CODE OF CONDUCT

General Responsibilities of UAS Pilots

* Make safety a top priority
* Seek excellence in airmanship
* Adopt sound principles of aeronautical decision-making (ADM) and develop and exercise good judgment
* Use sound principles of risk management
* Maintain situational awareness, and adhere to prudent operating practices
* Aspire to professionalism
* Act with responsibility, integrity, and courtesy
* Adhere to applicable laws, regulations, and industry guidance

Manned Aircraft & People on the Surface

* Manage and avoid unnecessary risk to manned aircraft and to people and property on the surface
* Avoid operations that may alarm or disturb people on the surface or in manned aircraft

Training & Proficiency

* Participate in regular training to maintain and improve proficiency beyond minimum requirements
* Pursue a rigorous, lifelong course of aviation study
* Remain vigilant and avoid complacency
* Train to recognize and deal effectively with emergencies
* Maintain an accurate log to document your experience and improve future aeronautical decision-making and risk management

Security & Privacy

* Take measures to maintain the security of persons and property affected by UAS activities
* Remain vigilant and immediately report suspicious, reckless, or illegal UAS activities
* Become familiar with current security and privacy rules and best practices
* Avoid controlled and special activity/special use airspace except when approved or necessary in an emergency
* Recognize and respect the public’s reasonable expectation of privacy

Environmental Issues

* Recognize and seek to mitigate the environmental impact of UAS operations
* Minimize the discharge of fuel, oil, and other chemicals into the environment during refueling, preflight preparations, servicing, and flight operations
* Recognize that some UAS components, including batteries, other fuels, and lubricants, may be hazardous and require special handling procedures
* Respect and protect environmentally sensitive areas
* Avoid flight over noise-sensitive areas, and comply with applicable noise-abatement procedures

Use of Technology

* Become familiar with appropriate UAS and other technologies
* Make effective use of technology by integrating technical guidance and solutions into your standard operating procedures
* Practice effective system monitoring and ensure you are prepared to revert to manual operations if available
* Identify failure modes, and where practicable, test and deploy fault-tolerant or redundant equipment
* Use and understand the limitations of position-indicating technologies including detect-and-avoid (DAA), if available and authorized

Advancement of UAS Aviation

* Advance and promote aviation safety as well as adherence to the UASPC
* Collaborate with or assist organizations that advance UAS aviation and contribute to society at large; encourage other UAS pilots to do so as well
* Demonstrate appreciation for aviation professionals and service providers
* Advance an aviation culture that values openness, humility, positive attitudes, and the pursuit of personal improvement
* Promote ethical behavior within the UAS community
* Mentor new and future UAS pilots