

## Drone Policy

For purposes of this policy, the term “**drone**” applies to all Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs).

This policy applies to all IHSA State Tournament Series contests. Local laws, regulations, and facility policies control the use of drones at regular-season contests.

- **Indoor Contests:** Drones are prohibited at all indoor IHSA tournament contests in all sports.
- **Outdoor Contests:** The use of drones must comply with all applicable local, state, and federal laws, regulations, and standards, as well as any policies established by the host school or facility. In football, each team is allowed a maximum of one drone.
- **Field of Play:** Drones must remain outside the field of play and may not be operated over or above the playing surface. In football, drones are only allowed behind the endzone.
- **Spectators and Participants:** Drones may never be flown over spectators, athletes, coaches, officials, or other individuals participating in or attending the contest.
- **Scouting:** Drones may not be used for the purpose of scouting an opponent's games, practices, or other athletic activities.
- **Host Facility Discretion:** Host schools and facilities reserve the right to determine the endzone reserved for drone set-up. Schools should communicate their plans to use a drone.
- **Broadcast Exception:** An exception may be made for approved IHSA broadcast partners when the host school or facility permits the use of a drone for broadcast purposes and the drone is operated under the direction and control of the IHSA.
- **Spectator Drone Use Prohibited:** Drone use is limited to authorized team, school, or event-related purposes in accordance with this policy and all applicable local, state, and federal laws. Spectators and members of the general public are not permitted to operate drones at athletic events or facilities.

All drone operators are responsible for complying with applicable local standards, laws, regulations, and facility policies. Failure to comply may result in removal from the facility and/or other action as determined by the host school, facility, or IHSA.