



POLICY ON UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS (DRONE)



In recognition of the US Youth Soccer **POLICY ON UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS (DRONE)** (Adopted November 22, 2015) and for the health and safety of the participants, Indiana Soccer will also implement the following effective immediately. – December 22, 2015.

Section 1. Commitment

It is the policy of Indiana Soccer to provide a safe environment for all soccer players under its umbrella. Therefore, the use of unmanned aircrafts are prohibited at any Indiana Soccer hosted or sanctioned event. As an organization committed to providing a developmental, healthy, and safe environment, Indiana Soccer recognizes that the safety of its players is paramount. It is the responsibility of the Competition Authority of Indiana 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) “Board of Directors” means the Board of Directors of Indiana Soccer.
- (3) “Event” means any event or meeting of Indiana Soccer, including but not limited to, the National Championships Series, National Presidents Cup series, Challenge Cup, Memorial Cup, all ODP events, regional and national league competitions, ISL, the Workshops, annual general meetings, Board of Directors meetings, and committee meetings.

Section 3. Prohibitions

- (a) The use of non-approved UAS at any event sanctioned by Indiana Soccer is strictly prohibited.
- (b) The use of UAS at Indiana Soccer Events may be approved by Indiana Soccer (1) for a specified promotional activity, 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

- (a) Any person violating Section 3 of this policy shall be immediately removed from the Event by the Indiana Soccer authority managing the Event.
- (b) If a person is removed from an Event for a violation of this policy, the party may appeal as provided by the governing rules or policy document for the competition/event in which the person was removed.

Section 5. Modification and Delegation

The Board of Directors may amend and waive provisions of this policy as appropriate on a case-by-case basis and may delegate its authority.