

v158th FW  
**GDPR PRIVACY POLICY**

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- This policy has been put in place to achieve the following aims:
  - To comply with the law, particularly the EU General Data Protection Regulation (2018) and with the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act of 1998 (COPPA).
  - To ensure good data protection practice.
  - To protect members, staff, and other individuals.
  - To protect the v158th Fighter wing - Pilots must be a minimum 16 years of age in order to have membership with v158th Fighter Wing. This is verified by the submission of an application to join v158th Fighter Wing in accordance with this policy.

Any questions regarding the policy should be directed to v158th FW leadership at [emersonv158th@gmail.com](mailto:emersonv158th@gmail.com) or [marcelinev158th@gmail.com](mailto:marcelinev158th@gmail.com) respectively.

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## **1. Preface**

**1.1.** Virtual 158th Fighter Wing (v158th FW) complies with the General Data Protection Regulation (2018) and with the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act of 1998 (COPPA). The European Union does not have an independent law that addresses the protection of children's data; it addresses the protection of children's data throughout its General Data Protection Regulation by indicating which provisions within the GDPR warrant a higher standard to protect children's data.

## **2. Consent to Collect Data**

**2.1.** We collect information from you when you join our VSOA, fill out a form, or submit any external information through a third-party application (i.e. submitting a flight log). All visitors to our website, <https://virtual158th.com/>, will visit anonymously. When joining as a pilot, you will be added to our management system.

**2.2.** By joining v158th FW and using our services, you are giving v158th FW permission to collect personal data that will only be used by v158th FW and not shared externally. The v158th Fighter Wing uses your data for the purpose of conducting services offered by v158th FW such as but not limited to the participation as a v158th FW pilot, pilot certifications, waiting lists, applications, pilot advancements, access to Aircraft, scenery, and awards offered by the Virtual 158th Fighter Wing.

## **3. Personal Data We Collect**

**3.1.** During your onboarding process, you will be added to our internal roster. For record keeping purposes, we collect the following personal data:

- 3.1.1.** First Name
- 3.1.2.** Last Name
- 3.1.3.** Age Group
- 3.1.4.** Discord Username
- 3.1.5.** VATSIM CID
- 3.1.6.** Nominated Email Address

## 4. Use of your Data

- 4.1. Any of the information we collect from you may be used in one of the following ways:
  - 4.1.1. **To maintain your status as an active pilot.** - Your information helps us establish and update your profile, as well as keep track of your progress and hours while flying for the Virtual 158th FW.
  - 4.1.2. **To keep you updated on applications and waiting lists via email.**
  - 4.1.3. **To personalise your experience.** - Your information helps us to better respond to your individual needs.
  - 4.1.4. **To improve our website.** - We continually strive to improve our website offerings based on the information and feedback we receive from you.
  - 4.1.5. **To improve our operations.** - Your information helps us to effectively streamline our operations as a Virtual Airline.
  - 4.1.6. **To send out promotional and operational updates** and keep track of membership benefits.

## 5. Data Retention

- 5.1. v158th FW may retain the data collection which pertains to the user for up to **6 months** following the termination of said user's involvement with the Virtual 158th Fighter Wing. Termination can occur via request by a member to staff, or by forceful termination by the board as a result of failure to comply with the rules set out within the Operations Manual.
- 5.2. All users are also reminded of their right to be forgotten whereby an email to [sabrevaetc@gmail.com](mailto:sabrevaetc@gmail.com) with such a request will result in all data for the user being deleted upon receipt.

## 6. Storage of Data

- 6.1. All data is securely stored using a password protected database.
- 6.2. Access is strictly limited to authorized personnel, including other members.
- 6.3. Technical and organizational measures are in place to prevent unauthorized access, disclosure, alteration, or destruction.

## **7. Sharing of Data**

- 7.1. V158th FW does not sell or rent your personal data. Data may be shared with trusted third parties only in the following circumstances:
  - 7.1.1. When required by law or to protect the rights, property, or safety of v158th FW, its members, or others.
  - 7.1.2. With third-party service providers performing services on behalf of v158th FW, provided they have agreed to our policies and GDPR standards.

## **8. International Data Transfers**

- 8.1. V158th FW is based in the United States. Any personal data transferred outside the European Economic Area is done in compliance with GDPR requirements.

## **9. Cookies and Tracking**

- 9.1. Our website uses cookies for:
  - 9.1.1. Maintaining login sessions
  - 9.1.2. Maintaining user preferences
  - 9.1.3. Improving website functionality
  - 9.1.4. Analyzing website traffic for privacy purposes
- 9.2. Users may disable cookies via their browser settings.

## **10. User Rights under GDPR**

- 10.1. As an EU resident or user otherwise covered by GDPR, you have the right to:
  - 10.1.1. Access a copy of your personal data we hold.
  - 10.1.2. Rectify any inaccurate or incomplete personal data.
  - 10.1.3. Erase any record of your personal data.
  - 10.1.4. Restrict how we use your personal data.
  - 10.1.5. Object to processing of your personal data.
- 10.2. User rights can be exercised via contacting v158th FW leadership.

## **11. Changes to this Privacy Policy**

- 11.1. V158th FW reserves the right to update this policy at any time. Updates will be posted on our website, <https://virtual158th.com/>.
- 11.2. Users will be informed when amendments have been made to this Privacy Policy

## **12. Query Points of Contact**

### **12.1. Email:**

**12.1.1.** emersonv158th@gmail.com

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### **12.2. Command Staff:**

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**12.2.2.** vCol. Marceline J.