



MOUNTAIN BIKE AUSTRALIA

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Use of Drone's at
MTBA Events Policy

Distribution

MTBA Chief Executive Officer

MTBA Staff

All MTBA Members & Affiliates (available via MTBA website)

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1. Introduction

With the safety of riders, staff, volunteers and spectators in mind and privacy issues, Mountain Bike Australia (MTBA) prohibits the operation of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV), Remote Piloted Aircraft (RPA) or drones by the general public – including recreation users and hobbyists during an MTBA event without prior written authorization from the organising body.

This prohibition includes drones used for filming by the operator during a MTBA sanctioned event.

The operation of drones is governed by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA), via the [Civil Aviation Safety Regulations Part 101](#).

MTBA will issue a permit for drone use by qualified and experienced operators based on proof of relevant CASA UAV certification, Unmanned Operators Certificate and appropriate insurance coverage, and indemnification requirements with particular use for approved promotional opportunities.

Users of UAV/RPA/Drones are responsible for acting within the parameters of the governing legislation.

2. Definition

2.1. Commercial Use of Drones

CASA defines the commercial use of a drone as any activity undertaken that is deemed a business or income generating operation.

Before using a drone for commercial use, CASA requires pilots undergo a certification process and obtain a Controller Certificate for a drone over 2kg. In addition before undertaking any flights commercial operators need explicit approval from CASA in relation to launch, location and prior use to the drones operation.

If a commercial operation is found to be operating a drone without the appropriate approval from CASA they may be handed with an infringement notice or criminal charges if the offence is deemed serious enough.

2.2. Civil/Hobby Use of Drones

Hobby/Recreational users of drones do not need prior approval from CASA before flying their craft.

3. Liability

Failure to comply with the following rules will result in penalties and infringement notices being issued:

- An operator must NOT fly closer than 30m to vehicles, buildings that are not on the operators private property or the operator must have explicit permission from the property owner;
- The operator is NOT allowed to fly over populated areas such as beaches, other peoples backyards and heavily populated parks or sports where there is an event on;
- The operator must NOT operate within a radius of 5.5km of any aerodrome, airfield, airport, helicopter landing sites;
- Operators may ONLY operate during DAYLIGHT hours – NO night flying.
- Operators may NOT fly above 400ft (123metres)

Further restrictions can apply to:

- A populous area – defined as an area with sufficient density that an unreasonable risk of death, injury or property damage would be presented by any aspect of RPA operation;
- A UAV must not be flown over a Restricted or Prohibited area without written approval from the relevant authorities.

4. Approval To Use A Drone For Commercial Purposes

In the event of a commercial operator wanting to use a drone within the village/course where an MTBA sanctioned event is being held, appropriate certification has to be provided to and approved by MTBA. To ensure certificates provided are legitimate, MTBA can perform a check on the authorised website of Australian Certified UAV Operators Inc.

Copies of all requests will be scanned and saved.

In the event of a recreational user wanting to use a drone within the village/course where an MTBA sanctioned event is being held, permission must be sought in writing to MTBA and approved two weeks prior to the event less no filming will be allowed.

5. Operational Arrangements

Any operator operating a UAV/RPA/Drone over the event village/course of an MTBA sanctioned event must before commencing notify of the proposed flight:

- The Media & Communication Co-ordinator, Chief Commissarie of their intended path;
- Any vision taken at an MTBA event by a commercial or recreational user will be made available for use by MTBA;
- The operator must also inform the relevant parties upon the grounding of the UAV/RPA/Drone.

6. Administration Arrangements

6.1. Enquiries

All enquires to be sent to comms@mtba.asn.au

6.2. Application Form

The application form is available within this policy, on the MTBA website and can be sent via email. If requested.

6.3. Assessments and Authorising

The Media & Communications Co-ordinator will receive the authorisation form and liaise with the MTBA CEO to seek approval.

6.4. Notification

Media & Communications Co-ordinator to notify applicant of approval/non-approval.

6.5. Violation and Breach of Conditions

Media & Communications Co-ordinator to liaise with MTBA CEO to determine appropriate course of action.

7. Related Documents

Application Form

[Link to CASA](#)

Privacy Policy

8. Definitions

CASA – Civil Aviation Safety Authority

UAV – Unmanned Aerial Vehicles

RPA – Remote Piloted Aircraft

MTBA – Mountain Bike Australia

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UAV/RPA/Drone Request Application

Please complete the checklist and lodge along with all relevant documentation to Mountain Bike Australia for each event approval request. Applications will not be approved until this Form has been lodged with all supporting documentation meeting the required MTBA standards. Plans need to be sent to MTBA a minimum of 2 weeks prior to the event.

Contact Details

Name Organisation: _____

Contact person: _____ Phone: _____

Email address: _____ Website: _____

Drone Use Details

Name of Event: _____

Date of Event: _____

Flight Location: _____

Start Time: _____ Finish Time: _____

Height Above Ground: _____

Please ensure the following documentation is included (at a minimum) when lodging your application to ensure the fastest possible processing.

	Required Documentation	Included (Yes/No)	Applicant to Complete Certification Details	MTBA Office Use	
				Sighted & Copied	Date
1	CASA UAV Controllers Certification				
2	CASA Unmanned Operators Certificate				
3	Public Liability Insurance				
4	Drone Details - Make - Model - ID				

Please return this form and any accompanying documents to:

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