

POLICY ON THE USE OF UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS ('DRONES')

INTRODUCTION

The use of an Unmanned Aircraft System ('UAS'), or Drone, at events run under a Motorsport UK permit must be strictly controlled and only flown by licensed operators who have followed the procedures laid out in this policy document.

While Motorsport UK appreciates that UASs allow for the capture of unique video footage that may offer promotional benefits for the sport, the safety of the competitors, officials and spectators must be the highest priority.

THE POLICY

- Recreational use of a UAS/ drone is not allowed at any event run under a Motorsport UK Permit
- Commercial/media operators may only use drones for aerial work at events run under a Motorsport UK Permit when all of the following requirements are met:
 - The UAS operator has written permission from the event organiser/promoter and the landowner
 - The UAS operator holds a valid CAA Operational Authorisation (OA) for flying of UAS in the 'Specific' or 'Certified' Categories or a Permission for Commercial Operations (PfCO)
 - NOTE 1 - The UAS operator may have a CAA Permission for Commercial Operations (PfCO), which is still valid in 2021. All PfCOs will be replaced by OAs by the end of 2021 when the operator renews their CAA licence
 - NOTE 2 - An A2 Certificate of Competence (A2CoC) for use of an UAS in the 'Open' Category is not valid for any event run under a Motorsport UK permit
 - The pilot must operate within the parameters of their CAA Permission at all times
 - The UAS operator undertakes to fly the UAS in a safe and responsible manner at all times
 - The UAS operator must hold a minimum of £10million public liability insurance cover, specific to aerial work
 - The UAS operator prepares an operations plan and submits it to the event organiser in advance
 - The UAS operator provides a task specific risk assessment and location plan at least one week in advance of the event
 - The UAS operator signs on with the event organisers before operating the drone
 - The UAS operator does not overfly the competition course (track or stage), assembly areas, spectator/public areas, paddocks and service areas
 - The UAS operator obeys the instructions of event Marshals and/or Officials at all times
- In the case of stage rally events, the drone operator must also hold Motorsport UK Level 2 Rally Media Accreditation
- If permission is granted by the event organisers and approved by Motorsport UK, a letter of authorisation will be provided which the UAS operator can use to show they have permission to fly at the event
- The deadline for applications is 14 days prior to the first day of the event applied for.
- The UAS operator is fully liable for any claims arising out of breach of this policy or any other claims arising out of negligence of the operator's use of the UAS/Drone