



## USPSA National Championship Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Policy

All UAS Operators must comply with all local, state, and federal laws. Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) are regulated by the FAA, Authorized UAS Operators are responsible for following all FAA Regulations. The rule for operating unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) or drones under 55 pounds in the National Airspace System (NAS) is 14 CFR Part 107, referred to as the Small UAS Rule.

The safety of our competitors, range staff, and spectators remains a priority, as does fun and fair competition without distraction. By participating in any UAS operation, you accept full responsibility for any serious injury to any person or damage to any property caused by you or your equipment.

### Recreation Drone Use

The use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) at any USPSA National Championship Event for **recreational purposes** is prohibited. No exemptions will be granted.

### Drone Use by Certificated Remote Pilots

If you are a FAA Part 107 Certificated Remote Pilot and you are designated media personnel (per USPSA Nationals Media Policy), you may obtain written permission from the USPSA Director of Media & Events and the USPSA Director of IT by filling out the attached form.

All guidelines set forth in the USPSA Nationals Media Policy apply to all UAS Operations.

You must check in with the USPSA Staff at each event to get any important information, additional rules specific to the range or event, what the staff have been briefed on, and any additional information. Once checked in with the USPSA staff, you will receive a badge that must be worn during all UAS operations.

If you have obtained written permission to conduct UAS operations over a USPSA National Championship event, you must accept, understand, and follow the rules set forth below:

1. Your drone must be registered with the FAA and the registration number of any UAS you will be operating must be listed on the request for UAS operations form.
2. Do not fly directly over anyone. Sustained flight directly above anyone at a USPSA National Championship Event is strictly prohibited.
3. You must notify the stage staff of any stages you are covering that you will be covering those stages and ensure they understand how to visually request you halt operations if needed.
4. You must use the FAA B4UFLy App and input your flight before taking off.
5. You must be using a UAS controller or app that logs all flights and can be sent to USPSA in the event it is needed.
6. You must report serious injury to any person or damage to any property, other than the UAS Aircraft to the USPSA staff on site, or to [IT@USPSA.ORG](mailto:IT@USPSA.ORG) immediately.

*This policy is subject to change at any time.*

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