



**ACADEMY OF MODEL AERONAUTICS**  
**Application for 2011 Membership – ONLY ONE APPLICANT PER FORM**  
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Mr.  Mrs.  Ms.  New Membership  Renewing Member (provide AMA number if known) \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Initial \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (number and street) \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. # \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home tel. (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work tel. (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ FAX (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Birth (Required)** \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail has provided AMA with the opportunity to get information to our members in a timely cost-effective 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.

Do not use my e-mail address for anything other than official AMA business  Do not use my mailing address for anything other than official AMA business.

**MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES**

\* All membership categories receive full membership, liability and accident/medical insurance, and competitive privileges

**Adult Memberships - For those 19 or over as of July 1, 2011**

**OPEN Membership \$58.00** *Model Aviation* included. Those 65 or over by July 1, 2011 may take a \$10.00 deduction in dues. I

Open members can subscribe to our quarterly *Park Pilot* magazine - **\$9.95**

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

**PARK PILOT PROGRAM\* \$29.95** *Park Pilot* magazine included. \*\*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.

Park Pilot members can subscribe to *Model Aviation* magazine - **\$36.00**  I compete in FAI activities

**Youth Memberships – For those under 19 as of July 1, 2011**

**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)  
 AMA is partnering with other organizations and is now offering free youth memberships. The membership will be good until the member turns 19 as of July 1<sup>st</sup>. For more information please visit <http://www.modelaircraft.org/youth>

FREE YOUTH membership  One-year subscription of *Model Aviation* magazine \$15.00  One-year subscription to our quarterly magazine *Park Pilot* \$9.95

**For Non-U.S. Permanent Residents**

**AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP \$28.00** insurance only while flying in the USA. *Model Aviation* not included. Membership in National Aero Club (NAC) is required. Please provide copy of NAC membership card/record.  
 Name of National Aero Club \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

**AFFILIATE MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION add \$60.00** for a total of **\$88.00**.  
**Canadian Residents:** AMA has a reciprocal agreement with MAAC. A current MAAC card will be honored at all sanctioned events or chartered club activities.

**Recruiter Information:** If you were recruited to join AMA by a member, AMA Club, or hobby shop, please indicate only one and list the name and AMA number (if known) so we can thank them.

Member – Name \_\_\_\_\_ AMA# \_\_\_\_\_

Club – Name \_\_\_\_\_ Club Charter # \_\_\_\_\_

Hobby Shop \_\_\_\_\_ Hobby Shop # (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

**Area of Interest:** Please select one Primary Interest then select one Area of Participation within your Primary Interest.

■ CONTROL LINE	■ FREE FLIGHT	■ RADIO CONTROL	■ ROCKETRY
<input type="checkbox"/> Aerobatics <input type="checkbox"/> Scale	<input type="checkbox"/> Indoor	<input type="checkbox"/> Electric Indoor <input type="checkbox"/> Helicopter <input type="checkbox"/> Park Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> 3D	
<input type="checkbox"/> Carrier <input type="checkbox"/> Speed	<input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor	<input type="checkbox"/> Electric Outdoor <input type="checkbox"/> Pattern <input type="checkbox"/> Sport	
<input type="checkbox"/> Combat <input type="checkbox"/> Sport	<input type="checkbox"/> Scale	<input type="checkbox"/> Scale <input type="checkbox"/> Pylon <input type="checkbox"/> Jets	
<input type="checkbox"/> Racing <input type="checkbox"/> Electric		<input type="checkbox"/> Giant Scale <input type="checkbox"/> Combat <input type="checkbox"/> Soaring	

**Contribution Options**

<b><u>National Site Development</u></b> <input type="checkbox"/> \$25.00 <input type="checkbox"/> \$50.00 <input type="checkbox"/> \$100.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Other \$ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Add \$4.00 for <i>Model Aviation</i> mailed in a protective covering	<b><u>Museum Patron Programs</u></b> <input type="checkbox"/> \$25.00/Patron <input type="checkbox"/> \$50.00/Supporting <input type="checkbox"/> \$100.00/Sustaining <input type="checkbox"/> \$1000.00/Life	<b><u>METHOD OF PAYMENT</u></b> <input type="checkbox"/> VISA <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard <input type="checkbox"/> Check enclosed Amount \$ _____ Card No. _____ - _____ - _____ - _____ Exp. Date ____/____/____ Signature _____
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**Please read and sign this declaration. Applications without a signature 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** \_\_\_\_\_

Membership ends each year on December 31, regardless of the date a membership application is received. All membership benefits begin on the day of receipt at AMA Headquarters of a properly completed application and correct dues payment. 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.

