

GENERAL POLICY STATEMENT

It is the policy of the New York State Fair to follow all laws, rules and regulations of the State of New York and the United States of America. It is also the policy of the New York State Fair to ensure each and every visitor, regardless of their purpose of visit, experiences an enjoyable experience.

REFERENCE

Code of Federal Regulations of the United States of America; Title 14, Chapter I, Part 107, Subchapter F

PROCEDURE

Any vendor, exhibitor, contractor or other person/organization that requests to operate an unmanned aircraft system on or near the New York State Fairgrounds or its affiliated parking lots (otherwise referred to as a drone) must comply with all local, state and Federal laws regarding their operations.

As outlined in the reference, section 107.39:

Operation over human beings.

No person may operate a small unmanned aircraft over a human being unless that human being is:

- (a) Directly participating in the operation of the small unmanned aircraft; or
- (b) Located under a covered structure or inside a stationary vehicle that can provide reasonable protection from a falling small unmanned aircraft.

Persons can be referred to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to request a waiver of this rule directly, with the understanding it may take as long as ninety (90) days for approval. The FAA office closest to us is in Rochester, New York and can be contacted at:

Federal Aviation Administration
Flight District Standards Office – Rochester
One Airport Way, Suite 110
Rochester, New York 14624
Phone: (585) 436-3880, Fax: (585) 436-2322

If a waiver is obtained, the New York State Fair requires that the operator have an appropriate and valid FAA license and that the drone is properly registered – and that the operator/licensee provide proof of both, as well as a copy of the waiver in the form of a copy of each document. In addition, the Fair requires you to have valid insurance on the drone and name the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets/NYS Fair an additional insured, and provide proof of same in the form of a copy of the document, at least five (5) business days in advance of the event the drone will be operated at.

This agency has no authority in the matter and will not assist in any waiver application.

Any questions regarding this policy shall be directed to the Security Manager, Public Information Office or Emergency Management Office.