

IFR Approach Briefing Template

Approach Title and Airport

Example: "RNAV 27, KBYW, Byway Field." Confirm you've got the right procedure programmed in the navigator and the same chart pulled up on the tablet. Errors can happen here.

Weather

Are the ceiling and visibility legal for the IAP, or matching your personal minimums? If not, time for Plan B. Adjust briefing if a new approach is selected.

Fixes, Altitudes, and Final Approach

Note expected waypoints, crossing/transition altitudes, the inbound course, FAF, and visual elements. This helps verify setup and prevents misprogramming.

Minimums

Which line applies to you? Confirm aircraft category and DA or MDA-double-check for accuracy.

Runway and Landing

Example: 'Runway 27 is 5,500 feet. Landing with 20 degrees flaps, correct for left crosswind. Land by second taxiway, turn at third. Stop before midpoint.'

Missed Approach

Example: 'TOGA. Full power. Pitch 90. Flaps to 20. Positive rate, gear up. Flaps up. Climb to 1,500, then climbing left turn to 3,000 to MISSD and hold.' Remember this involves both flying the aircraft (go-around) and flying the published procedure (missed).