shall be attached to and become a part hereof.
2. This certificate shall be presented for inspection upon the request of any authorized representative of the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, or of any State or municipal official charged with the duty of enforcing local laws or regulations.
3. The holder of this certificate shall be responsible for the strict observance of the terms and provisions contained herein.
4. This certificate is nontransferable.

NOTE---This certificate constitutes a waiver of those Federal rules or regulations specifically referred to above. It does not constitute a waiver of any State law or local ordinance.

SPECIAL PROVISIONS

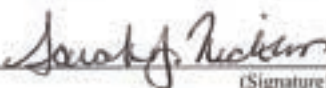
Special Provisions Nos. 1 to 25 inclusive, are set forth on the reverse side hereof. "See Attached" ☒

This certificate is effective from 7/24/2026 - 0616 EDT to 7/26/2026 - 1000 EDT, inclusive, and is subject to cancellation at any time upon notice by the Administrator or his authorized representative.

BY DIRECTION OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

Great Lakes - GL25
(Region)

06/09/2026
(Date)


(Signature)

Sarah J. Nicholson
Manager, Cleveland FSDO
(Title)

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ATTACHMENT A

LIST OF REGULATIONS WAIVED BY SECTION AND TITLE

Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR), section 91.119(b): Minimum Safe Altitudes over a Congested Area

14 CFR, section 91.119(b), is waived to allow balloon flight over any congested area of a city, town, or settlement, or over an open air assembly of persons at an altitude of 500 feet above the highest obstacle within a horizontal radius of 500 feet from the balloon.

NOTE: Launching a balloon anywhere in, into, or over a congested area, or an open air assembly of persons, shall require the pilot to be in a continuous normal rate of climb, until an altitude of 500 feet AGL is attained.

In addition, 14 CFR, section 91.119(b), is waived to allow flight at, but no closer than 75 feet to persons or spectators in the competition area(s).

14 CFR, section 91.119(c): Minimum Safe Altitudes over Other Than Congested Areas

14 CFR, section 91.119(c), is waived to allow flight over open water or sparsely populated areas no closer than 200 feet from any non-participating person, vessel, or structure.

14 CFR, section 91.127(a): Operating On or In the Vicinity of an Airport in Class E Airspace:

14 CFR, section 91.127(a) is waived so that aircraft operating on or in the vicinity of an airport in Class E airspace need not comply with § 91.126(b) (1).

14 CFR, section 91.127(c): Operating On or In the Vicinity of an Airport in Class E Airspace:

14 CFR, section 91.127(c) is waived to allow participating aircraft to operate within Class E and waived airspace via appropriate communications with the official air show control point. Except when otherwise authorized by agreement between the Air Traffic Control Tower and the waiver holder, the usual required communications for arrival and departure at a tower-controlled airport still apply.

14 CFR, section 91.129(a): Operations in Class D Airspace:

14 CFR, section 91.129(a) is waived so that aircraft operating in Class D airspace need not comply with § 91.126(b) (1) and 91.127.

14 CFR, section 91.129(c) (1) and (d): Operations in Class D Airspace:

14 CFR, section 91.129 (c) (1) and (d) are waived so that each person operating an aircraft in Class D airspace need not meet two-way radio communication requirements.

14 CFR, section 91.130(c) (1): Operating On or In the Vicinity of an Airport in Class C Airspace:

14 CFR, section 91.130(c) (1) is waived to allow participating aircraft to operate in Class C and waived airspace via appropriate communications with the official air show control point. Except when otherwise authorized by agreement between the Air Traffic Control Tower and the waiver holder, the usual required communications for arrival and departure at a tower-controlled airport still apply.

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ATTACHMENT B

SPECIAL PROVISIONS

Failure to comply with any standard or special provision is a violation of the terms of this Certificate of Waiver (CoW) or Certificate of Authorization (CoA) and justification for cancellation of this Certificate and constitutes a violation of Title 49 of the United States Code Section(s) 44711(A) (2) (B) and/or 44711(A) (5) .

1. The FAA has the authority to cancel or delay any or all acts or events if the safety of persons or property on the ground or in the air, are in jeopardy or there is a violation of the terms of the CoW or CoA.

2. The responsible person Benjamin J. Miller, the Balloonmeister, will ensure that notification is made to the LEIDOS Flight Service Station (AFSS) 1-877-487-6867 of the date, time, place, demonstration areas, altitudes, nature of the activity, and duration of the operation and request that a Notice to Airmen (NOTAM D or TFR) be issued.

a. Such notice shall be accomplished by providing the controlling flight service station(FSS) with a copy of the CoW, at least 48 hours before the event and no more than 72 hours before the event.

b. A Class D NOTAM is issued for the entire aviation event. Class D NOTAM verification is required.

