



Minor League Drone Racing – Powered by MLDR

The Minor League Drone Racing Division is MLDR's official developmental league, designed to identify, nurture, and elevate the next generation of drone racing talent. Focused on accessibility, education, and opportunity, this division provides students, youth, first responders, and new pilots with the tools, training, and platforms needed to grow as racers—while experiencing the thrill of real competition in a professionally produced environment.

Who It's For

- Students (middle school, high school, college)
- Youth and STEM program participants
- First Responders (police, fire, EMT)
- Beginner and emerging FPV pilots
- Community-based teams and drone clubs

Core Objectives

- **Talent Development:** Provide an entry point into competitive drone racing with a clear path to the MLDR Open Class or Spec Class.
- **STEM Engagement:** Promote technology, engineering, and aviation skills through hands-on racing.
- **Community Outreach:** Partner with schools, police departments, fire stations, and organizations to build local racing teams and leagues.
- **Entertainment Experience:** Introduce pilots to real race-day structure, rules, and broadcast-style formats.

How It Works

- **Local & Regional Events:** MLDR partners with schools, civic groups, and organizations to host Minor League competitions.
- **MLDR Junior and 1st Responder Series:** Dedicated brackets for students and public service departments.
- **MLDR Support:** Event infrastructure, rules, pilot registration, race management, and safety protocols handled by MLDR operations.
- **Pathway to Pro:** Outstanding performers are scouted for promotion into the MLDR Open Class and eventually MLDR Spec teams.

Competition Format

- **Race Format:**
- Short track races and obstacle courses

- Individual and team formats
- Time trials, relays, and 1v1 races
- Drone Specs:
- Pilot-supplied or school-issued drones
- Safety-tuned for beginner to intermediate skill levels
- Scoring:
- Points-based system
- Local leaderboards + national ranking potential

Community & Impact

The Minor League Division is about more than racing—it's about empowerment, representation, and building future opportunities through aviation and technology. MLDR works closely with educational institutions, city leadership, and youth organizations to use drone racing as a platform for learning, mentorship, and community connection.

Championship & Advancement

Top pilots and teams from regional events will be invited to the MLDR Minor League National Showcase, where they'll compete in a championship event and earn opportunities to:

- Receive gear sponsorships
- Join official MLDR development teams
- Qualify for the Open Class World Championship

Minor League Drone Racing is the future in flight—fast, fun, and full of potential.