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CNY Drones, **the New York State / Region II US Drone Soccer Affiliate** is happy to focus our efforts on the 2022 US Drone Soccer Season! We took the dive with the support of some great organizations & are deep into helping teams get started!

Drone soccer is an exciting e-sport for middle/high school students designed to enhance drone building skills & flying technique through exciting, full-contact team robotics game strategy. Matches consist of 2 teams of 5 players in a 10'x20' fully enclosed field. Practice fields are easily set up in classrooms. Official competition arenas can be set up in a gym or building lobby. The sport was developed in Asia & is spreading Worldwide with teams forming the US, Canada, Nigeria & Spain. US Drone Soccer was recently sanctioned by the [Academy of Model Aeronautics](#) (AMA). Check out this [January 2022 feature article!](#)

Regionally supported by the Air Force Research Lab in Rome, TACNY, & SUNY Polytechnic Institute, CNY Drones is working with the SUNY AMA Student Club to host the first annual New York State / Region II Championship (announced earlier as April 23, 2022). We're in the process of securing **Sunday, April 3, 2022** in Utica to better align with the National event. Competitive qualifying teams will have an opportunity to move on to the National/World Championship in **Colorado on Sunday, May 1, 2022**.

Middle School/High School, BOCES & after-school program teams can **easily jump into the sport** requiring minimal practice space and prep. US Drone Soccer can be set up as an intramural sport, camp, or competitive program. Who is already involved? In Central New York Rome Free Academy has tapped their Mohawk Valley Community College Gear Up Program to start 2 teams. Griffiss Institute is looking at adding drone soccer camps to their wildly popular summer programs. Farther south, our friends at the New York City Police Department are preparing to bring drone soccer to the five boroughs as an afterschool program. Hmmmm. That could work here too! Are you seeing the possibilities?

*Parents - we know your kids are looking for something new!
NOW is the time to let your school or community group know your
interest in US Drone Soccer camps, workshops & leagues!*

CNY Drones is poised to provide the Northeast with a centralized hub of information, certified Professional Development trainers & technical support. CNY Drones volunteers have drone ball kits on hand to visually share answers to technical questions. Drone soccer is filling in a huge gap left by the CNY Drones paused cornerstone program, the Northeast Team Drone Challenge. The Challenge is ready to roll out when the time is right. Let us know your interest in a reboot.

Ready to get started with US Drone Soccer? Use the button below to contact US Drone Soccer directly for a free equipment quote.


[Enroll Your School with US Drone Soccer](#)

SUNY Students Taking the Lead in Drone Soccer

On Saturday, February 12, 2022, SUNY Polytechnic Institute students from 3 technology-based clubs began learning the basics of flying a drone soccer "ball" in an Official US Drone Soccer Arena in the SUNY Poly Robotics Lab in Utica. Did it take long to get flying? Not at all. Three hours later & no one wanted to leave! Will this turn into a regular weekend event? We think so. We've already trained many SUNY students on building similar drones. And, there's plenty of seasoned & wannabe drone pilots on campus who are hearing about the fun we're all having!


CNY Drones enjoys working with SUNY AMA, Wildcat Robotics & 3D Printing Clubs to expand US Drone Soccer into New York State & to assist with on-campus club-based technology programs. Since 2018, the clubs have assisted us with STEM-based demonstrations, single day programs, & competitions. The growing relationship has been mutually beneficial. CNY Drones provides college students with training, mentorship opportunities, event planning experience & an outlet to give back to the community. The clubs co-host events that help promote STEM to middle & high school-aged students throughout the State. While working with CNY Drones volunteers, club members learn & share building & repair skills that they can pass on to future students and/or apply to future employment.

The on-campus "intramural" meetups have the potential of growing into a collegiate league. An on-campus Club Open House is on Tuesday, February 15, 2022. CNY Drones will be there to encourage student involvement & introduce college students



to interested area high schools. Pop-up events with the clubs will be happening frequently as interest grows. Volunteers will be available by phone or video conference during all events. **We're here to connect the tech minded!**

Teachers - Want to jump in virtually? Text or email us your contact info! CNY Drones volunteers & club members can answer questions & demonstrate flying live. Demos & general information will also be shared on CNY Drones' YouTube Channel as we have time to upload.



Learn More Today!

Interested in forming or supporting a middle/high school drone soccer team, introducing the sport to a classroom or club, or even starting or sponsoring a local league? Now is the time to get in on the ground floor in New York State!

Check out our CNY Drones [US Drone Soccer page](#). Scroll down for some fast-paced videos & a downloadable Program Guide!

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On the fence?

Virtual informational meetings are available upon request! We're here to bolster efforts every step of the way!

Want to volunteer?

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