Recreational UAS Rules

As a UAS Operator, You Must:
• Register your UAS with the FAA
• Label your UAS with your registration number
• Obtain an airspace authorization from the FAA prior to flying a UAS in controlled airspace around airports.

Operating Rules:
• Until further notice, air traffic control and/or airport administration will no longer accept requests for recreational UAS operation.
• Must fly in uncontrolled airspace (Class G), unless an airspace authorization has been obtained.
• UAS must weigh less than 55 lbs. (25 kg)
• Must remain within visual line-of-sight
• Must not be operated over any persons not directly participating in its operation
• Must be flown during the daytime
• Must remain clear of, and not interfere with manned aircraft
• Must fly under 400 feet above ground level (AGL)
• Must not be flown carelessly or recklessly.

Use the B4UFLY Smartphone app before flying your UAS

Commercial or Governmental UAS Rules

Pilot Requirements:
• Must be at least 16 years old
• Must pass the North Carolina knowledge test and obtain a UAS Operator Permit
• Must be vetted by the Transportation Safety Administration (TSA)

Operating Rules:
• The operating rules are similar to that of Recreational Operating Rules. However, most rules are subject to waivers.
• If operating within 5 miles radius of Smith Reynolds Airport, an airspace waiver form must be filled out here.
• For more information regarding non-recreational UAS operation, please visit Fly for Work/Business
• For more information regarding the rules of North Carolina UAS operations, please visit NCDOT Division of Aviation