



Memo To: CSA Disciplines for PSO
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From: David V. Pym, Managing Director
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RE: Drone Use at Ski Areas/Resorts

At recent meetings involving various ski industry groups (CWSAA etc.), the use of drones by Ski and Snowboard Clubs as well as the Public and others was discussed.

The use of drones involves multiple issues of liability and privacy.

Be aware that the NSAA (National Ski Areas Association) in the USA has a very clear policy prohibiting the use of drones, unmanned aircraft/vehicles and remote controlled aircraft. Signage is beginning to show up at ski hills and resorts.

Transport Canada also has rules and regulations.

(http://www.tc.gc.ca/media/documents/ca-standards/Infographic_Permission_to_fly_a_UAV_Print_English.pdf)

For ALL CSA members, please note:

- 1) For competitions, injuries and/or property damage arising from the use of drones is not an insured risk and their use is not permitted.
- 2) Ski Clubs are reminded that they are guests at the various ski hills and resorts and must follow rules and regulations of the Ski Area/Resort.
- 3) Specific written permission is required by the CSA member from the Ski Resort/Area operator for the use of drones by a CSA member.

In a non-competition environment, this written permission is not to be extended to the use of drone during any competition. Note 1 above always applies.

Addendum:

Competition Use is Not Permitted:

- 4) Note 1 above always applies.
- 5) **Irrespective of any permission by Canadian or any other Ski Resorts, the CSA CGL Insurers will not cover any claims arising from the use of such devices at CSA Sanctioned Events (Races/Competitions).**

Non-Competition Use is Restricted:

- 6) Most CSA Clubs operate on land that they do not own or directly control, and the owner's requirements must govern.
- 7) Any use of drones, unmanned aircraft/vehicles and/or remote controlled aircraft outside of races/competitions/events - but within the confines of the club and limited to club activities -will only be insured where the Club **HAS SPECIFIC PERMISSION, IN WRITING, FROM THE LANDOWNER (Resort/Ski Area etc)** agreeing that the devices may be used.

The Written Permission must include the date(s), activities and any conditions of use AND must be filed, in advance with the CSA.