

## Policy for Unmanned Aircrafts at WIAA Tournament Series Events

The WIAA policy for unmanned aircrafts systems (UAS) or drones focuses on public safety and the facilitation of event planning and administration and defines requirements for their use during Tournament Series events.

The use of UAS 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. A formal written request to operate a UAS must be submitted to the WIAA executive office via email at least 24 business hours in advance of a Tournament Series event. Operation is only permitted upon receipt of written approval from the WIAA Executive Office and the host facility's event management.
- B. Drone operation at WIAA Tournament Series events must comply with FAA Part 107 requirements and Remote Pilot in Command (RPIC), must hold a current FAA Part 107 License subject to the following restrictions:
  - 1. Must maintain line of sight at all times during operation
  - 2. Prohibited from flying in restricted areas and 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.
  - 3. UAS must weigh less than 55 pounds
  - 4. Must not fly higher than 400 feet.
  - 5. No interference with any manned aircraft
  - 6. Operation outside of Class G airspace requires documented FAA authorization.
- C. All UAS operators must execute a hold-harmless agreement indemnifying the WIAA and the event facility owners/operators against any claims of injury or property damage. Operators must also provide proof of liability insurance with minimum coverage of \$1 million per occurrence, naming the WIAA and the host institution as additional insureds.
- D. UAS operators must comply with all applicable privacy laws. The use of UAS to capture, transmit or record images in areas where individuals have a reasonable expectation of privacy—such as restrooms, locker rooms, residences and medical areas—is strictly prohibited. Violations may result in criminal penalties under Wis. Stat. § 942.10.

Operators must acknowledge, with written signature, the inherent risks associated with drone use, including personal injury, property damage and equipment failure due to environmental conditions or human error.

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Tournament host managers deny entry, suspend competition and coordinate with law enforcement or security personnel to remove any unauthorized UAS equipment. Confiscated equipment may be retained until a formal review is conducted by the WIAA.

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:

- ☐ Remote Pilot in Command (RPIC), Part 107 License
- ☐ Aircraft registration and markings
- ☐ WIAA executive staff approval
- ☐ Venue host administration approval
- ☐ Proof of insurance as required by this policy
- ☐ Authorization for operations within applicable class airspaces

\* 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 video transmission is exclusive property of the WIAA and rights-granted entities. Any account/transmission of real-time video is prohibited on-site or off-site without consent of the WIAA.