

AUBURN UNIVERSITY

Policy on Flying Unmanned Aircraft Systems on Gamedays

I. POLICY STATEMENT

The unauthorized flying of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) on the campus of Auburn University during football gamedays is prohibited.

II. POLICY PRINCIPLES

For the safety of all Auburn University fans and visitors on gamedays, and in an effort to remain in compliance with [Federal Aviation Administration \(FAA\) regulations](#) regarding the use of UAS, the unauthorized operation of UAS is strictly prohibited on gamedays.

III. EFFECTIVE DATE

The policy is effective beginning October 24, 2014.

IV. APPLICABILITY

This policy applies to all individuals on the Auburn University campus on gamedays.

V. POLICY MANAGEMENT

Responsible Offices: Auxiliary Services and Department of Campus Safety & Security

Responsible Executive: Associate Vice President for Auxiliary Services

Responsible Officer: Executive Director, Department of Campus Safety & Security

Responsible Officer: Auburn Aviation Center Director

VI. DEFINITIONS

Unmanned Aircraft System – commonly referred to as a “drone,” is defined by the Federal Aviation Administration as “the unmanned aircraft (UA) and all of the associated support equipment, control station, data links, telemetry, communications and navigation equipment, etc., necessary to operate the unmanned aircraft. The UA is the flying portion of the system, flown by a pilot via a ground control system, or autonomously through the use of an on-board computer, communication links and any additional equipment that is necessary for the UA to operate safely.” These are not “model aircraft,” which have to meet certain criteria such as not flying near populated areas ([AC 91-57](#)).

VII. POLICY PROCEDURES

A. When an Auburn University employee or someone serving in an official capacity on behalf of the University observes a UAS flying on the Auburn University campus on a gameday, the Auburn University Department of Campus Safety & Security shall be notified.

- B. Upon notification, the Department of Campus Safety and Security will either dispatch someone from that department or request an Auburn Police Officer to respond to the area to notify the operator of this policy and ensure the activity ceases.

VIII. SANCTIONS

- A. Upon a first occurrence of a person observed flying a UAS during the prohibited times, he or she will be given a written warning of violation.
- B. Upon a second occurrence, the UAS should be confiscated and impounded.
- C. If warranted, the university may choose to pursue criminal charges.

IX. EXCLUSIONS

- A. No exclusions to this policy will be granted unless a member of the policy management group determines the operation is in its best interest of the university and notifies the other members of the policy management group and the university administration.
- B. Approval is also contingent upon the flight being approved by the FAA.
- C. Any exclusions must be obtained in writing from the Executive Director of the Auburn University Department of Campus Safety & Security as soon as possible but not less than 24 hours prior to the flight.

Online Resources:

https://www.faa.gov/uas/resources/uas_regulations_policy/

<https://www.faa.gov/uas/faqs/>