

Business and Non-Instructional Operations

Buildings and Grounds Management

Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) or Drones

The District 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 WUSD events may be permitted at WUSD outdoor events only, provided the following conditions and requirements are satisfied:

- Drone operation at WUSD events requires Certificate of Authorization (COA)–or the necessary 333 Exemption–as issued by the FAA when required by law, advanced written consent (at least 24 hours) from the WUSD executive office, as well as approval of host facility event management.
- A signed agreement holding the ownership and operators of event facilities and the WUSD 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 \$2 million that identifies the WUSD as additionally insured.
- 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.
- 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 judgement, and failure of device systems and equipment.
- 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). Event host managers shall refuse admission to any individual or group attempting or intending to use a UAV without authorization. Event 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 WUSD events.

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

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