3. The responsible person, Benjamin J. Miller, named in Item 2 on FAA Form 7711-2, must ensure that participants are thoroughly briefed on special field rules, the established demonstration area, flying display area, and aerobatic box (other defined areas within the waived/authorized airspace), manner and order of events, and special provisions of the CoW or CoA, before beginning the activities each day.

a. No person may participate in any event listed on the CoW unless that person has signed a statement acknowledging receipt of a briefing on the provisions of the CoW.

b. For team performances, only the team leader is required; however, a delegate may represent the team leader, provided the person is a pilot member of the team. The team leader or delegate must brief each member of the team and will provide the name of each person on the team he/she will brief before the performance.

4. All civil aircraft and pilots participating in the aviation event shall provide the requested data to establish qualifications and airworthiness to the event organizer and if required be available for FAA inspection at the time and place agreed upon by Benjamin J. Miller and the FAA IIC.

NOTE: FAA Checklists, Status Forms, and Job Aids can be used to gather data in advance to establish performer qualifications and aircraft airworthiness.

NOTE: CoW special provisions never supersede aircraft airworthiness operating limitations. Pilots should review their aircraft operating limitations prior to participating in an aviation event to ensure they are familiar and can comply with the requirements as specified.

5. For civil aircraft, only required flight crew members by type design, safety pilots as listed in FAA Order 8900.1, Volume 3, Chapter 6, or those persons required to participate in the demonstration (wing walkers, stunt persons, participants integral to the performance, and those conducting safety related functions) will be carried on any aircraft engaged in demonstrations authorized by this CoW. Additional crewmembers or essential personnel may not participate without specific approval by Benjamin J. Miller, the Balloonmeister, and the IIC.
6. No demonstrations shall be authorized or scheduled when a suspension of airport traffic or diversion of other aircraft traffic would cause a hardship to scheduled air carrier operations.
7. A control point shall be established where the certificate holder or responsible person shall direct the demonstration. Benjamin J. Miller, shall be continuously available to the FAA IIC or designated representative and is the person designated as responsible for the overall safety of the event.
8. Adequate communication capability (electronic and visual) must be provided to maintain a safe operation, to control spectators, and to advise participants that the aerial demonstration has been halted or canceled.
9. A crowd line consisting of a physical barrier and/or adequate policing shall be provided to confine the spectators to designated areas. The spectator areas shall have well-defined lateral boundaries.
10. The demonstration shall be halted for any reason that is in the interest of safety. It shall also be halted when unauthorized aircraft enter the demonstration area, or when unauthorized persons or vessels enter the area underlying the flying display area.
 - a. Only the minimum number of essential personnel necessary to support operations will be authorized in the flying display areas.
 - b. The holder of the CoW or CoA, Benjamin J. Miller, assumes responsibility for the security of areas where unauthorized personnel and aircraft are not authorized access and for compliance with the aviation event security plan.
 - c. The FAA IIC has the responsibility to make the holder of the CoW or CoA, Benjamin Miller, aware of any identified safety concerns and if necessary has the authority for canceling or delaying any or all acts if it is deemed necessary in the interest of safety.
11. The following facilities shall be provided and readily available in accordance with the submitted Emergency Response Plan at the demonstration site: Jackson Township Police, Fire and Rescue Services.
12. Flight demonstrations shall not be conducted unless the ceiling is at least 1,500 feet, and the visibility is at least 3 statute miles at the time of the demonstration.
13. No balloon may operate into Class B Airspace. All participants shall comply with any NOTAM or Temporary Flight Restriction.
14. The distance from target areas to spectators shall not be less than 200 feet.

15. Flight lower than 75 feet shall be halted when unauthorized persons or spectators enter the area or for any other reason in the interest of safety.
16. Persons or aircraft not appearing on the CoW application and subsequently added to the CoW or CoA may not participate without specific approval by the responsible person or Balloonmeister, Benjamin J. Miller, and the IIC. Proof of appropriate qualifications for crewmember(s), and an airworthy aircraft is required before the performance can be conducted at that event site.
17. Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) Demonstrations are not authorized under this CoW.
18. Rocket Demonstrations are not authorized under this CoW.
19. Parachute Demonstrations are not authorized under this CoW.
20. Section 91.155: Basic VFR Weather Minimums are not waived.
21. Pilots of all participating balloons will have on-board the aircraft an operable VHF radio capable of receiving and transmitting on common aviation VHF communication frequencies.
22. Section 91.119(b) and (c) are waived to the extent necessary to allow participating balloons to compete in the Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival Balloon Classic under the terms and conditions set forth in the FAA approved procedures section of the Balloon Operations Manual.
23. The Balloon Operations Manual, Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival Balloon Classic Operations Manual 2026 is incorporated into this CoW and becomes a special provision thereof. Any action contrary to the terms, controls, procedures, and conditions pertaining to safety set forth in the FAA approved procedures is grounds for cancellation of this CoW.
24. Mr. Benjamin J. Miller shall ensure that each participating event crewmember has read and understands the FAA approved procedures section of the Balloon Operations Manual, Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival Balloon Classic Operations Manual 2026 and the special provisions of this CoW.
25. Mr. Benjamin J. Miller shall send the signed waiver acknowledgment to the Cleveland Flight Standards District Office not more than 5 working days after the balloon event is completed.