

<b>POLICY</b>	<b>Sports Services</b>
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## 1. OVERVIEW

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

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

## 2. INTRODUCTION

Paddle Australia (PA) recognises that RPA can provide opportunities in paddling that have either not been available, or only available at a high cost. However, use of RPA in an unregulated manner can create significant risk to others.

## 3. DEFINITIONS

In this Policy the following words have the following meaning:

“**PA**” means Paddle Australia.

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

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

“**RPA**” means Remotely Piloted Aircraft. For the purposes of this Policy, an ‘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;
- unpiloted air vehicle; and
- unmanned aerial system.

## 4. APPLICATIONS

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

PA shall refuse admission or entry to anyone attempting to use RPA; and if necessary, PA may suspend 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 PA and PA’s media partners, provided the management of the venue permits the presence of RPAs for media purposes under the control of PA.