



# ACADEMY OF MODEL AERONAUTICS

## Application for 2009 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 47302-9050, Fax: (765) 741-0057, [www.modelaircraft.org](http://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) \_\_\_\_\_

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.

### Recruiter Information

If you were recruited to join the AMA by a member, AMA Club or hobby shop, please indicate only one and list the name and AMA number so we can thank them.

- Member—Name \_\_\_\_\_ AMA #: \_\_\_\_\_
- Club—Name \_\_\_\_\_ Club Charter #: \_\_\_\_\_
- Hobby Shop—Name \_\_\_\_\_ AMA #: \_\_\_\_\_

**MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES:** All membership categories receive full membership and competition privileges, liability and accident/medical insurance. **For those 19 or over as of July 1, 2009**

**OPEN** Membership \$58.00 *Model Aviation* included. (date of birth required) \_\_\_\_\_  
Those 65 or over by July 1, 2009 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 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, cannot compete in competitions, and has reduced liability insurance and no accident/medical insurance.

### For those under 19 as of July 1, 2009

- YOUTH** Membership \$15.00 (*Model Aviation* included) (date of birth required) \_\_\_\_\_
- YOUTH/NO MAGAZINE** Magazine not included \$1.00 (date of birth required) \_\_\_\_\_

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 OFFICE USE ONLY**

### 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
Membership in National Aero Club (NAC) is required.  
Please provide copy of NAC membership card/record.

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

### 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.

### OPTIONS:

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

**Control Line**

- Aerobatic
- Carrier
- Combat
- Racing
- Scale
- Speed
- Sport
- Electric

**Free Flight**

- Indoor
- Outdoor
- Scale

**Radio Control**

- Electric Indoor
- Electric Outdoor
- Scale
- Giant Scale
- Helicopter
- Pattern
- Pylon
- Combat
- Park Flyer
- Sport
- Jet
- 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 for all applicable model operations. I understand that my failure to comply with the Safety Code 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.

**ONLY ONE APPLICANT PER FORM**

**2009 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 overflight 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 Documents:

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)  
Park Flyer Safe Operating Recommendations (#545)  
First Person View (FPV) Operations (#550)

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