

POLICY ON THE USE OF UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES (‘DRONES’)

INTRODUCTION

Drones are becoming increasingly prevalent and the MSA appreciates that they allow for the capture of video footage that may offer promotional benefits for the sport.

However safety is the overriding concern and this policy sets out the MSA’s clear position on the use of drones at events run under its general regulations.

THE POLICY

- Recreational use of drones is not allowed at events run under an MSA Permit
- Commercial/media operators may only use drones for aerial work at events run under an MSA Permit when all of the following requirements are met:
 - The drone operator holds a valid CAA Permission and operates within the parameters of that CAA Permission at all times
 - The drone operator holds a minimum £5million public liability insurance cover, specific to aerial work
 - The drone operator prepares an operations plan and submits it to the event organiser in advance
 - The drone operator has the prior written agreement of the event organiser and venue owner, and operates within the parameters of their permissions, which may be more restrictive than a CAA Permission
 - The drone operator signs on with the event organisers before operating the drone
 - The drone operator does not overfly the competition course (track or stage), and any assembly areas, including spectator areas, paddocks and service areas
 - The drone 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 MSA Rally Media Accreditation.