



BULLETIN

TO: ALL CLUBS
FROM: Rick Gill, Executive Director
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SUBJECT: Drones at Events

With the increase in the use of drones in the community the question has arisen of their use at MA sanctioned events.

Essentially a drone operator is to be treated the same as a conventional media/photographer and is required to be signed in and operate under the direction of the Clerk of Course. As with any other photographer their activity must not interfere with the running of the event, nor should it pose a danger to riders, event personnel or the public.

There are rules regarding the proximity regulations for the safe operation of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) which have been in place for a while.

These regulations state that operators should always keep the aircraft at least 30 metres away from vehicles, buildings and people not directly associated with the operation of the UAV.

<http://www.casa.gov.au/scripts/nc.dll?WCMS:HOMEPAGE::pc=HOME>

It is also illegal to fly any drone for commercial gain without certification. If photographers are using drones for commercial gain then they should be aware that they require this certification.

Further information can be obtained from the following site:

<http://www.rpastraining.com.au/casr-101-uav-drone-legal-or-illegal>

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