

# FlyTech Pilot Academy Announces Expanded Operations and Specialized Sport Pilot Certification Program

*St. Joseph flight school highlights modern fleet operations, on-site housing, and accelerated Sport Pilot Certificate pathways for recreational aviators.*

ST. JOSEPH, MO, UNITED STATES, January 28, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [FlyTech Pilot Academy](#), a premier [flight training](#) institution located at Rosecrans Memorial Airport (KSTJ), is proud to announce a comprehensive overview of its expanded flight operations, with a specific focus on its highly accessible [Sport Pilot Certificate](#) program. Driven by a mission to make aviation more attainable for the local community, FlyTech combines a modern fleet, advanced technology, and a "by pilots, for pilots" philosophy to streamline the path to the cockpit.



FlyTech's 2023 Sling LSA at Rosecrans Memorial Airport

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The Sport Pilot Certificate is the most accessible way to get in the air. It allows you to fly most single engine aircraft in 6-9 months”

*Lute Atieh*

The cornerstone of this operational update is the Sport Pilot Certificate, a program designed to lower the barriers of entry for aspiring aviators. While traditional flight training can be time-consuming and costly, the Sport Pilot path offers a streamlined alternative perfect for recreational flying. This certification allows students to earn their wings with a minimum of just 20 hours of total flight time, including 15 hours of dual instruction and 5 hours of solo flight. Unlike other ratings, the Sport Pilot

Certificate does not strictly require an FAA medical certificate; a valid U.S. driver's license suffices in most cases, making it an ideal choice for those looking to fly light aircraft for personal travel and enjoyment.

Central to the success of this program is FlyTech's investment in modern aviation technology. The academy utilizes the Sling NGT, a sleek, fuel-efficient, and tech-rich aircraft specifically built for modern training. For students pursuing the Sport Pilot route, the Sling NGT offers an unparalleled learning environment. Additionally, the fleet includes the Cessna 172 equipped with Garmin avionics (G5s and GTN 750), ensuring that even recreational pilots are trained on the industry's most reliable and advanced systems.

Beyond the aircraft, FlyTech's operations are designed to maximize efficiency through technology integration. As a ForeFlight school, FlyTech equips students with iPads that serve as primary electronic flight bags. This integration streamlines flight planning, weather analysis, and navigation from day one. Furthermore, the academy has implemented the FourForces Scheduling Portal, a digital system that allows students to view real-time aircraft and instructor availability, book lessons, and track their training progress with ease. This flexibility is crucial for students balancing training with work or school commitments.

FlyTech differentiates itself further through its unique on-site housing options. Located directly on the airfield, these private accommodations offer students a distraction-free environment just steps away from their training aircraft. This immersive experience fosters a strong sense of



FlyTech Student's First Solo Milestone



FlyTech's Cessna 172 Skyhawk



Student accomplishments at FlyTech Pilot Academy

community among students and allows for more consistent training schedules.

The academy's leadership, including Managing Partner Lute Atieh and Chief Flight Instructor Daniel Lamaster, emphasizes a supportive culture. "FlyTech is a community built by local recreational, commercial, and military pilots," the team states. This network provides students with mentorship that extends beyond the cockpit, helping them navigate their aviation goals whether they are chasing a lifelong dream or a professional career.

To ensure financial accessibility, FlyTech has also partnered with Stratus Financial and other lenders to offer tailored financing solutions for flight training.



FlyTech's Sling NGT N900FT at Rosecrans Memorial Airport

FlyTech Pilot Academy invites the community to explore these offerings through a Discovery Flight, providing a hands-on introduction to the world of aviation under the guidance of experienced instructors.

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