

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED sUAS QUESTIONS**

**1. Is Excellence Park the only place I can fly on base?**

A: Yes, due to security and safety reasons, Excellence Park is the only area where Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems are allowed on base.

**2. Q: Can I fly my sUAS anywhere on Altus AFB?**

A: No, Excellence Park is the only location on the installation where personnel have approval to operate an sUAS in a recreational/hobbyist manner. These operations are restricted to daylight hours and must remain below 400 ft above ground level (AGL).

**3. Q: Why must I register my sUAS if I'm only flying for recreation and I fly on the base?**

A: The Federal Aviation Administration requires all sUAS weighing between .55 and 55 pounds to be registered through their online site.

**4. Q: How do I register my sUAS?**

A: Operators may log onto the FAA website <https://registermyuas.faa.gov/> to register their sUAS.

**5. Q: Can I fly my sUAS at night?**

Q: No, all sUAS operations on base are prohibited during nighttime hours, defined as sunset to sunrise, regardless of location.

**6. Q: Can I take still or video pictures using my sUAS?**

A: Contact Public Affairs office prior to taking any photos.

**7. Q: Can I operate my sUAS over the Runway if the airfield is closed and I'm not interfering with manned aircraft?**

A: No, Excellence Park is the only location on the installation where personnel have approval to operate an sUAS in a recreational/hobbyist manner. These operations are restricted to daylight hours and must remain below 400 ft above ground level (AGL). Additionally there are two areas located north and south of the airfield known as Accident Potential Zones (APZ) where all sUAS operations, whether commercial or hobbyist are strictly prohibited.

**8. Q: Am I required to contact anyone prior to operating my sUAS on base?**

A: If you are operating from the confines of Excellence Park, and are operation during daylight hours below 400 ft AGL, there is no requirement to contact anyone. For operations outside of Excellence Park and/or established parameters, contact the 97 AMW Airspace Manager for further details: 580-481-6098, [altus.drone.uas.request@us.af.mil](mailto:altus.drone.uas.request@us.af.mil)

**9. Q: What happens if I lose contact (visually or electronically) with my sUAS**

**while in flight?**

A: In the event an operator loses visual contact with an airborne sUAS under their control, or if there is any other malfunction/loss of control of the vehicle, they must immediately notify the controlling authority of the potential hazard to manned flight operations. Additionally, in the event a sUAS exits the confines of Excellence Park or exceeds the 400 foot ceiling without immediate retrieval, sUAS operators will notify the controlling authority (AAFB Tower or Command Post) immediately.

**10. Q: I am a commercial operator and need to fly my sUAS inside the TFR or within the Altus AFB Class D airspace. How do I obtain permission to do this?**

A: You must obtain a valid Certificate of Waiver or Authorization (COA) through the FAA and contact the 97 AMW Airspace Manager (580-481-6098, [altus.drone.uas.request@us.af.mil](mailto:altus.drone.uas.request@us.af.mil)) in order to register with the base and obtain permission.

**11. Q: I am a recreational/hobbyist sUAS operator and would like to fly my sUAS outside of Altus AFB but within 5 miles of the airfield (including the town of Altus). Am I allowed to do this?**

A: Yes, but you must comply with all applicable FAA regulations regarding operations within the National Airspace System (NAS). This includes responsibility to check and comply with all Notices to Airmen (NOTAM). This also includes all FAA guidance for sUAS operation under 14 CFR (Code of Federal Regulations) Part 101 or Part 107 as applicable, including gaining clearance from the appropriate controlling agencies prior to entering Class D airspace while Altus AFB Tower is open. Be sure you are familiar with these regulations before flying any sUAS within 5 miles of Altus Airfield. For a description of Altus Class D airspace click on the "5 Mile Ring and APZ's" Maps on the Altus AFB sUAS webpage: <http://www.altus.af.mil/Small-Unmanned-Aircraft-Systems/>