



ACADEMY OF MODEL AERONAUTICS

Application for 2008 Membership - One Individual Per Application

Please type or print the information clearly in CAPITAL letters. When completed, this form can be mailed with payment to AMA, 5161 E. Memorial Dr., Muncie, Indiana 47302-9252, Fax: (765) 741-0057, www.modelaircraft.org



Mr. Mrs. Ms.

First Name _____ Initial _____ Last Name _____

Mailing Address (number and street) _____ Apt. # _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home tel.: (_____) _____ Work tel.: (_____) _____ FAX: (_____) _____

E-mail: _____ New Renewal (give old number if known) _____

Yes, I was recruited by an AMA member. Member's name _____ AMA #: _____

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES:

For those 19 or over as of July 1, 2008

OPEN Membership \$58.00 *Model Aviation* included. (date of birth required) _____
Those 65 or over by July 1, 2008 may take a \$10.00 deduction in dues.

EXTRA Family Membership \$30.00.
(Applies to any one adult who resides in the same household as a current **OPEN** member.)
Magazine not included. List current **OPEN** member's name and AMA number. _____

PARK PILOT PROGRAM* \$29.95 (*Park Pilot* magazine included) (date of birth required) _____
*Aircraft must not exceed 2 Pounds, 60 mph, and may not be powered with an internal combustion engine.
Does not have voting rights, can not compete in competitions, and has reduced liability and no accident/medical insurance.

Note: For competition purposes, YOUTH will be categorized as Junior (under 15 by July 1) or Senior (Those 15 by July 1, but not 19)

For those under 19 as of July 1, 2008

YOUTH Membership \$15.00 (*Model Aviation* included) (date of birth required) _____

YOUTH/NO MAGAZINE Magazine not included \$1.00 (date of birth required) _____

For Non-US and North American Permanent Residents

AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP \$28.00 insurance only while flying in the USA. Magazine not included.
Name of National Aero Club _____ Expiration date _____

AFFILIATE MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION to non-US address - add \$60.00 for a total of \$88.00.

TAG

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

For Canadian Residents

AMA has a reciprocal agreement with MAAC. A current MAAC card will be honored at all sanctioned events or chartered club activities. For Canadians desiring AMA membership in addition to MAAC, choose either Open or Youth membership categories listed above. An additional \$24.00 postage and handling is required for magazine delivery outside the United States. Please list current MAAC number and expiration date: _____

OPTIONS:

Museum Patron Programs
 Museum Patron \$25.00 Donation _____
 Supporting \$100.00 Add \$4.00 for *Model Aviation* mailed in a plastic protective covering.
 Sustaining \$500.00
 Life \$1,000.00

Control Line
 Aerobatic Scale
 Carrier Speed
 Combat Sport
 Racing Electric

Free Flight
 Indoor
 Outdoor
 Scale

Radio Control
 Electric Indoor Helicopter Park Flyer
 Electric Outdoor Pattern Sport
 Scale Pylon Jet
 Giant Scale Combat Soaring

Rocketry
 I compete in FAI activities

PAYMENT OPTIONS:

Check enclosed \$ _____ Charge my VISA MasterCard \$ _____

Card No. _____ Exp. date ____/____/____ Cardholder's signature _____

Please read and sign this declaration. Applications without signatures will be returned.

Note: This waiver means that if I am involved in any claim or suit I will not sue the AMA, Inc. I understand that this waiver does not affect my liability insurance coverage.

"I agree to comply with the AMA Safety Code or AMA Park Flyer Safe Operating Recommendations for all applicable model operations. I understand that my failure to comply with the Safety Code or AMA Park Flyer Safe Operating Recommendations may endanger my liability coverage for any damages or claims so caused. I further understand that written notice of the occurrence of any incident must be immediately provided.
"I am aware that modeling may present hazards to participants and spectators. I exempt, waive, and relieve the Academy of Model Aeronautics, Incorporated (AMA) from all current or future liability for personal injury, property damage, or wrongful death caused by negligence."

Signature of Applicant _____ Parent or Guardian of Applicant under age 18 must also sign _____

Insurance coverage is effective on the date of receipt at AMA Headquarters of a properly completed application and correct dues payment. Membership ends each year on December 31, regardless of the date a membership application is received. Applications received after September 15 will be valid for the remainder of that year and all of the following year. If a magazine is included with the membership, it begins with the first issue available for the year after a correct current application and payment are received; it expires with the issue printed in December (which is dated January of the following year). Membership rates and insurance limits are those in effect at the time of printing. Actual cost of dues and amount of insurance coverage is subject to change. Any such changes will be noted at the time of membership processing so they may be accepted or not.

E-mail has provided AMA with the opportunity to get information to our members in a timely cost-efficient manner. AMA on occasion partners with reputable firms to promote products that will benefit both the member and the association. AMA does not trade or sell E-mail or mailing addresses. If you would prefer that we not include your name, please check the box(es) below.

Please do not use my E-mail address for anything other than official AMA business. Please do not use my mailing address for anything other than official AMA business.

