



2025 SUAS Competition Waiver of Liability

I, _____, acknowledge that I have voluntarily applied to participate in the 2025 SUAS Competition and activities ("SUAS") hosted by RoboNation, Inc. ("RoboNation").
Printed Name of Participant

Name of Participant: _____ Date of birth: _____

Name of Emergency Contact: _____ Telephone #: _____

I acknowledge that participation in SUAS is a benefit offered to me. I further acknowledge that I have read, understood and voluntarily agree to abide by all of the rules applying to SUAS 2025 (hereafter named "Competition"), including the tenets of the RoboNation Code of Conduct while attending or participating in the Competition. The Competition may include but are not limited to the following: virtual group conversations, interactive sessions in an online platform, and in-person participation at the Competition. In the case of virtual events, all of the terms and conditions of usage, including privacy notices and terms of use, that accompany the websites or links apply.

I understand that my participation in the Competition comes with inherent risks. RoboNation and St. Mary's Regional Airport (hereafter known as "Releasees") make every effort to minimize potential dangers at the Competition; however, such risks can never be completely eliminated. Participants and related persons should be adequately prepared for potential hazards to persons and/or property involving transiting to and from competition site, transporting equipment, and aerial operations.

In exchange for the privilege of participating in the Competition, I agree, for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, to release, indemnify, and hold harmless the Releasees, their staff, contractors, and volunteers from any and all liability, claims, demands, and causes of action whatsoever, including bodily injury resulting from the Competition or anyone administering emergency assistance, and including risk of loss or damage to personal property to me or other participants, arising out of my presence at or participation in the Competition, **WHETHER IT RESULTS FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF RELEASEES OR ANY OF THEM OR ANY OTHER CAUSE.** I assume full responsibility for any bodily injury and/or property damage arising out of or related to my attendance and/or participation.

I further agree that, if at any time, I feel any activity during the Competition to be unsafe or if I observe unsafe behavior on the part of other participants/observers, I will immediately notify the appropriate Competition official and/or refuse to participate in or observe any further activities. I am aware of the risks and hazards inherent in participating in the Competition, and I elect to voluntarily participate, knowing that participation may entail a risk of injury.

I am fully aware of the risks and potential hazards connected with participating in the Competition, including but not limited to, the risk of data mining, phishing, viruses, malware, data breach of online information, cyberbullying, exploitation, victimization, cyber stalking, cyber predators, digital footprint, reputation loss, compliance violations, brand hijacking, image replication, and I hereby elect to voluntarily participate in the Competition, and engage in such activity knowing that the activity may be hazardous to my property.

I understand that I am participating in the Competition at my own risk and expense and agree that I will not bring any claim or cause of action of any kind or nature against the Releasees. This waiver, release and discharge does not excuse the Releasees for their liability for intentional harms or for reckless, wanton, or gross negligence.

I agree to abide by the tenets of the RoboNation Code of Conduct while participating in the Competition. I understand that failure to abide by this Code of Conduct may result in the disqualification of the team and/or participants from the Competition, components of the competition, the full competition, and/or future competitions.



ROBONATION CODE OF CONDUCT

- **Give your best effort.** Display honesty, integrity, and sportsmanship while engaging in friendly competition.
Compete fairly. Team products are solely the creation of student participants' own efforts, ideas, and designs with supporting mentors providing only verbal advice.
- **Respect others.** All participants and guests will display courtesy and respect toward officials, volunteers, other teams, and guests of the Competition.
- **Act with integrity.** All participants and guests will behave in a responsible manner and follow the rules of the competition and host organization.
- **Support each other.** All participants will embody the spirit of RoboNation and endeavor to engage with, learn from, and support one another.

