



WORLD ROWING DRONE USAGE POLICY

Conditions which apply in the case that permission is granted by World Rowing for the use of a flying Drone camera at a World Rowing event.

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INTRODUCTION

World Rowing's current policy regarding the use of a flying Drone (herein defined as "a camera mounted on a small unmanned surveillance aircraft") at a World Rowing or European Rowing Event (the "Event") is strictly applied. It takes into consideration the safety of our athletes, teams, officials, volunteers and spectators, as well as the protection of the exclusive Broadcast Rights that have been purchased by our authorised Broadcast Rights partners.

The air space above the Venue at which the Event is held, is reserved exclusively for use only by World Rowing and its authorised television host broadcaster.

The Event host broadcaster will only be permitted to utilise a Drone if it will be of complementary benefit to the official host broadcast and the resulting television coverage of the Event. However, it may not be used as a replacement for any camera(s) that are included within the Minimum Camera Requirements for an Event. Any use of a Drone will be on the further condition that the authorised operator of the Drone (the "**Operator**") will comply fully with the terms and conditions of this Policy to operate a Drone at the Event.

Additionally and because the safety of everyone on the Event site is paramount, only World Rowing's authorised Drone(s) will be allowed to fly over the Venue's locations and facilities and only in a manner that does not put people or structures in danger.

Unless otherwise authorised by World Rowing for the host broadcast, no other Drones will be allowed at any Events. In any and every case, World Rowing's decision shall be final.

1. Agreement between World Rowing and the Operator of the Drone

If agreement is reached between World Rowing and a Drone Operator ("**Operator**"), the terms and conditions of this Usage Policy will need to be signed by the Operator (or another authorised signatory) where indicated below and will become of legal effect. The provisions include (but without being limited to) the following:

2. Insurance

- a) The Operator of the Drone must prove (to the satisfaction of World Rowing and its insurers) that it has in place and shall maintain a valid public liability insurance with worldwide cover.

This is not the responsibility of the LOC or World Rowing – only that of the Operator.

Typically, an insurance policy needs to be in place that will provide cover of over **5 million euros** for each and every claim on an occurrence basis, and with no territorial limitation as regards the claimants - thus it shall, for example but without limitation, cover claims coming from Europe, USA, Canada and Australia.

- b) **Liability and indemnity**

The Operator must accept that full and sole responsibility for the Drone at the



Event rests entirely with the Operator in the case of any accident occurring which is caused by the Drone or its operators.

The Operator must confirm that it shall fully-indemnify and keep indemnified World Rowing (such to include World Rowing's employees, elected Council and Commission members, consultants, contractors and/or agents), the Organising Committee and the [national] Rowing Federation from any responsibility whatsoever for any damage, injury or death or in connection with any third party claims (including but not limited to reasonable attorneys' fees and court costs) which might be attributed to arise either directly or indirectly as a result of the use of said Drone by the Operator and its crew.

And the Operator shall name World Rowing (as defined above) the Event's Organising Committee and [National] Rowing Federation as Additional Insured parties in respect of any liability arising out of an occurrence at the Event on the Operator's insurance policy.

3. Flight Certificate

The Operator must make available to World Rowing, for its inspection, a Flight Certificate together with a certified English translation (if so required by World Rowing) which must be valid in the country where the Event will be staged.

It is the Operator's responsibility to prove that this certificate is applicable for the airspace over the venue of the Event and any other areas over which the Drone will fly.

4. Risk Assessment

The Operator shall be required to conduct and complete (in writing) a risk assessment for use of the Drone at the Event prior to its use. Typically, this would include the specific areas of concern including (but not necessarily limited to) any areas which will have spectators, competitors, officials, as well as surrounding property, the privacy of nearby residents etc. "and all other risk exposures" or similar. World Rowing shall receive a copy of this Risk Assessment and shall have the right to require preventative action from the Operator, if it deems this necessary.

5. Operating area

World Rowing must be satisfied that there can be no possible danger or even disturbance for the athletes when they are relaxing, racing & training, or for any others (including but not limited to officials, volunteers and the public) at the Event.

6. Flight plan and timing of flights and liaison with World Rowing

World Rowing will require a very specific flight and filming plan from the Operator. This plan must include the zone of coverage, duration of flight(s), positioning, height and routing.

