

How to Become an AMA Contest Director

The AMA Contest Director network assures that all AMA sanctioned events are run in accordance with the *Competition Regulations* and the *National Model Aircraft Safety Code*.

The Contest Director acts as an agent for AMA in the administration of sanctioned events. There is a high level of responsibility as a result of this status. The concerns of properly applying the rules, maintaining fairness, and providing high levels of safety in connection with the event are basic. In acting as the Academy's agent the CD is protected by insurance and if necessary, legal support. It should be noted, however, that such protection requires that the task be done in a competent manner. Negligence on the part of the CD concerning safety can result in legal (insurance) problems for the CD and AMA.

Open members desiring to become Contest Directors should follow these steps:

- Obtain a Contest Director application and test from the Competitions Department at AMA Headquarters.
- Complete the application and test (be sure that you have the correct endorsements signed on the application).
- Return the application and the appropriate transfer fee (see application) to AMA HQ.

Once received, your application will be checked for completeness and the test graded. If all is in order a communication will be sent by AMA Headquarters to your district Vice President for final approval. If the district Vice President approves, you will be sent a new AMA membership card with the Contest Director title noted on it, and a certificate recognizing this status.

Please remember: New CDs are on probation until they run one event successfully. After your second event you will receive a membership credit worth 50% of your AMA membership for running an event. Only one membership credit is given each year regardless of the number of events run. This membership credit is effective in the following membership cycle.

If you have any questions, please contact the Competitions Department at AMA Headquarters. Tel.: (765) 287-1256.