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1. OVERVIEW

This Policy governs the use of Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA) at paddle events under the management of Paddle Australia (PA Events). It may be adopted by any State Paddling Organisation or affiliated Club of Paddle Australia.

2. INTRODUCTION

Paddle Australia (PA) recognises that RPA can provide opportunities for paddling that have previously been either unavailable or only available at a high cost. However, it is also recognised that the use of RPA in an unregulated manner can create significant risk to others and property. This Policy aims to clarify the process for the use of RPA at PA Events.

3. DEFINITIONS

In this Policy, the following words have the following meaning:

ARN	Aviation Reference Number
CASA	Civil Aviation Safety Authority
Competition	Canoe competitions within Australia, across all disciplines
Constitution	The Constitution and Policies of PA
PA	Paddle Australia Limited
Policy, policy, this policy	This Remotely Piloted Aircraft Policy
ReOC	RPA Operator's Certificate
RePL	Remote Pilot Licence
RPA	Remotely Piloted Aircraft. RPA also includes (but not limited to): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • drone, • remotely controlled model aircraft, • 'throw and shoot' flying camera, • tethered and unmanned free balloon, • unpowered air vehicle, • unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV).
SOCs	CASA Standard RPA Operating Conditions

Words not defined in these Rules have the meaning ascribed to them in the Constitution and Policies of PA unless a contrary meaning appears from the context.

4. APPLICATION

- 4.1 This Policy is for the excluded RPA category Sub 2kg - very small RPA's (100g to less than 2kg), where a ReOC or a RePL is not required. No RPA outside of this category is permitted to be used at PA Events.
- 4.2 The operation of an RPA at PA Events is considered commercial operations.
- 4.3 Any person seeking to operate an RPA at a PA Event must hold an ARN.
- 4.4 Any person seeking to operate an RPA at a PA Event must obtain the written approval of PA prior to the PA Event and in sufficient time to comply with the other requirements of this Policy.
- 4.5 The request for the approval of PA must contain all relevant information regarding:
- The PA Event for which approval is sought;
 - The specifications of the RPA intended to be used;
 - The names and contact details, including the ARN, of any proposed operator;
 - Confirmation that the operator(s) will adhere to the requirements of the PA Photography Policy;
 - An acknowledgement that ownership of all images and footage captured by the RPA(s) at the PA Event will be the ownership of PA;
 - Evidence of public liability insurance held by the operator in respect of operating an RPA; and
 - The consent of any venue manager, or similar, which may be required to operate the RPA.
- 4.6 Subsequent to receipt of the written approval of PA, the operator must notify CASA a minimum of five business days before flying via the [online notification form](#) and using its ARN.
- 4.7 Operators must strictly comply with all of [CASA's SOCs](#).
- Note: Anyone operating in this excluded RPA category cannot obtain permission from CASA to operate outside the SOCs e.g. closer than 5.5km to a controlled aerodrome or airfield (usually those with a control tower).
- 4.8 Copies of approvals must be provided to PA before any flights are undertaken.
- 4.9 Any approval granted by PA is specific to the designated PA Event only. Subsequent PA Events will require a separate approval to be obtained.