



Australian Association for Unmanned Systems

Code of Conduct

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Background and Scope

The Australian Association for Unmanned Systems' (AAUS) core objective is to promote a safe and viable unmanned systems industry in Australia.

There is increasing use of Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS) or drones in a wide range of civil applications. These applications can deliver significant benefit to the Commonwealth. However, like any new technology, there can also be undesirable impacts that we as a professional community should do our best to manage.

This code of conduct is part of a broad AAUS strategy to promote the highest level of safety and professionalism from our members. The code of conduct establishes a high level set of principles under which RPAS operations should be undertaken.

A signatory to this code of conduct is a commitment to the adoption of the policies and practices detailed in this document.

Signature

Date

Printed Name

Organisation



Safety and Airmanship

Safety is Paramount

The safety of your operations is paramount to any other concern.

Ensure you are Compliant

You are aware of the safety and operational regulations applicable to your organisation, your responsibilities under them, and you will maintain compliance with them.

Exhibit Airmanship

You recognise that safety means more than compliance to applicable regulations; it is about recognising and appropriately dealing with risk;

Manage Your Risks

You will ensure your operations will be conducted only after a thorough assessment of the risks associated with the activity has been undertaken and that these risks can be managed to acceptable levels.

Safety is an Ongoing Pursuit

You will continually pursue opportunities to improve the safety of your organisation's operations.

Sharing Safety Lessons

Where possible, you will seek to share your safety experiences and provide any data to support safety initiatives that aim to raise the safety knowledge of the community.

Lead by Example

You will encourage safe practices and professionalism within your own operations and within the industry through the example you set.



Fly Neighbourly

Positive Presence in the Community

You will be aware of, and open to, various public perceptions and concerns in relation to your operations and will actively seek to address these concerns.

Respect for Everyone's Right to Privacy

Before conducting an operation you will identify, and take measures to address potential privacy concerns in relation to your operation.

Minimise Potential Disruptions

Before conducting an operation you will identify, and take measures to minimise, potential disruptions your operation can cause to the general public. These include, but are not limited to:

- Minimising the restriction of public access to areas such as parks, sidewalks, or roadways;
- Minimising the noise of your operations, particularly in residential areas, outside of working hours, or in the proximity to other parties;
- Being respectful of events or areas of social and cultural significance.

Share the Air

You will identify, and take measures to minimise, the potential impact your operation may have on the operations of other airspace users.

Be Environmentally Responsible

Before conducting an operation you will identify, and take measures to minimise, the potential impact your operations can have on flora and fauna. These include, but are not limited to:

- The potential disruption of wildlife, stock, or pets;
- The potential impact your operation has on the environment;



Professionalism

Compliance with the Law

Beyond safety regulations, you are aware of the State and Commonwealth regulations applicable to your organisation, your responsibilities under them, and you will maintain compliance with them.

Responsible and Legal Use

You will not operate your aircraft for illegal purposes or for purposes that could be reasonably considered as disruptive to the community.

Be a Member of Good Standing

You will not knowingly act in a manner that will bring into disrepute the reputation of your own organisation, of the Association, or that of the professional RPAS community.

Commitment to Learning

You will continually pursue opportunities for staff training and professional development.

Foster a Professional Body of Knowledge

You will contribute to the further development of the industry through sharing your experiences and expertise with other industry members, mentorship, and through providing input to industry and Government programs that seek to enhance the industry.

