

Drone Advisory Council Announces Recommendation to Modernize Airspace Restrictions at Sporting Events

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pivotal player in the integration and regulation of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) within the national airspace system (NAS), today released a comprehensive report recommending significant modifications to the current airspace restrictions at sporting events.

Historically, the [Notice to Airmen \(NOTAM\) for stadiums](#), originally designed post-9/11 for traditional aircraft, has been applied uniformly to drones. This broad application results in a restriction encompassing over 125,000 square miles annually, impacting thousands of legitimate drone

"The current restrictions on drones around stadiums are based on outdated models that do not reflect the unique characteristics and safety record of UAS operations," said Jon Hegranes, Executive Council of the DAC. "Our tasking group, after extensive analysis and stakeholder interviews, believes that these modifications will ensure higher compliance, more effective monitoring, and the opening of valuable airspace for responsible drone use."

The DAC's recommendations include creating a drone-specific NOTAM that limits the restricted area to the immediate fence line of stadium properties. This adjustment will reduce the controlled airspace from a 3-nautical-mile radius to a more precise and risk-oriented perimeter, effectively lowering airspace restrictions around stadiums by over 99% to just 11 square miles.

This modernized approach is anticipated to enhance safety, simplify compliance, and promote equity by aligning the restrictions with the actual risks associated with drone operations. Moreover, the proposal supports the FAA's mission of safely integrating drones into the national

airspace, fostering innovation, and improving public safety through advanced aviation technologies.

The recommended changes also include the establishment of permanent digital data sets to improve the visibility and management of these restrictions, thus eliminating the need for real-time updates tied to specific game times or other fluctuating factors.

The full report, including detailed findings and recommendations, is available at [\[link to full report\]](#).

The DAC looks forward to working with the FAA, Congress, and other stakeholders from professional sports leagues to drone operators to implement these changes, ensuring that our skies remain a realm of opportunity for all.

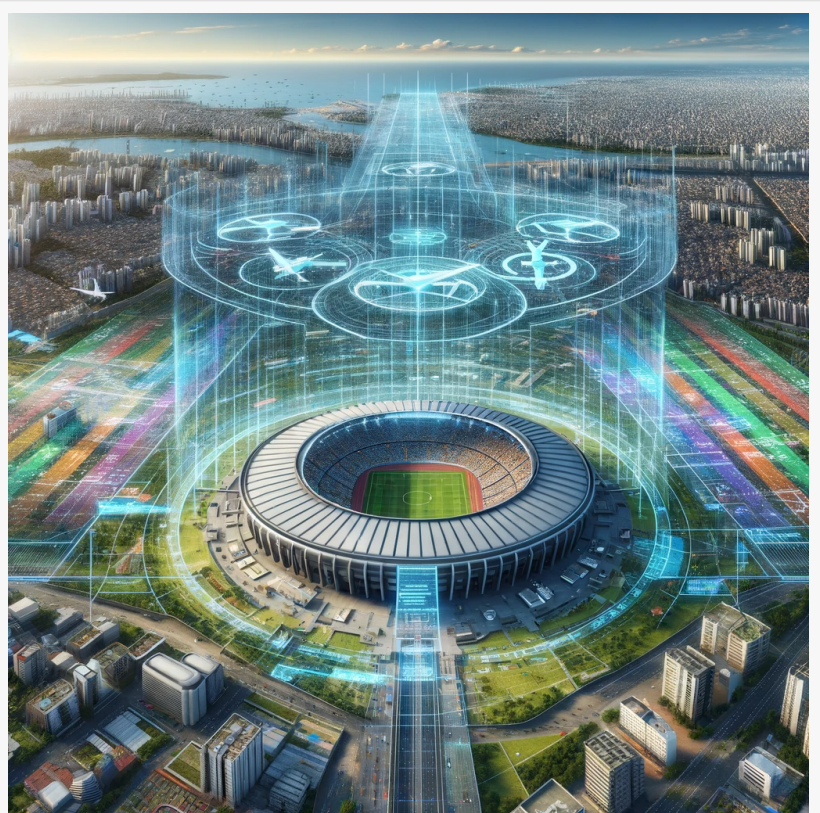
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