

DRONE OBSTACLE COMPETITION

LIABILITY WAIVER, RELEASE, AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK

Event: Drone Obstacle Competition

Date & Time: 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Location: Cochran Municipal Airport Cochran, GA

1. Acknowledgment of Risk

I understand that participation in and/or attendance at a drone obstacle competition involves inherent risks, including but not limited to:

- Flying or operating unmanned aircraft systems (UAS/drones)
- Collision with obstacles, equipment, structures, or other drones
- Equipment malfunction or failure
- Flying debris, noise, weather conditions, and uneven terrain
- Actions or negligence of other participants or spectators

I acknowledge that these risks may result in personal injury, property damage, or other losses, including serious injury or death.

2. Assumption of Risk

I knowingly and voluntarily assume all risks, known and unknown, foreseeable and unforeseeable, associated with my participation in or presence at this event, whether as a participant, spectator, volunteer, or otherwise.

3. Release and Waiver of Liability

To the fullest extent permitted by law, I waive, release, and discharge any and all claims, demands, actions, or causes of action of any kind arising out of or related to the event, including but not limited to claims based on negligence, against:

- The Airport Authority, its board members
- The Airport Manager
- All airport employees, officers, agents, and volunteers
- The City, its departments, officials, and employees
- Event sponsors, organizers, contractors, and affiliated entities

(collectively, the “Released Parties”).

4. Indemnification and Hold Harmless

I agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Released Parties from any claims, damages, liabilities, costs, or expenses (including attorney's fees) arising from:

- My actions or omissions
- My drone, equipment, or property
- My violation of any rules, laws, or instructions

5. Compliance with Rules and Laws

I agree to comply with:

- All event rules and safety instructions
- All applicable FAA regulations, local ordinances, and airport rules
- Any directions given by event staff, airport personnel, or officials

Failure to comply may result in removal from the event without refund.

6. Equipment Responsibility

I am solely responsible for the condition, operation, and safe use of my drone and related equipment. I certify that my equipment is in safe working condition and that I am properly trained to operate it.

Property Damage Responsibility

I understand and agree that I am solely responsible for any damage caused by my drone, equipment, or actions during the event, whether such damage is accidental or otherwise.

I agree to assume full financial responsibility for any damage to:

- Airport property, including but not limited to runways, taxiways, ramps, hangars, buildings, fencing, lighting, signage, vehicles, equipment, or other infrastructure
- Property belonging to other participants, spectators, vendors, or third parties, including drones, controllers, personal equipment, and vehicles

I further agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Released Parties from any claims, costs, repairs, replacement expenses, or legal actions arising from such damage.

This obligation applies regardless of whether such damage is caused in whole or in part by event conditions, layout, or the actions of other participants, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

7. Medical Consent

I consent to receive emergency medical treatment if deemed necessary and agree that the Released Parties are not responsible for any medical costs incurred.

8. Photo and Media Release

I grant permission for the Airport and City to photograph, video record, and use my likeness, name, or voice for lawful promotional or informational purposes without compensation.

9. No Insurance Provided

I understand that the Released Parties do not provide insurance coverage for participants or spectators and that I am responsible for my own insurance, if any.

10. Severability

If any portion of this waiver is found invalid or unenforceable, the remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.

11. Governing Law

This agreement shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of [State].

PARTICIPANT ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS LIABILITY WAIVER AND RELEASE.

I UNDERSTAND THAT BY SIGNING IT, I AM GIVING UP IMPORTANT LEGAL RIGHTS.

I SIGN THIS AGREEMENT VOLUNTARILY AND WITHOUT DURESS.

Participant Name (print): _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

FOR PARTICIPANTS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE

I am the parent or legal guardian of the minor named below. I consent to the minor's participation and agree to all terms of this waiver on behalf of myself and the minor.

Minor's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (print): _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

