

# Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (Drone) Policy.

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POLICY CONTACT	NRL Participation & Game Development Operations Manager

## A. REASON FOR POLICY

This policy has been devised to provide direction regarding the use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV)/drones at venues where Rugby League is being played and where no venue specific policy previously exists.

## B. POLICY STATEMENT

The intent of this policy is to provide an awareness of the compliance requirements associated with flying an UAV/drone in either a non- commercial or commercial capacity at venues where Rugby League is being played and where no venue specific policy previously exists.

## C. SCOPE

This policy applies to venue operators, Clubs, Districts, Divisions, Groups and Leagues.

## D. DEFINITIONS

CIVIL AVIATION SAFETY AUTHORITY	The Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) is the government body that regulates aviation safety in Australia.
COMMERCIAL USE	When flying an UAV/Drone for monetary gain or any form of economic gain.

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## E. POLICY HISTORY

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### 1.0. INTRODUCTION

The use of UAV/drones has become more prevalent in the game of Rugby League. This expanded usage in both non- commercial activities in filming training sessions for review and analytical purposes, and for commercial activities in filming games and training activities to develop resources for education purposes which in turn generate an economic gain for the producers.

Below are a series of guidelines for UAV/drone users to assist in the compliance of CASA standards for safe use of UAV/drones. Use of UAV/drones at/near Rugby League venues must comply with these guidelines.

### 2.0. NON-COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES

- Go to [www.droneflyer.gov.au](http://www.droneflyer.gov.au) to download CASA's free app showing nearby airports, helicopter landing sites, controlled airspace and restricted areas.
- You must only fly during the day and keep your UAV/drones within your visual line of sight. This means being able to see your UAV/drone at all times
- You must not fly your UAV/drone higher than 120 metres (400 ft) above the ground.
- You must keep your UAV/drone at least 30 metres away from other people.
- You must only fly one UAV/drone at a time.
- You must not fly over or above people, including rugby league fields where a game in progress.
- If the UAV/drone is more than 100 grams, you must keep at least 5.5 kilometres away from controlled aerodromes.
- You must not operate your UAV/drone in a way that creates hazards to another aircraft, person or property.
- You must not record or photograph people without their consent.

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## 3.0. COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES

- a. If you fly an UAV/drone under 2kg for commercial reasons, you can fly your UAV/drone in the 'excluded' category. If you seek to fly your UAV/drone in the 'excluded' category you will need to notify CASA before you fly and you are required to operate as per the Non-Commercial Activities guidelines.
- b. If you want to fly commercial outside of the excluded category or if your UAV/drone weighs more than 2 kg you are required to be licenced and/or certified to fly. This involves going through the process to obtain a remote pilot licence (for your individual permission to fly).

## 4.0. VENUE LEGISLATION

Any use of UAV/drones must comply with individual venue legislation, policy or guidelines.