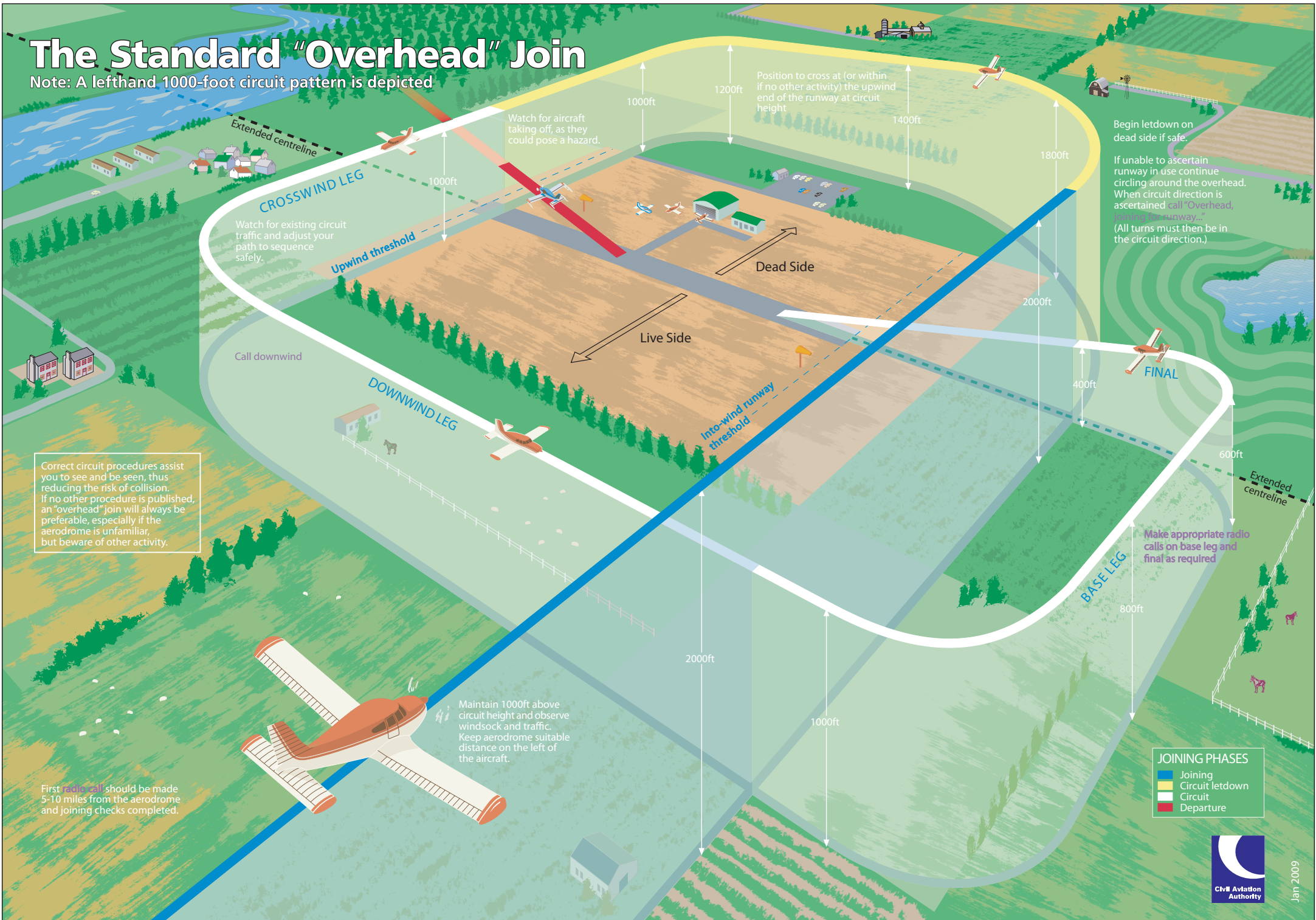


The Standard "Overhead" Join

Note: A lefthand 1000-foot circuit pattern is depicted



Correct circuit procedures assist you to see and be seen, thus reducing the risk of collision. If no other procedure is published, an "overhead" join will always be preferable, especially if the aerodrome is unfamiliar, but beware of other activity.

First radio call should be made 5-10 miles from the aerodrome and joining checks completed.

Watch for existing circuit traffic and adjust your path to sequence safely.

Watch for aircraft taking off, as they could pose a hazard.

Position to cross at (or within if no other activity) the upwind end of the runway at circuit height

Begin letdown on dead side if safe.

If unable to ascertain runway in use continue circling around the overhead. When circuit direction is ascertained call "Overhead, joining the runway." (All turns must then be in the circuit direction.)

Maintain 1000ft above circuit height and observe windssock and traffic. Keep aerodrome suitable distance on the left of the aircraft.

Make appropriate radio calls on base leg and final as required

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- █ Circuit letdown
- █ Circuit
- █ Departure