
Australian Canoeing

Remotely Piloted Aircraft Policy



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1. OVERVIEW

In accordance with Rule 20 of the Australian Canoeing Constitution, the following Policy is adopted by the Australian Canoeing Board.

This Policy governs the use of a Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA) at an Event.

2. INTRODUCTION

Australian Canoeing (AC) recognises that a Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA) can provide opportunities in paddling that have either not been available, or only available at a high cost. However, use of a RPA in an unregulated manner can create significant risk to others.

3. DEFINITIONS

In this Policy the following words have the following meaning:

“AC” mean Australian Canoeing.

“Constitution” and **“By-Laws”** respectively mean the Constitution and By-Laws of AC.

“Policy”, “policy” and “this policy” means this Remotely Piloted Aircraft Policy.

“RPA” means Remotely Piloted Aircraft. For the purposes of this Policy, a ‘RPA’ also includes each of the following:

- drone;
- remotely controlled model aircraft;
- remotely piloted aircraft;
- ‘throw and shoot’ flying camera;
- tethered and unmanned free balloon;
- unpowered air vehicle; and
- unmanned aerial system.

4. APPLICATION

The use of RPA, is prohibited for any purpose by any persons at AC events.

AC shall refuse admission or entry to anyone attempting to use a RPA; and if necessary, AC may suspended racing while RPAs are being used and/or confiscate the RPA until the event has been completed.

An exception to this policy may be made in specific cases for AC and AC’s media partners, provided the management of the venue permits the presence of RPAs for media purposes under the control of AC.