



POLICY ON UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS (DRONE)

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Section 1. Commitment

It is the policy of North Carolina Youth Soccer to provide a safe environment for all who attend a North Carolina Youth Soccer activity and/or event. Therefore, the use of unmanned aircraft is PROHIBITED at any activity or event of North Carolina Youth Soccer. As an organization committed to providing a developmental, healthy, and safe environment, North Carolina Youth Soccer recognizes that the safety of its youth players is paramount. It is the responsibility of the Competition Authority and/or Designated Authority of North Carolina Youth Soccer events to ensure that this policy is strictly enforced.

Section 2. Definitions

- (1) “Unmanned Aircraft Systems” (UAS) an aircraft which is intended to operate and its associated element which are operated with no pilot on board or can fly autonomously based on pre-programmed flight plans or more complex dynamic automation systems.
- (2) “Executive Board” means the Executive Board of North Carolina Youth Soccer.
- (3) “Event” means any event or meeting of North Carolina Youth Soccer, including but not limited to, all North Carolina Youth Soccer State Cup events, ODP events, Workshops, Annual General meetings, Executive Board meetings, Board of Directors meetings, Council meetings and Committee meetings.

Section 3. Prohibitions

- (a) The use of non-approved UAS at any event that is sanctioned by North Carolina Youth Soccer is strictly prohibited.
- (b) The use of UAS at North Carolina Youth Soccer Events may be approved by North Carolina Youth Soccer
 - (1) for a specified promotional activity at an Event, and
 - (2) in a designated area or areas that are away from youth soccer players, spectators and over any field of play or practice.

Section 4. Enforcement

Any person violating Section 3 of this policy shall be immediately removed from the Event by the North Carolina Youth Soccer authority managing the Event.

Section 5. Modification and Delegation

The North Carolina Youth Soccer Executive Board may amend and waive provisions of this policy as appropriate on a case-by-case basis and may delegate its authority.