

Unmanned Aircraft Systems (Drone) Policy

- COVERAGE REQUIRES STRICT ADHERENCE TO THE BELOW GUIDELINES, AS WELL AS PRIOR APPROVAL.
- IF THE DISTRICT PLANS TO HIRE A “COMMERCIAL” OPERATOR (e.g., for photographs, surveying, etc.), THERE ARE ADDITIONAL MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS.

Mandatory Prior Review and Approval by SRIMG is Required
Please allow a minimum of 14 days advance notice for SIG to review

Mandatory Guidelines for District Use of UAS

1. UAS must be properly registered with the FAA and properly marked with the registration number. (see <https://www.faa.gov/uas/registration/> for detailed information)
2. The Operator must be proficient in the UAS's operation.
3. UAS must be in a sound operating condition.
4. UAS flight must be within the line of sight of the operator or a designated spotter at all times.
5. No flights are ever to come within 25 feet of any person.
6. No flights over or into crowds or near moving vehicles.
7. No flights in any occupied athletic stadium, field or sports competition while events are underway.
8. No flights at night or in adverse weather conditions.
9. No flights above 400 feet. Remain below and clear of any surrounding obstacles.
10. No flights over sensitive infrastructure such as power stations, water treatment facilities, correctional facilities, government facilities, etc.
11. No flights into or over private property; more specifically, adjacent to District sites.
12. No video or photographs of persons where there would be a reasonable expectation of privacy.
13. Do not drop anything from an UAS.
14. Remain clear of and do not interfere with manned aircraft operations.
15. You must contact the airport or control tower, prior to flight within 5 miles of an airport.
16. Comply with all local laws and ordinances regarding the use of an UAS.
17. Districts should also check current FAA Regulations.

Please note: Failure to secure prior approval from SRIMG will result in the application of a **\$50,000 deductible** in the event of a claim.