



UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES

Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV), including drones and radio-operated blimps, are permitted on the show floor with approval from the Event Organizer. Written approval must be submitted to the Event Manager along with a certificate of general liability insurance.

The Event Organizer is permitted to use UAVs within the Complex under the following conditions:

UAV POLICY

An Unmanned Aerial Vehicle/Remotely Piloted Aircraft/Drone is defined as a “powered” aerial vehicle that does not carry a human operator, uses aerodynamic forces to provide vehicle lift and can fly autonomously or be piloted remotely.

The following are requirements and procedures for utilizing Unmanned Aerial Vehicles/Remotely Piloted Aircraft/Drones at the McCormick Place Convention Center:

- Aircraft are not permitted to be operated on the McCormick Place campus without prior approval from the Event Organizer and McCormick Place Event Management.
- Casual or recreational use of aircraft is strictly prohibited at the McCormick Place Complex.
- For additional information, contact your Event Manager.

APPROVED FLIGHT AREAS FOR USE

- Outdoor Use (including the Bus Drop Area) - requires additional approval from the FAA.
- Inside Use (licensed space) - Limited drone usage is permitted with appropriate approvals. If the hall is occupied, then the drone must stay along the perimeters of the space and no less than (15) feet from any person or existing facility structures. At no time can a drone be flown over people.
- Inside Use (not licensed space) – These areas would require pre-approval which may depend on other activity in the facility.

EVENT ORGANIZER RESPONSIBILITIES

The Event Organizer is responsible for ensuring the following conditions are met at least 7 days in advance:

- Equipment Operator must provide a flight plan which includes flight path, date and time of each flight as well as the names of those authorized to fly aircraft.
- Flight plan shall be approved by the McCormick Place Event Manager.
- A meeting is required between the Event Organizer (or designee), the Event Manager and the Equipment Operator(s) to discuss logistics both in advance of the show and upon arrival to property.
- An Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Agreement will be generated between the Event Organizer and McCormick Place stating that in the event of an incident, McCormick Place will not be held liable.

EXHIBITOR BOOTH DEMONSTRATION

- In general Exhibitors can only use UAVs with permission from the Event Organizer and only as a product demonstration within their booth space.
- The product demonstration must be in a completely enclosed netted area and would need to be secured within the booth. All attendees must remain on the outside of the netted area.
- All other guidelines in this document are applicable to exhibit booth demonstrations.

EQUIPMENT OPERATOR'S INFORMATION

The Equipment Operator needs to provide the following information:

- Company Name, Address, Phone Number and Email Address
- Name of Person(s) Authorized to Fly Aircraft
- Contact Number(s) for those Person(s) Authorized to Fly Aircraft
- Make & Model of Aircraft
- Size & Weight of Aircraft
- Provide a copy of their valid FAA Small Unmanned Aircraft System Certificate of Aircraft Registration/Proof of Ownership.
- FAA UAS ID Number must match between the provided Certificate of Aircraft Registration and the ID number marked on the aircraft.
- Insurance must stipulate that the Equipment Operator's coverage specifically amends the aircraft exclusion to allow for the type of UAV Licensee proposes to operate at the McCormick Place Convention Center.
- Insurance must show McCormick Place, please refer to your License Agreement for the language for Additional Insured and must meet those insurance requirements mandated by McCormick Place.

EVENT ORGANIZER INSURANCE

- The Event Organizer understands that any damage or injury resulting in the approved operation of a drone during their event will fall under their show insurance coverage. Please review your License Agreement.
- As specified in section 8.5 of the License Agreement, all vendors, including Equipment Operators, must carry insurance to cover potential damages to McCormick Place Convention Center, property and other parties within the targeted flight space.