Cal State LA- Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Application

CSU UAV Competitions 2026

Instructions

Complete this form and return all the pages and supplemental information to:

AircraftCompetitions@calstatela.edu

Purpose:

Identify the competition for which you are submitting this form:

☐ CSU 3D-Printed Fixed-Wing Aircraft Competition
May 30, 2026, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Jesse Owens Field, Cal State LA, Los Angeles, CA, USA

☐ CSU Unmanned Aerial Systems Competition
June 6-7, 2026, 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Mojave Air & Space Port at Rutan Field, Mojave, CA, USA

UAV Activity Description

Purpose: This application is for participation in the CSU UAV competition selected above. This is a student-design and demonstration competition for educational purposes.

UAVs shall abide the following photograph rules:

- Photos from the UAVs are limited to those required for the competition mission, if any, and will not be posted on the internet or social media.
- No recognizable images of the University, or airport, signs and buildings will be taken by the UAVs.
- No recognizable images of individuals will be taken by the UAVs.

Rules of Operation

The UAV Competitions operate according to the following rules:

- C-3DPAC operates under 49 U.S.C Section 44809 Exception for Limited Recreational Operations of Unmanned Aircraft / Use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems for Educational Purposes
- C-UASC operates under 14 CPR part 107 Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Regulation and agreement as approved by the Mojave Air & Space Port at Rutan Field (KMHV).

Requestor (Faculty Advisor):

The university representative (typically the faculty advisor) provides their name and contact information here.

- Name: _____
- College/University: _____
- Department:_____
- Address:_____
- Email Address:_____
- Phone:_____

Insurance Requirements

Cal State LA requires the competitor's university to provide evidence of insurance as specified below. **Please submit with your application.**

- **Insurance - University Owned UAS:** When University-owned UAS are operated by faculty, staff, volunteers, or students for university purposes, they are covered for liability provided the aircraft is appropriately registered as described herein. If a Certificate of Insurance is requested by venues for off-campus use, please contact RMEHS.
- **Insurance - Non-University Owned:** Insurance is required from non-university owned UAS operators, including on behalf of the University, to protect against claims for injuries to persons or damage to property that may arise from or in connection with the ownership, maintenance, or use of the UAS. A Certificate of Insurance as described herein shall be provided during the application process.
- **Commercial General Liability (CGL) Insurance:** UAS operators using non-Cal State-owned craft on university property must provide a certificate of insurance that includes Cal State LA, the University Auxiliary Services, Inc. (UAS), and the Trustees of California State University as Additional Insured with the following limits $1,000,000 and $3,000,000 for CGL. The certificate of insurance shall cover the date of the event.
- **Aviation or Aircraft Liability Insurance:** UAS operators using non-Cal State-owned craft on university property must provide evidence of Owned / Non-Owned aviation liability insurance coverage with a limit of no less than $1,000,000. A Certificate of Insurance showing your policy applies to aircraft liabilities, in the amount stated, that names Cal State LA, Cal State LA Auxiliary Services, Inc., and the California State University Board of Trustees as Additionally Insured shall be provided during the application process. Such insurance shall be primary without any right of contribution from any other insurance.

UAV Description

Each team shall provide the following description of their UAV.

- UAV Type (check one)
  - ☐ Fixed-Wing
  - ☐ Rotocopter
  - ☐ other VTOL vehicle
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- Weight (Must be less than 55lbs / 25 kg): _____
- Dimensions (envelope):_____
- Name of UAS Owner:_____
- FAA Registration Number:_____

Pilot / Operator – use separate sheets for each pilot/operator.

Any member of the team that will control a portion of the UAS flight, for test or for competition, at the competition site will be deemed a UAS pilot (UAV operator). As specified in the rules, UAS pilots must be members of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) and must have completed the FAA Trust Course and have a Certificate (or be a Certificated Remote Pilot and have a Part 107 certificate.) Operators must submit a Indemnification form and a Release of Liability form.

