



# Aircraft Rental Agreement (Cessna 172)

This Aircraft Rental Agreement ("Agreement") is made on \_\_\_\_\_ between:

**Owner:** Kentucky Lake Aviation, LLC, 271 Natures Trl, Huntingdon, TN 38344 ("Owner"), and

**Renter:** Your renter's name, residing at Your renter's address ("Renter").

## 1. Aircraft

The Owner agrees to lease to the Renter, and the Renter agrees to lease from the Owner, the following aircraft: Cessna 172, FAA Registration Number **N9876G**, based at Carroll County Airport (KHZD), Huntingdon, TN ("Aircraft"). First-time renters must complete a checkout flight with a Kentucky Lake Aviation instructor. A checkout flight is required every 24 calendar months. If the Renter is not FAA current per 14 CFR §61.56 and §61.57, they must have a Kentucky Lake Aviation instructor on board to regain currency using N9876G.

## 2. Term

The Aircraft is rented on a per-use basis, with each rental period scheduled through FlightCircle. The Renter shall schedule use of the Aircraft at least 4 hours in advance. Under that 4 hours the renter must notify Craig Anderson at Kentucky Lake Aviation (731-333-7070) to ensure no rushed or poorly planned flights. Rentals exceeding 48 hours require pre-approval by Kentucky Lake Aviation, LLC. Renters must record pre-flight and post-flight times using the FlightCircle app.

## 3. Rental Rate and Payment

The Renter agrees to pay the Owner a rental rate of \$185 per flight hour (Hobbs meter time), which includes fuel, hangar, and tie-down costs (wet lease). Alternatively, the Renter may purchase a Private Pilot Course, including 40 hours of ground training and 40 hours of flight time, for \$9,500. Other training packages beyond the Private Pilot Course are available; contact Kentucky Lake Aviation for details. Payments are due 14 calendar days after receiving the invoice via FlightCircle. The first flight of a student must prepay before the first lesson, and first-time renters must pay before or immediately after the flight. Payments may be made via wire transfer, cash, or credit card (credit card payments incur a 3.5% fee). Late payments incur a 25% late fee.

## **4. Security Deposit and Documentation**

No security deposit is required for this Aircraft rental. Per TSA requirements (49 CFR §1552.3), the Renter must provide a valid pilot certificate (if applicable), a state photo ID, and a birth certificate, passport, or passport card. The Renter must hold a valid FAA 3rd Class Medical Certificate per 14 CFR §61.23. These documents are required for TSA endorsement and must be presented before renting the Aircraft.

## **5. Unauthorized Use**

Taking the Aircraft without a reservation through FlightCircle is strictly prohibited and may be reported as theft to law enforcement. Unauthorized use violates FAA regulations (14 CFR §91.13) and may result in severe consequences, including interception by military authorities under U.S. airspace defense protocols.

## **6. Operational Costs**

This is a wet lease, with the rental rate covering fuel (based on an average price of \$4.50 per gallon of 100LL), hangar, and tie-down fees at KHZD. If the Renter flies to an airport where fuel exceeds \$5.50 per gallon, they must notify Craig Anderson at Kentucky Lake Aviation immediately and may be responsible for the additional fuel cost.

## **7. Use of Aircraft**

The Renter shall:

- Use the Aircraft solely for personal, non-commercial purposes or flight training under Kentucky Lake Aviation's instruction, in accordance with FAA regulations and the Aircraft's operating limitations.
- Ensure the pilot operating the Aircraft holds a valid FAA pilot certificate with appropriate ratings (e.g., Private Pilot or higher with current medical certificate per 14 CFR §61.23).
- Not conduct aerobatics, provide flight training to others, or allow unauthorized pilots to operate the Aircraft without written and verbal consent from Kentucky Lake Aviation.
- Not operate the Aircraft outside the United States.
- For non-students of Kentucky Lake Aviation, complete a checkout flight, with Kentucky Lake Aviation reserving the right to deny rental.
- For solo flights post solo endorsement or post checkout flight renters obtain written and verbal confirmation from Craig Anderson at Kentucky Lake Aviation.

The Renter acknowledges that the Aircraft is a potentially deadly machine and must be operated with proper preparation, including use of the PAVE (Pilot, Aircraft, Environment, External Pressures) and IMSAFE (Illness, Medication, Stress, Alcohol, Fatigue, Emotion) checklists to ensure safe aeronautical decision-making (ADM).

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## **8. Maintenance and Condition**

Kentucky Lake Aviation, LLC is responsible for all maintenance, adhering to FAA regulations (14 CFR §91.417). The Renter shall:

- Conduct a thorough pre-flight inspection before each flight.
- Report any damage, malfunctions, or discrepancies to Craig Anderson (731-333-7070) immediately.
- Not perform or authorize any maintenance or repairs without Kentucky Lake Aviation's consent.
- Lock the hangar after use. In winter, re-winterize the Aircraft by wrapping the engine and plugging in the heater.

