MOTORCYCLING AUSTRALIA POLICY

Title:	**Drone Policy - Use of Remotely Piloted Aircraft (Drones)**
Last Review Date:	26 August 2020
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Responsible Persons:	MA Technical Department
Authority:	This document is a Policy made under clause 15 of the MA Constitution. It is binding on all Members of MA and volunteers, and all employees of MA and its State Controlling Bodies, and is to be interpreted in accordance with the MA Constitution.

Introduction

Motorcycling Australia (MA) understands that the use of Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPAs), commonly known as drones, has increased in motorcycle sport and provides recording opportunities which have not historically been available in the sport. The use of RPAs must be undertaken in a regulated manner to mitigate and control risks posed to others. As such this policy governs the use of RPAs at MA sanctioned events.

Scope

a) This policy applies to all MA sanctioned events
b) This policy is a bylaw of the MA General Competition Rules

Definitions

For the purposes of this policy a Remotely Piloted Aircraft also includes a large, small and micro RPA and include:
a) Drone
b) Remotely controlled model aircraft;
c) Unmanned aerial vehicle;
d) 'throw and shoot' flying camera'
e) Tethered and unmanned free balloon'
f) Unpiloted air vehicle; and
g) Unmanned aerial system

Policy

a) A RPA can only be used at an MA sanctioned event with the permission of the Event Promoter and otherwise in accordance with the following:

   i.   Relevant legislation;
   ii.   MA policies and procedures;
   iii. Any direction issued by an official.

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b) There are three categories of RPA use sanctioned by CASA (Australian Civil Aviation Safety Authority) including:
   i. Recreational
   ii. Under 2kg commercial
   iii. Commercial unmanned flight greater than 2kg

   Only commercial unmanned flight greater than 2kg are required to provide certification of RPA Operator's Certificates (ReOC) and Remote Pilot licenses (RePL). As such only Operators and Remote Pilots with these licenses can operate at MA sanctioned events.

c) The RPA operator and RPA pilot must possess a written certification from CASA in order to participate at the event (i.e. either an Operators Certificate or a Remote Pilot License). These certificates must be carried at all times and be produced on request to MA, any landowner, event promoter or official.

d) Only the person who holds a CASA Remote Pilot License (RePL) may operate a RPA at an MA sanctioned event while under the control and responsibility of the person or entity which holds the valid CASA Operator's Certificate (ReOC).

e) Event Promoters must ensure the RPA Pilot and the RPA Operator are signed on and accredited in accordance with CASA requirements.

f) Both RPA Operators and RPA Remote Pilots are subject to the direction of the Clerk of Course for the event.

g) RPA activity must not pose any danger or adverse risk to riders, event personnel or the public, and must not interfere with the running of the event.

Insurance

RPA Operators and Remote Pilots are not covered by MA Insurance Limited nor MA's Public Liability Insurance. They must ensure that public liability insurance is in place with the minimum requirements:

a) Provides a minimum limited of $10m Public Liability Insurance
b) Coves both the RPA operator and remote pilot for loss or damage to persons or property arising out of their use at an MA sanctioned event; and
c) Notes on the policy the following as having an insured interest in relation to the use of the RPA at the event:
   i. Motorcycling Australia Limited and its related entities (and their directors, employees, contractors and agents);
   ii. Land owners and occupiers;
   iii. Officials;
   iv. Participants; and
   v. Event organisers

A Certificate of Currency must be provided to the event organiser and/or the Relevant Controlling Body (RCB) at their request.

Specific Requirements

RPA Operators and remote pilots must ensure they comply with all CASA requirements. It is the RPA Remote Pilots and Operators responsibility to ensure all requirements are met.

Breaches of the Policy

Unsafe RPA operations must be reported to CASA by calling **131 757**.

Safety breaches can only be investigated where there is sufficient evidence such as photos or video recordings of the breach and of the person controlling the RPA at the time of the breach.

Further Information

Contact Motorcycling Australia.

Policy Review

This Policy will be reviewed and revised as needed.

Revision History

Version	Revision Date	Author(s)	Revision Notes
V1	2017	MA Technical	
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