- Name_____
- College_____
- Undergraduate or Graduate Student (specify)_____
- Email Address_____
- Phone_____
- Academy Model Aeronautics Membership #_____
- Issue Date_____
- Expiration Date_____
- FAA TRUST Certificate # (or Part 107 Certificate #) _____
- Issue Date_____
- Expiration Date_____

Every Team Member (use separate sheets for every member attending the event, including every pilot, non-pilot or advisor)

Any member of the team at the competition site is required to provide name and contact information and must submit an Indemnification form and a Release of Liability form.

- Name_____
- College_____
- Undergraduate or Graduate Student (specify)_____
- Email Address_____

Indemnification

In consideration of receiving permission to operate a small Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) in the airspace of California State University, Los Angeles, I hereby, knowingly and voluntarily, for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, agree to indemnify, release, and hold harmless Cal State L.A. University Auxiliary Services, Inc. and California State University, Los Angeles, as well as their administrators, instructors, volunteers, agents, officers, successors and trustees and assigns, from any and all liability associated with the operation of this UAS, and the collection or use of images, video or audio obtained by the UAS during its flight, including but not limited to liability for claims, causes of action, or lawsuits, for bodily injury, personal or advertising injury, wrongful act, property damage, breach of contract, or consequential loss resulting in damages, judgments, settlements, or any monetary loss, including attorney's fees.

Signature: _____Date: _____

Release of Liability:

Every member of the team must submit a Release of Liability form. This is found in Appendix A.

Appendix A. Cal State LA Release of Liability Form

RELEASE OF LIABILITY, PROMISE NOT TO SUE, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT

California State University, Los Angeles

WAIVER OF LIABILITY, PROMISE NOT TO SUE, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND AGREEMENT TO PAY CLAIMS

Activity:_____

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Activity Date(s) and Time(s): _____

Activity Location(s), Premises or Facility (ies): _____

In consideration for being allowed to participate in the above-referenced Activity, on behalf of myself and my next of kin, heirs, representatives, and assigns, I hereby **release, waive, and discharge from all liability and promise not to sue** the State of California, the Trustees of The California State University, California State University, Los Angeles and their employees, officers, directors, volunteers and agents (collectively the "University") from any and all liabilities or claims, **including claims of the University's negligence**, resulting in any physical or psychological injury (including paralysis and death), illness, damages, property loss, or economic or emotional loss I may suffer because of my participation in the Activity, including travel to, from and during the Activity.

I am voluntarily participating in this Activity. I am aware of the risks associated with traveling to/from and participating in this Activity, which include but are not limited to physical or psychological injury, pain, suffering, illness, disfigurement, temporary or permanent disability (including paralysis), economic or emotional loss, and/or death. I understand that these injuries or outcomes may arise from my own or other's actions, inaction, or negligence; conditions related to travel; or the condition of the Activity location(s). **Nonetheless, I assume all related risks, both known or unknown to me, of my participation in the Activity, including any associated use of University facilities or premises and any travel to, from and/or during the Activity.**

I agree to **indemnify and hold** the University **harmless** from any and all claims, actions, suits, costs, expenses, and liabilities, including attorney's fees or damage to my property, that arise out of my participation in the Activity, including any associated use of University facilities or premises and any travel to, from and/or during the Activity. If the University incurs any of these types of expenses, I agree to reimburse the University. If I need medical treatment, I agree to be financially responsible for any costs incurred as a result of such treatment. I am aware and understand that I should carry my own health insurance.

I am 18 years or older. **I understand the legal consequences of signing this document, including (a) releasing the University from all liability, (b) promising not to sue the University, (c) and assuming all risks of participating in the Activity, including travel to, from and during the Activity.**

I understand that this document is written to be as broad and inclusive as legally permitted by the State of California. I agree that if any portion is held invalid or unenforceable, I will continue to be bound by the remaining terms.

I have read this document in its entirety, fully understand its terms, and acknowledge that I am signing it freely and voluntarily. No other representations concerning the legal effect of this document have been made to me.

Participant Signature: _____

Participant Name (print):_____ Date: _____

If the Participant is under 18 years old:

I, the parent/legal guardian of the Participant identified above, hereby agree to all of the above on behalf of the Participant.

Parent/Guardian Name (print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Minor Participant's Name (print): _____