ONLY ONE APPLICANT PER FORM
See Back for AMA Safety Code and AMA Park Flyer Safe Operating Recommendations

**2008 Official
Academy of Model Aeronautics
National Model Aircraft Safety Code
Effective January 1, 2006
GENERAL**

1. A model aircraft shall be defined as a non-human-carrying device capable of sustained flight in the atmosphere. It shall not exceed limitations established in this code and is intended to be used exclusively for recreational or competition activity.
2. The maximum takeoff weight of a model aircraft, including fuel, is 55 pounds, except for those flown under the AMA Experimental Aircraft Rules.
3. I will abide by this Safety Code and all rules established for the flying site I use. I will not willfully fly my model aircraft in a reckless and/or dangerous manner.
4. I will not fly my model aircraft in sanctioned events, air shows, or model demonstrations until it has been proven airworthy.
5. I will not fly my model aircraft higher than approximately 400 feet above ground level, when within three (3) miles of an airport without notifying the airport operator. I will yield the right-of-way and avoid flying in the proximity of full-scale aircraft, utilizing a spotter when appropriate.
6. I will not fly my model aircraft unless it is identified with my name and address, or AMA number, inside or affixed to the outside of the model aircraft. This does not apply to model aircraft flown indoors.
7. I will not operate model aircraft with metal-blade propellers or with gaseous boosts (other than air), nor will I operate model aircraft with fuels containing tetranitromethane or hydrazine.
8. I will not operate model aircraft carrying pyrotechnic devices which explode **or** burn, or **any device, which** propels a projectile of any kind. Exceptions include Free Flight fuses or devices that burn producing smoke and are securely attached to the model aircraft during flight. Rocket motors up to a G-series size may be used, provided they remain firmly attached to the model aircraft during flight. Model rockets may be flown in accordance with the National Model Rocketry Safety Code; however, they may not be launched from model aircraft. Officially designated AMA Air Show Teams (AST) are authorized to use devices and practices as defined within the Air Show Advisory Committee Document.
9. I will not operate my model aircraft while under the influence of alcohol or within eight (8) hours of having consumed alcohol.
10. I will not operate my model aircraft while using any drug which could adversely affect my ability to safely control my model aircraft.
11. Children under six (6) years old are only allowed on a flightline or in a flight area as a pilot or while under flight instruction.
12. When and where required by rule, helmets must be properly worn and fastened. They must be OSHA, DOT, ANSI, SNELL or NOCSAE approved or comply with comparable standards.

RADIO CONTROL

1. **All model flying shall be conducted in a manner to avoid over flight of unprotected people.**
2. I will have completed a successful radio equipment ground-range check before the first flight of a new or repaired model aircraft.
3. I will not fly my model aircraft in the presence of spectators until I become a proficient flier, unless I am assisted by an experienced pilot.
4. At all flying sites a **safety line or lines** must be established, in front of which all flying takes place. Only personnel associated with flying the model aircraft are allowed at or in front of the **safety line**. In the case of airshows **or** demonstrations a **straight safety line** must be established. An area away from the **safety line** must be maintained for spectators. Intentional flying behind the **safety line** is prohibited.
5. I will operate my model aircraft using only radio-control frequencies currently allowed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Only individuals properly licensed by the FCC are authorized to operate equipment on Amateur Band frequencies.
6. I will not knowingly operate my model aircraft within three (3) miles of any preexisting flying site without a frequency-management agreement. A frequency-management agreement may be an allocation of frequencies for each site, a day-use agreement between sites, or testing which determines that no interference exists. A frequency-management agreement may exist between two or more AMA chartered clubs, AMA clubs and individual AMA members, or individual AMA members. Frequency-management agreements, including an interference test report if the agreement indicates no interference exists, will be signed by all parties and copies provided to AMA Headquarters.
7. With the exception of events flown under official AMA *Competition Regulations* rules, **excluding takeoff and landing**, no powered model may be flown outdoors closer than 25 feet to any individual, except for the pilot and **the pilot's helper(s)** located at the flightline.
8. Under no circumstances may a pilot or other person touch a model aircraft in flight while it is still under power, except to divert it from striking an individual.
9. Radio-controlled night flying is limited to low-performance model aircraft (less than 100 mph). The model aircraft must be equipped with a lighting system which clearly defines the aircraft's attitude and direction at all times.
10. The operator of a radio-controlled model aircraft shall control it during the entire flight, maintaining visual contact without enhancement other than by corrective lenses that are prescribed for the pilot. No model aircraft shall be equipped with devices which allow it to be flown to a selected location which is beyond the visual range of the pilot.

FREE FLIGHT

1. I will not launch my model aircraft unless I am at least 100 feet downwind of spectators and automobile parking.
2. I will not fly my model aircraft unless the launch area is clear of all individuals except my mechanic, officials, and other fliers.
3. I will use an effective device to extinguish any fuse on the model aircraft after the fuse has completed its function.

CONTROL LINE

1. I will subject my complete control system (including the safety thong where applicable) to an inspection and pull test prior to flying. The pull test will be in accordance with the current *Competition Regulations* for the applicable model aircraft category. Model aircraft not fitting a specific category shall use those pull-test requirements as indicated for Control Line Precision Aerobatics.
2. I will ensure that my flying area is clear of all utility wires or poles and I will not fly a model aircraft closer than 50 feet to any above-ground electric utility lines.
3. I will ensure that my flying area is clear of all nonessential participants and spectators before permitting my engine to be started.

SPECIALIZED SUPPLEMENTAL SAFETY CODES, STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS

RADIO CONTROL COMBAT (#525)

GENERAL RADIO CONTROL RACING (#530)

GIANT SCALE RADIO CONTROL RACING (#515-A)

GAS TURBINE OPERATION (Note: Special waiver required) (#510-A)

These special codes and appropriate documents may be obtained either from the AMA Web site or by contacting AMA Headquarters.

PARK FLYER SAFE OPERATING RECOMMENDATIONS

- Inspect your model before every flight to make certain it is airworthy.
- Be aware of any other radio frequency user who may present an interference problem.
- Always be courteous and respectful of other users of your selected flight area.
- Choose an area clear of obstacles and large enough to safely accommodate your flying activity.
- Make certain this area is clear of friends and spectators prior to launching your aircraft.
- Be aware of other activities in the vicinity of your flight path that could cause potential conflict.
- Carefully plan your flight path prior to launch.
- Abide by any and all established AMA National Model Aircraft Safety Code.