## **British Drone Racing Association**

## Video Assisted Referee Process (VAR)



## 1. VAR Guidance for All Competitors

- The VAR Team have a high-quality video replay coupled with an accurate graph of RSSI/Time for every pilot/round/heat.
- The VAR Team will use this video evidence to assess any VAR requests made to them using the process outlined in Section 2 below.
- The VAR video feeds are **not** available for pilots to view. The Race Director may, at their discretion, invite a pilot to view VAR feedback with the VAR Team if they feel this will assist the Team in resolving a query.
- Requests from competing pilots to the VAR Team for review may be made for the following:
  - Incorrect reporting of a pilot lap count or finishing time by the timing system
  - 'Wrong Flight' of a pilot (Missing a track element or flying elements incorrectly or in the wrong order)
- VAR requests for incorrect lap count/finishing should be submitted by a nominated representative of, or by the pilot concerned, in concert with their spotter for verification.
- VAR is not a replacement for spotters. Nor is it an excuse for the spotters to fail to take seriously their responsibility to count laps.
- VAR requests will not be accepted from spectators or any persons not participating in the event.
- The Race Director may, at their discretion, request the VAR Team to review any other incidents, outside of direct pilot/spotter submissions, that they require further information on to arrive at a decision.

## 2. VAR Request and Fulfilment Process

- Requests will be submitted to the VAR Team via an online form or paper version available on the edge of Race Control (location will be highlighted during main Pilot Briefing). A QR code link to the online form will be made available at the same location.
- The VAR 'Reporting Window' for a heat is open for 10-minutes from the end of the heat which has just ran. This allows time for discussion with the spotter.
- There will be an additional 10-minute window at the end of qualifying rounds to submit a request for review from any heats during that race day. This is a competitor's last chance to submit a missed request for review.
- The VAR Teams recommended adjustments will be signed off by the Race Director within 2 rounds of racing. The qualifying results will then be adjusted and uploaded to the scoring system, which is viewable online (link announced at Pilot briefing and available via QR code).
- The Race Director reserves the right to not make changes to final qualifying results where there is a requested adjustment to a round that will not make it one of the Pilot's qualifying rounds once 'drops' have been completed.
- The Race Director will announce all changes have been made via the event PA system then a **5-minute window** will be allowed for Pilots to review their qualifying positions and that any changes upheld have been made. During this period the Race Director can be approached directly with queries.
- Once this period has elapsed Finals rounds will be created, and no further queries will be accepted.

As per the main BDRA ruleset on sportsperson-like behaviour during any event - harassment or abusive behaviour toward the Race Direction or VAR Team will not be accepted at any level.

Any occurrence of this nature may end in the competitor being removed from the event.