# Academy of Model Aeronautics National Model Aircraft Safety Code

Effective January 1, 2011

- A. **GENERAL:** A model aircraft is a non-human-carrying aircraft capable of sustained flight in the atmosphere. It may not exceed limitations of this code and is intended exclusively for sport, recreation and/or competition. All model flights must be conducted in accordance with this safety code and any additional rules specific to the flying site.
1. Model aircraft will not be flown:
    - (a) In a careless or reckless manner.
    - (b) At a location where model aircraft activities are prohibited.
  2. Model aircraft pilots will:
    - (a) Yield the right of way to all man carrying aircraft.
    - (b) See and avoid all aircraft and a spotter must be used when appropriate. (AMA Document #540-D-See and Avoid Guidance.)
    - (c) Not fly higher than approximately 400 feet above ground level within three (3) miles of an airport, without notifying the airport operator.
    - (d) Not interfere with operations and traffic patterns at any airport, heliport or seaplane base except where there is a mixed use agreement.
    - (e) Not exceed takeoff weight, including fuel, of 55 pounds unless in compliance with the AMA Large Model Aircraft program. (AMA Document 520-A)
    - (f) Ensure aircraft is identified with the name and address or AMA number of the owner on the inside or affixed to the outside of the model aircraft.  
(This does not apply to model aircraft flown indoors.)
    - (g) Not operate aircraft with metal-blade propellers or with gaseous boosts except for helicopters operated under the provisions of AMA Document #555.
    - (h) Not operate model aircraft while under the influence of alcohol or while using any drug which could adversely affect the pilot's ability to safely control the model.
    - (i) Not operate model aircraft carrying pyrotechnic devices which explode or burn, or any device which propels a projectile or drops any object that creates a hazard to persons or property.  
Exceptions:
      - Free Flight fuses or devices that burn producing smoke and are securely attached to the model aircraft during flight.
      - Rocket motors (using solid propellant) up to a G-series size may be used provided they remain attached to the model during flight. Model rockets may be flown in accordance with the National Model Rocketry Safety Code but 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 Team AMA Program Document (AMA Document #718).
    - (j) Not operate a turbine-powered aircraft, unless in compliance with the AMA turbine regulations. (AMA Document #510-A).
  3. Model aircraft will not be flown in AMA sanctioned events, air shows or model demonstrations unless:
    - (a) The aircraft, control system and pilot skills have successfully demonstrated all maneuvers intended or anticipated prior to the specific event.
    - (b) An inexperienced pilot is assisted by an experienced pilot.
  4. 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.
- B. **RADIO CONTROL (RC)**
1. All pilots shall avoid flying directly over unprotected people, vessels, vehicles or structures and shall avoid endangerment of life and property of others.
  2. A successful radio equipment ground-range check in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations will be completed before the first flight of a new or repaired model aircraft.
  3. At all flying sites a safety line(s) must be established in front of which all flying takes place (AMA Document #706-Recommended Field Layout):
    - (a) Only personnel associated with flying the model aircraft are allowed at or in front of the safety line.
    - (b) At air shows or demonstrations, a straight safety line must be established.
    - (c) An area away from the safety line must be maintained for spectators.
    - (d) Intentional flying behind the safety line is prohibited.
  4. RC model aircraft must use the 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.
  5. RC model aircraft will not operate within three (3) miles of any pre-existing flying site without a frequency-management agreement (AMA Documents #922-Testing for RF Interference; #923- Frequency Management Agreement)
  6. With the exception of events flown under official AMA Competition Regulations, 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 flight line.
  7. 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. This does not apply to model aircraft flown indoors.
  8. RC night flying requires a lighting system providing the pilot with a clear view of the model's attitude and orientation at all times.
  9. The pilot of a RC model aircraft shall:
    - (a) Maintain control during the entire flight, maintaining visual contact without enhancement other than by corrective lenses prescribed for the pilot.
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- C. **FREE FLIGHT**
1. Must be at least 100 feet downwind of spectators and automobile parking when the model aircraft is launched.
  2. Launch area must be clear of all individuals except mechanics, officials, and other fliers.
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- D. **CONTROL LINE**
1. The complete control system (including the safety thong where applicable) must have an inspection and pull test prior to flying.
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