

Policy for UAVs at WIAA Tournament Series Events

The WIAA policy for Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) or drones focuses on public safety and the facilitation of event planning and administration.

The use of drones/UAVs for any purpose at WIAA State Tournament Series may be permitted at WIAA outdoor events only, provided the following conditions and requirements are satisfied:

- A. Drone operation at WIAA Tournament Series events requires a Remote Pilot in Command license and adherence to all Unmanned Aircraft Systems (Part 107) limitations, certifications, requirements and responsibilities; advanced written consent (at least 24 hours) from the WIAA executive office; as well as approval of host facility event management.
- B. A signed agreement holding the ownership and operators of event facilities and the WIAA harmless from any claims of harm to individuals or damage to property. In addition, UAV operators must provide event management proof of insurance with liability limits of not less than \$1 million that identifies the WIAA and its member school as additionally insured.
- C. UAV controllers must maintain line of sight at all times during operation and are prohibited from flying UAVs over playing surfaces, seating and spectator areas where and when people are present, as well as event parking areas where and when people and vehicles are present. UAVs must weigh less than 55 pounds, be operated only during daylight hours and must not fly higher than 400 feet.
- D. UAV controllers and their employers are responsible for ensuring operators are trained in the use of the drone that they operate. UAV operators must be aware of the risks that include, but not limited to, personal injury and property damage caused by the UAV as a result of weather, operator error or judgment, and failure of device systems and equipment.
- E. When recording or transmitting visual images,* UAV controllers must avoid areas reasonably considered private in accordance with social norms. These areas include, but are not limited to, restrooms, locker rooms, individual residences and health treatment rooms. In Wisconsin, it is a misdemeanor to use a drone to “photograph, record, or otherwise observe another individual in a place where the individual has a reasonable expectation of privacy.” (Wis. Stat. § 942.10).

Tournament host managers shall refuse admission to any individual or group attempting or intending to use a UAV without authorization. Tournament host managers are authorized to suspend play, if necessary, to remove and confiscate any authorized or unauthorized use of a UAV in prohibited areas during WIAA Tournament Series events.

Failure to follow this policy may result in WIAA sanctions, as well as local, state and federal penalties if applicable.

This policy will be updated as deemed necessary to reflect changes in WIAA administrative policies, as well as federal, state and local regulations.

Drone Requirement Checklist at WIAA Tournaments:

- ___ FAA approval with Certificate of Authorization and 333 Exemption (commercial, non-hobby)
- ___ Aircraft registration and markings with pilot certificate
- ___ WIAA Executive Staff approval
- ___ Venue host administration approval
- ___ Proof of insurance as required by this policy
- ___ Statement that the operators are trained in the use of the UAV

* Any unauthorized use of any transmission, internet stream, photo, image, film, videotape, audio tape, play-by-play depiction or description of any competition and/or game action is prohibited without written consent of the WIAA. All “Real-time,” or tape-delayed audio, video or textual transmission of play-by-play is exclusive property of the WIAA and rights-granted entities. Any account/transmission of real-time video, audio or textual play-by-play is prohibited on-site or off-site without consent of the WIAA.