## **9. Damage and Repairs**

The Renter shall:

- Report any damage to the Aircraft to Craig Anderson at Kentucky Lake Aviation (731-333-7070) immediately. For repairs at a foreign airport, contact Craig Anderson for approval.
- Ensure food is stored in sealed containers and drinks are limited to water in screw-top containers. The Renter is responsible for cleaning costs or interior replacement due to food or drink spillage.
- Not smoke or vape in the Aircraft, per FAA regulations (14 CFR §91.17).

Kentucky Lake Aviation is responsible for repairs due to normal wear and tear, unless damage is caused by the Renter's negligence or misuse.

## **10. Weathered In and Stuck**

If weather prevents return of the Aircraft, the Renter must avoid "get-there-itis," which contributes to fatal accidents annually. Contact Craig Anderson at Kentucky Lake Aviation to report being weathered in. Kentucky Lake Aviation appreciates safe ADM, prioritizing life over schedule.

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## 11. VFR Weather Minimums

Renters must establish personal weather minimums and not fly beyond them. The Aircraft's minimums are:

- Ceiling: 1,500 feet
- Visibility: 5 statute miles
- Maximum crosswind: 25 knots (15 knots for student solo, 10 knots for initial student solo)

These align with FAA VFR requirements (14 CFR §91.151). Renters must adhere to these limits for safe operation.

## 12. Headsets

Headsets are available for Renter use and must be returned to their case after each flight. Headsets must not be placed on the dashboard to avoid scratching the windshield.

## 13. Preflight Responsibilities

The Renter is responsible for thoroughly preflighting the Aircraft, ensuring:

- Fuel quantity is sufficient and 100LL (blue) fuel is free of water via sumping.
- Oil level is above 5 quarts on the dipstick. (If it's on the line put in a quart)
- No unusual fluid leaks are present.
- Follow the checklist that is provided in the aircraft.

Any concerns must be reported to Craig Anderson immediately. Inadequate preflight checks can lead to accidents; for example, 7% of general aviation accidents from 2015-2020 were attributed to fuel exhaustion or oil starvation (NTSB data). **A thorough preflight is critical to prevent injury or death.**

## 14. Renter Actions

The Renter shall:

- Schedule flights through FlightCircle.
- Thoroughly pre-flight and post-flight the Aircraft.
- Post-flight, clean the windshield, exterior surfaces, and controls with appropriate materials, and remove all trash. A \$75 fee will be charged for a dirty aircraft.
- Ensure the fuel card and receipt are returned to their binder, the key is in the Aircraft but not in the ignition, windows are closed, and any tire damage (e.g., exposed wires) or

other issues are reported to Craig Anderson at Kentucky Lake Aviation and logged on FlightCircle.

- Pay the cost of a replacement battery if the master switch is left on, causing the battery to run out.
- Lock the hangar after use and re-winterize the Aircraft in winter conditions.

Failure to comply may result in a \$75 cleaning fee or other penalties.

## **15. Fuel Fill-Ups Away from KHZD**

Kentucky Lake Aviation does not cover tie-down fees, landing fees, taxes, or other miscellaneous charges at foreign airports. Fuel fill-ups away from KHZD will be reimbursed at KHZD's market value (\$5.50 per gallon of 100LL); the Renter is responsible for any additional costs.

## **16. Securing the Aircraft Outside of the Hangar**

When the Aircraft is not in the hangar, the Renter must:

- Install the control lock.
- Close all windows.
- Secure the wings and tail with tie-downs.

Airplanes aren't heavy and the wind is strong. Don't risk it.

## **17. Scheduling and Late Returns**

The Renter shall schedule flights via FlightCircle. Late returns due to weather are acceptable with proper ADM, but other late returns may result in termination of future rentals at Kentucky Lake Aviation's discretion.

## **18. Insurance**

Kentucky Lake Aviation maintains hull and liability insurance for the Aircraft. The Renter is not required to carry renter's insurance but is encouraged to consider renter's liability insurance. Contact Craig Anderson at Kentucky Lake Aviation for assistance and guidance on obtaining such insurance.

## **19. Default and Termination**

Kentucky Lake Aviation may terminate this Agreement at any time, with or without cause, at its sole discretion. Termination may occur immediately if the Renter:

- Fails to pay rental fees or other charges when due.
- Violates FAA regulations, this Agreement, or operates the Aircraft unsafely.
- Uses the Aircraft for unauthorized purposes.

The Renter shall return the Aircraft to Carroll County Airport (KHZD) in the same condition as received, normal wear and tear excepted, upon termination.

## 20. Indemnification

The Renter shall indemnify and hold harmless Kentucky Lake Aviation from any claims, damages, or liabilities arising from the Renter's use of the Aircraft, except where caused by Kentucky Lake Aviation's gross negligence or willful misconduct.

## 21. Governing Law

This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of Tennessee, and applicable FAA regulations.

## 22. Signatures

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement

By signing below, the Student and Kentucky Lake Aviation agree to be bound by the terms of this Agreement.

### Student:

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Kentucky Lake Aviation, LLC:

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_