

Rules for the use of Uninhabited Airborne Vehicle

1. General

- 1.1 As a general rule, use of aircrafts including radio-controlled airborne vehicle (“drones”) is prohibited, except for the cases where flight request is submitted to the Organiser in advance and given prior approval for its flight operations. Possible target airspace for flight activity is limited within 500m diameter from the special stages, the Service Park, the Regroup area and other venues where rally event is held.
- 1.2 The organizer reviews the flight request and gives approval only when no issues and concerns are foreseen with its operation plan..

2. Preconditions

Media personnel who wish to operate drones must satisfy the following conditions:

- Must be accredited as a tabard media
- Possesses more than 3 times’ flight operation experience at Japanese Rally Championship events or equivalent events requiring same level of expertise.
- Possesses valid insurance policy for combination of the operator himself/herself and the drone hardware s/he flies, with coverage of JPY 1 billion for both injuries and damages to properties caused by the operation of drone.

3. Applications and review

Media personnel who wish to fly drones in Rally Hokkaido must submit the following documents to the Organisation Committee, with completed Media Accreditation Form.

- “Application Form for the Use of UAV (Drone)”
- “Oath in UAV (drone) Operations” signed original copy must submitted by mail.
- Photocopy of third-party insurance policy document which covers damages and injuries by drone operations.

3.2 Media Officer reviews the application documents and notify the requester of the decision together with the result for the media accreditation

3.3 Accepted applicants must submit flight plan(s) to the Media Officer, by the end of the previous day of the Media Briefing.

3.4 Media Officer will inform the result of the flight plan review to the applicant, by the Media Briefing. The use of the drone is permitted only when the flight plan is expressly approved.

3.5 Flight is not permitted to any other area than the area approved with the flight plan.

3.6 The organizer is not required to disclose the reason for the rejection of the flight plan, as well as the application for the use of drones.

4. Condition of Approval

- 4.1 Flight operations must be performed, observing the Japanese Civil Aeronautics Act, drone-related guideline(s) issued by the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, local governments' regulations (if applicable) and other related laws and regulations as well as this rule.
- 4.2 Organiser may discard or modify the flight approval for the purpose of safety of rally crews and related people, spectators and local residents, and/or for the smooth operation of the event, and operators must accept and follow it for any reasons. Organiser assumes no responsibility for any damages caused by this change of approval.
- 4.3 Operator must follow the instructions by officials/marshals all the time.
- 4.4 In case if the operations of drones causes damages to others, regardless if the affected personnel is crew, event-related people,. officials/marshals, spectators or not, regardless if it was direct or indirect damage, or the drone operations was suspected as a cause for such damage, and when dispute for compensation arises, the operator will assume full responsibility for it. In case of the actual operator was not registered/approved operator by the organizer, the approved operator for the drone hardware (aircraft) must take full responsibility instead of the actual operator.
- 4.5 In case if the affected person of the incident stated above demands compensation to the organizer, the registered operator for the aircraft will assume sole responsibility for the compensation instead of the organizer.
- 4.6 Privacy of the others must always be respected during the flight operations, regardless the intention of the filming.
- 4.7 Operators and owner of the drone disclaim the right to claim for the compensation of the damages to the drone hardware and its related hardware to any parties regardless if it was organizer, crews and related people, owners of land and properties or spectators or others. The owner and registered operator disclaim the right to request compensation for damages to the aircraft and its accessories.
- 4.8 Only the aircraft registered in advance and given approval can be used. It must be a model which is permitted to use in Japan, and free from illegal modification (such as increasing output power of radio wave and/or altering radio frequency)
- 4.9 Aircraft and its related devices must be maintained in a good condition, and must be in perfect condition when flying. Registered operator must manage the aircraft well, preventing the use by non-registered personnel.
- 4.10 Flight operation must be carried out around the media point (operator must station himself/herself in a media point)
- 4.11 Copyright of the captured movie belongs to the organizer, and when requested, the media personnel responsible for the aircraft must submit the recorded movie to the organizer.
- 4.12 Organizer reserves right to ban the use of the whole or part of the recorded movie/image, and when ordered so, the use of such movie is strictly prohibited in

any case.

5. Prohibited Operations

5.1 Must not fly directly above people.

5.2 Must not fly directly above the stage (road surface). In case if the drone must fly across the stage, it must be performed either before the passage of the 0 car, or after the passage of the final sweeper car for a stage. Under inevitable condition which requires the crossing the route during a rally operation in the stage (such as low battery, etc), it is permitted but must be done only after the passage of rally cars and must not fly across the stage in front of rally cars in competition. In any cases flight should not affect the diving and safety of the rally cars.

6. Others

Flight approval is to be reviewed by the Clerk of Course and the Media Officer, and final approval is given by the COC. Any issues not defined in this rule will be considered and decided by the COC and the Media Officer. In case if there is inconsistency between those two, decisions by the COC will be regarded as the only official decision.

End of Document