



## WHISTLER BLACKCOMB

### Whistler Blackcomb Drone Policy

Effective: August 17, 2016

#### **Scope:**

This policy applies to ALL parties interested in operating a drone on Whistler Blackcomb property.

#### **Policy:**

**Drones are not allowed to be operated on Whistler Blackcomb property without an approved, completed application. All paperwork must be submitted at least 7 days prior to proposed shoot.**

#### **Requirements for Operating UAVs on Whistler Blackcomb Property:**

All requests to operate Drones on Whistler Blackcomb premises are required to go through the Public Relations Department, [publicrelations@whistlerblackcomb.com](mailto:publicrelations@whistlerblackcomb.com) or 604-938-7668.

Please include the following information in your request:

- Name and specifications of the drone (weight)
- Name and experience of the pilot (how many flights, how long he/she has had the drone), contact details of operator
- Proof of \$5 million commercial general liability and unmanned aerial vehicle liability insurance per occurrence– *see below for details*
- Intended flight plan
- Drone and pilot to follow and meet current UAV operating requirements as laid out in Transport Canada guidelines

#### **Insurance**

Whistler Blackcomb requires UAV Operators to carry a minimum of **\$5 million** (per occurrence) **commercial general liability insurance** and a minimum of **\$5 million** (per occurrence) **unmanned aerial vehicle liability insurance**, with the following Whistler Blackcomb companies listed as an additional insured with a waiver of subrogation:

***"Whistler Blackcomb Holdings Inc., Vail Resorts, Inc., Vail Holdings, Inc., 1068877 B.C. Ltd. and their respective subsidiaries, and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of the Province of British Columbia,"***

Before approval, the operator will need the following from WB:

- A radio with appropriate patrol channel
- Orientation to WB property and emergency notification procedures

Any persons found flying a drone on our premises without prior authorization will be asked to cease operations and leave the ski area with their drone.

## Transport Canada Regulations

If the drone is less than 2kg, operator does not need permission from Transport Canada.

- Be safe, well trained and know the rules of the sky
- Be 18 years old, or at least 16 years old to conduct research under academic supervision
- Have at least \$100,000 liability insurance
- Be alert—not tired or under the influence of alcohol or drugs
- Inspect your UAV and site before flight to ensure they are safe
- Get permission before you go onto private property
- Inform Air Traffic Services if your UAV enters controlled airspace
- Give right-of-way to manned aircraft
- Fly during daylight and in good weather
- Keep your aircraft in direct line of sight and always be able to see it with your own eyes
- Verify that radio frequencies/transmissions won't affect control of your UAV
- Have an emergency plan ahead of time
- Carry a copy of your UAV exemption, proof of liability insurance, contact information, and aircraft system limitations
- Follow the manufacturer's operating and emergency procedures, including those if the remote control loses contact with the aircraft
- Respect laws from all levels of government
- Operate only one UAV at a time, with a single remote control
- Immediately stop all operations if you can no longer meet the exemption requirements or if the safety of a person, property or other aircraft is at risk
- Stay at least 30 metres away from people, animals, buildings, structures, and vehicles not involved in the operation

If the drone is between 2kg – 25kg, operator needs to provide Transport Canada with the following information:

- Contact information
- UAV model
- Description of operation
- Geographical boundaries of operation

As well as:

- Be safe, well trained and know the rules of the sky
- Be 18 years old
- Have at least \$100,000 liability insurance
- Be alert—not tired or under the influence of alcohol or drugs
- Inspect your UAV and site before flight to ensure they are safe
- Get permission before you go onto private property
- Carry a copy of your UAV exemption, proof of liability insurance, contact information, and UAV system limitations
- Respect laws from all levels of government
- Keep your UAV in direct line of sight and always be able to see it with your own eyes
- Operate only one UAV at a time, with a single remote control
- Give right-of-way to manned aircraft
- Fly during daylight and in good weather (no clouds, snow or icy conditions): wind under 15k
- Create and follow procedures for landing and recovering your UAV and for contacting emergency responders and air traffic control.
- Have an emergency plan ahead of time

- Follow the manufacturer's operating and emergency procedures, including those if the remote control loses contact with the aircraft
- Verify that radio frequencies/transmission and electronic devices won't affect control of your UAV
- Assess the risk of losing connection with the UAV and decide when to use the flight termination setting
- Have a fire extinguisher on site
- Inform Air Traffic Services if your UAV enters controlled airspace
- Follow the manufacturer's maintenance/assembly instructions
- Ensure the UAV does not have an emergency locator transmitter
- Report accidents to Transport Canada and stop operations until you have addressed the risks
- Immediately stop all operations if you can no longer respect the exemption requirements or if the safety of a person, property or other aircraft is at risk
- Stay at least 150 metres away from people, animals, buildings, structures, and vehicles not involved in the operation

If the drone is over 25kg, operator needs to apply for a Special Flight Operations certificate from Transport Canada. For more information visit

<http://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/civilaviation/standards/general-recavi-uav-2265.htm>