The Operator must (in advance) clear its intended flight plans with World Rowing's nominated officials for each and every day.

A clear and approved flight path must be used in the case of the Drone being required to land, whether for maintenance or in the case of being grounded.

In the case that there is a malfunction of the Drone it must be equipped with a "Return to base" function.



It is often the case that the flight range of a Drone is restricted to a specific zone, therefore it is necessary to ensure that the lens of the camera is sufficient for the distances to be covered and is capable of being able to zoom. Otherwise it will serve as nothing more than an occasional “beauty shot”.

7. Weather

The Operator shall be responsible for ensuring that all prevailing conditions are suitable for the safe operation of the Drone. Any change or deterioration that makes continued usage unsafe should result in the Drone being grounded. Neither World Rowing nor the Organising Committee are responsible for establishing what conditions are considered safe for the Drone to fly but if World Rowing and/or the Organising Committee do raise concerns with the Operator about the operation of the Drone – perhaps after having received advance notice of deteriorating weather conditions, these concerns must be immediately addressed by the Operator.

8. Instructions

The Operator must immediately comply with any and all instructions issued to it by World Rowing concerning the usage of the Drone at the Event.

9. Filming accreditation

Because Filming Rights are strictly controlled by World Rowing at the Events, the Operator, its crew and their filming equipment will need to be properly accredited if their request is approved.

To establish the level of accreditation, contact will need to be made to: media@fisa.org, detailing the name(s) of the Operator’s crew and their proposed intentions for filming and how and where the resulting footage is to be used. This information will be checked against any pre-existing agreements with World Rowing’s Broadcast Rights holders following which World Rowing’s decision will be conveyed to the Operator.

After accreditation has been approved, Filming Accreditation (Bibs) must be worn and the Drone and accompanying equipment must carry an accreditation “sticker” to enable easy identification. Failure to follow World Rowing’s instructions may result in the immediate withdrawal of accreditation and permission to film.

10. Racing Footage – Definition

“All rowing competition footage related to every race of a World Rowing Regatta from the starting line-up, boat positioning, racing and the medal ceremony, including any interviews with athletes on the podium – but it excludes interviews with athletes conducted outside the race venue or in areas at the venue permitted by FISA which do not have a racing or the awards podium in the background (eg the boat park).”

No Racing Footage may be filmed by the Operator unless specific and express permission to do so has been granted by World Rowing.

- 11.** If approved for use, the Drone may only be flown over open ground or water. It may not be flown over spectators or athletes etc, and must always maintain a safe distance (horizontally and vertically) away from any people or structures (see 13 below).

12. Field of Play

World Rowing requires that the Drone may not be used over or near the Regatta’s



starting area where it could cause disturbance to the crews as they line up and concentrate prior to starting their race.

13. Flying restrictions – applicable laws

In the first place, it is solely the Operator’s responsibility to ensure it is operating in accordance with the applicable national and local laws of the country in which the regatta is being staged.

World Rowing’s restrictions are as shown below:

- a) Operating the Drone must not endanger anyone or anything.
- b) The remote pilot (Operator) must keep the Drone within unaided line of sight.
- c) The visual line of sight distance is suggested to be 500 meters horizontally and 120 meters vertically. (Note that in some countries this distance is increased to 150m).
- d) The 'remote pilot' has the responsibility for satisfying him/herself that the flight can be conducted safely.
- e) The Drone must not be flown:
 - i. over or within 150 metres of any congested area;
 - ii. over or within 150 metres of an organised open-air assembly of more than 1,000 persons;
 - iii. within 30 metres of any structure which is not under the control of the person in charge of the Drone; and
 - iv. within 30 metres of any person except for the person in charge of the Drone.

14. Data Protection

Careful note should be taken by the Operator that the collection, storing and publishing of images of identifiable individuals, even inadvertently, when using a Drone is subject to Data Protection laws. Data protection laws guard the rights of the public to reasonable privacy and thus the Operator must comply with legislation in the country of operation.

I confirm that I have read, understood and agree to comply with all the provisions of this World Rowing Drone Policy and have the necessary authority to sign this Policy for and on behalf of the Drone Operator.

Signed: Date:

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Print name, company and responsibility.