

# CAMS RPA Policy

## 1. Preamble

The Confederation of Australian Motor Sport Ltd (CAMS) recognises that an RPA can create observing and recording opportunities in motor sport that have historically either not been available, or only available at a high cost. However, use of an RPA in an unregulated manner can create significant risk to others. This Policy governs the use of an RPA at an Event in a controlled manner.

## 2. Application

- a) This Policy applies to each Event.
- b) Except where stated otherwise, capitalised terms used in this Policy have the meaning given to them in the CAMS National Competition Rules.

## 3. Definitions

### 3.1 RPA

In this Policy, an RPA means a “remotely piloted aircraft”, as defined in the Civil Aviation Safety Regulations 1998 (CASR 1998). For the purposes of this Policy, an RPA also includes a large, small and micro RPA and each of the following:

- a) drone;
- b) remotely controlled model aircraft;
- c) remotely piloted aircraft;
- d) ‘throw and shoot’ flying camera;
- e) tethered and unmanned free balloon;
- f) unpiloted air vehicle;
- g) unmanned aerial system.

**Event:** Any non-speed or speed (rally, off road or circuit) activity that CAMS permits an activity for.

### 3.2 General

An RPA may only be used at an Event with the permission of the Organiser and otherwise in accordance with the following:

- a) applicable law;
- b) CAMS rules, policies and procedures;
- c) CAMS Media Guidelines (available in the CAMS Media Accreditation Policy, available at [www.cams.com.au](http://www.cams.com.au));
- d) any direction issued by the Clerk of the Course.

**Note:** To the extent of any inconsistency, the higher standard shall prevail.

### 3.3 Certification by CASA

- a) Each RPA controller or operator at an Event must possess a written certification from CASA to, as the case may be, operate ('RPA Operator's Certificate') or control ('RPA Controller's Certificate') the RPA in the place and circumstances in which the RPA will be used.

For the purposes of this Policy and with reference to Part 101 of CASR 1998, the use of an RPA at an Event is deemed to be for commercial (and not recreational, sporting or private) purposes.

These certificates must be carried at all times and be produced on request to CAMS, any landowner, Event Organiser as defined in the CAMS Manual or the Race Director or if not appointed, the Clerk of the Course.

- b) Each person who only holds an RPA Controller's Certificate may operate an RPA at an Event only while under the control and responsibility of a person and entity which holds a valid RPA Operator's Certificate.

### 3.4 Insurance

An RPA controller or operator is not covered by CAMS' Public Liability Insurance Policy and must ensure that a public liability insurance policy is in place which as a minimum:

- a) provides a minimum limit of liability of \$10M;
- b) covers each RPA operator and controller for loss or damage to persons or property arising out of their use of an RPA at an Event;
- c) notes on the policy the following as having an insured interest in relation to the use of the RPA at the Event:
  - i. Confederation of Australian Motor Sport Ltd and its related entities (and their directors, employees, contractors and agents);
  - ii. land owners and occupiers;



- iii. Officials;
- iv. Participants;
- v. Organisers.

### 3.5 Workplace Health and Safety

Each RPA controller and operator at an Event must ensure that an occupational health and safety management system is in place which:

- a) Fulfils their responsibilities under the various state and territory occupational health and safety legislation and any primary duty of care requirements;
- b) Provides adequate information to enable Organisers to meet both the CAMS Safety 1st documentation process and the requirements stated in CAMS Safety 1st Checklist for Contractors (available at [www.cams.com.au](http://www.cams.com.au)).

## 4. Specific Requirements

### 4.1 At no stage may:

- a) an RPA operate if CAMS, an Organiser, land owner, occupier or the Clerk of the Course identifies any safety concerns with its operation that are not managed controlled by CASR 1998 or this Policy;
- b) more than five RPA's in operation at an Event at any one time;
- c) an RPA fly:
  - i. at a height below 5 metres or above 120 metres;
  - ii. within 30 metres of any Automobile or person loading, unloading or recovering any Automobile;
  - iii. in the vicinity of any medical vehicle or person attending a scene of an incident unless authorised by the Clerk of the Course;
  - iv. within 30 metres of a Track or Course competition area during any competitive activity at an Event;
  - v. in such a manner that distracts or impedes the view of a Driver or Co-Driver;
  - vi. without a designated safety observer in place (whose role is to stop any person or Automobile entering the landing site);
- d) an RPA land in an area other than one which is sign posted and separated from the general public, paddock area, staging area or any other area deemed by an Organiser, land owner /occupier or the Clerk of the Course as inappropriate;
- e) an RPA be used by an operator or controller while such operator or controller is:
  - i. on the Track or Course during any Competition at an Event;
  - ii. on any part of an Event's first line of protection;
  - iii. operating the device from a position that interferes with an Official;
  - iv. in an area designated by an Organiser, land owner occupier, or the Clerk of



the Course as inappropriate;

- 4.2 CAMS reserves the right to request a random drug and alcohol test for the RPA controller.
- 4.3 The RPA must not be operated night.

## **5. General Requirements**

The policy shall be reviewed every two years