

Drone Use Policy



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In the interest of the safety of participants, State Youth Games (SYG) applies the following restrictions to the use of drones, Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs), and other Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPAs) or flying devices (hereafter referred to as 'drones') by an individual in remote control of the device (hereafter referred to as the 'pilot'):

1. General Principles

- a. Drones are not to be used by SYG participants under any circumstances during SYG.
 - i. Service providers, SYG volunteers, team members, and Committee members may apply for permission to use drones by emailing info@stateyouthgames.com. Permission to operate a drone may be granted or rejected by the administration team on a case by case basis. In the event permission to operate a drone is granted, the following restrictions will apply.
- b. Drones must be flown in accordance with all Victorian state and Australian federal laws governing such vehicles.
 - i. If required by state or federal law, the pilot must obtain the necessary licences to operate their drone.
 - ii. In general, it is expected that drone use at SYG will be considered 'recreational' and subject to appropriate state and federal laws (see also, Privacy, below).
 1. For Australian federal restrictions around the use of recreational drones, see here: casa.gov.au/modelaircraft

2. Safety Policies

- a. Drones are to be flown at the owner's risk. SYG will accept no responsibility for damage caused to drones, or by drones to individuals.
 - i. Pilots must organise their own insurance against damages to people or property caused by their drones, or to their drones.
- b. No drone over 2kg will be used at SYG.
- c. Drones will not be flown more than 120 metres above the ground.
- d. Drones are to be flown by experienced pilots only.
- e. Drones must remain visible to the pilot at all times.
- f. Drones must be flown only during daytime hours.
- g. Drones are not to be flown in close proximity to SYG gatherings, sporting events, or crowds.
 - i. Drones will not be flown within 30 meters of a participant.
 - ii. Drones will not be flown directly above SYG events, crowds, or sports.
 - iii. Drones will not be flown indoors or under roofs.

3. Privacy Principles

- a. Drones that are equipped with cameras or other recording technology will not be used to infringe on the privacy of any person.

- b. Pilots must respect the privacy of participants at SYG, and cease recording if requested by any participant on privacy grounds.
- c. Pilots are not permitted to record participants for commercial purposes, or to distribute footage of SYG or SYG participants for profit or gain.
- d. Drones will record images and footage in accordance with the restrictions laid out the in the State Youth Games Participant Image Use Policy.

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