

Exercise 1: PRIORITY AND PREFERENCE

Purpose To review the purpose of the ATC System, including duty and operational priority and procedural preference.

Directions Read each statement below and fill in the blanks.

The primary _____ of the ATC system is _____ between aircraft operating in the system, to _____ and _____ the flow of traffic, and to provide support for national security and homeland defense.

_____ is given to _____ and _____ .
Second priority is to provide support to national security and homeland defense.
For everything else, good judgment shall be used in prioritizing duties.
Provide _____ to the extent possible.

ATC service to aircraft is provided on a _____ ,
EXCEPT:

- Aircraft in distress have priority over all other aircraft
- Civilian air ambulances
- Military air evacuation flights (when requested by the pilot)
- Active Search and Rescue (SAR) missions
- Presidential aircraft
- Flight Check aircraft
- Special military and civilian operations
- Diverted flights

_____ are used in preference to _____ when workload, communication, and equipment capabilities permit.

_____ is used in preference to _____ when it will be to an operational advantage, and workload, communications, and equipment permit.

_____ is used in preference to _____ when an operational advantage will be gained.