Consent to Recording and Photographic Release: I acknowledge and agree to grant Releasees (including their affiliates and respective employees, directors, volunteers) and assign the right to record, film, live stream, photograph, or capture my likeness in any media now available or hereafter developed and to distribute, broadcast, use, or otherwise globally to disseminate, in perpetuity, such media without any further approval from me or any payment to me. Without limiting the foregoing, this includes a grant to Releasees of all rights, title, and interest in any and all photographic images and video or audio recordings of me made by Releasees during the Competition. This grant to the Releasees also includes, but is not limited to, the right to edit such media, the right to use the media alone or together with other information, and the right to allow others to use or disseminate the media. I understand that the use of a camera and/or microphone during the Competition is optional. However, by enabling the use of my camera and/or microphone, I hereby authorize the Releasees the rights stated herein, including the right to photograph and video/audio record me during the Competition. If I am unwilling to have audio/video recorded, it is my responsibility to ensure that my camera is disabled and/or microphone is muted and that no profile image is used.

In signing this release, I acknowledge and represent:

- (a) That I have read the above release, understand it, and sign voluntarily.
- (b) That I have no known physical or mental impairment that might increase the likelihood of serious injury from such participation.
- (c) That, if signing on behalf of a Minor participant, I have the legal capacity to do so. (Note: U.S. law allows parents of Minors participating in U.S. events to sign this waiver.)

Participant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____ Email: _____ Phone: _____

PARENT'S OR GUARDIAN'S ADDITIONAL INDEMNIFICATION

(Must be completed for participants under the age of 18)

I further agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Releasees from any claims or causes of action of any kind arising from my or the above-identified minor's participation in the Competition. By placing my signature below, I acknowledge and agree that I have read this agreement, understood all of the terms and conditions contained herein, and that this agreement will be in full force and effect during all activities within the Competition.

Parent / Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____ Email: _____ Phone: _____

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT
DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION**

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Release and Waiver of Liability

Each Participant must have a signed "Release and Waiver of Liability" on file. This form must be completely filled out and submitted to the appropriate department. Please read carefully. This is a legal document that affects your legal rights.

St. Mary's County Government Department of Public Works and Transportation

This Release and Waiver of Liability made by/on behalf of _____ (the "Participant") and _____ (the "Guardian" if the Participant is a minor child). The Participant desires to participate in: _____ and engage in activities related to being a Participant.

The Participant (and Guardian, if applicable) for themselves and on behalf of their heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin does hereby fully and forever release and discharge, indemnify and hold harmless the Commissioners of St. Mary's County, its departments, boards, commissions, agents, employees and Volunteers, from any and all liabilities, claims, demands, damages, rights of action, suits or causes of action present or future, whether the same be known or unknown, anticipated or unanticipated, of whatever kind and nature, either in law or equity, whether for bodily injury, personal injury, illness, death, invasion of privacy or property damage, which arise or may hereafter in connection with the Participant's activities as a Participant. I fully and forever release and discharge the Commissioners of St. Mary's County and their employees and agents from any and all negligent acts and omissions in the same, and intend to be legally bound by this release.

Participant (and Guardian, if applicable) also understand that the St. Mary's County Government does not carry, maintain or provide health, medical, or disability insurance coverage for any Participant and does not assume any responsibility or obligation to provide financial or other assistance, in the event of injury or illness suffered by Participant. Each Participant is expected and encouraged to obtain his or her own medical, health and disability insurance.

Participant (and Guardian) expressly agrees that this Release is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of the state of Maryland, and that this Release shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the state of Maryland. Participant (and Guardian) agrees that in the event that any clause or provision of this Release and Waiver of Liability shall be held to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity of such clause or provision shall not otherwise affect the remaining provisions of this Release and Waiver of Liability, which shall continue to be enforceable.

Participant (and Guardian) also authorizes the Commissioners of St. Mary's County (including its departments, boards, commissions, agents, employees and volunteers when authorized by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County) to use my image and/or voice in any media form (including, but not limited to, cable television broadcasts, videos, internet communications, and publications). I release the Commissioners of St. Mary's County from any and all claims and liability regarding the making or use of any audio/or visual recording of my image and/or voice (including claims related to rights of publicity or privacy, defamation, or portrayal in a false light, whether intentional or unintentional).

Signature of Participant

Signature of Witness

Signature of Parent Having Legal Custody
or Legal Guardian (If Participant is a Minor)

Date

Participant Address:

