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## BAVirtual Reasonable Realism Reminder

In recent weeks, we have seen an increase in members not adhering to the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) that you have all agreed to upon joining BAVirtual. This has been particularly potent in various channels through the BAVirtual forums and the BAVirtual discord alike, mostly in regard to **BAVirtual Policy (General Requirements) 2.2 – While Flying**.

I would like to remind all crews that it is of the utmost importance that the SOP published by BAVirtual is adhered to **at all times** whilst flying for the organisation. The SOP is lenient and only requires crews to be conducting flights in a 'reasonably realistic' manner; this would entail the use of strong judgment to decipher what is acceptable whilst flying for the organisation.

i.e. – aircraft must be flown in a realistic manner however; we are not expecting pilots to adhere to every miniscule detail.

PIREPs which have been flagged for any reason are thoroughly inspected by BAVirtual staff and we reserve the right to remove PIREPs which have been conducted in a manner which is in violation to BAVirtual SOP. The reason for removal will always be provided by the member of staff whom is responsible for the removal of the PIREP - this will never be conducted without contacting the pilot. PIREPs where staff comments have been ignored for fourteen days will be rejected.

In cases where PIREPs that have not been flagged but BAVirtual staff have strong suspicion that the PIREP violates the published SOP, the pilot will be contacted by staff for an explanation – prior to a decision being made by staff on the possible removal of the PIREP.

I am to remind crews that the SOP also states the disciplinary process at BAVirtual that will be enforced if this section of the SOP is continuously disregarded.

BAVirtual has a history of twenty-two years of being a virtual airline powered by the membership and realistic conduct of said membership. It is vital that all crews (members) continue to honour that legacy that BAVirtual has become renowned for by adhering to all sections of the SOP, including General Policy 2.2, 'reasonably realistic' flying standards.

This FAN incorporates up to and including BAVirtual SOP Version 1.1 and any later versions.