

# Academy of Model Aeronautics

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## APPLICATION – CONTEST DIRECTOR

(Please print or type)

(Only Open AMA members, 19 years or older, who have been a member for three years prior to application, are eligible.)

**Contest Directors:** Have the authority to administrate and supervise AMA sanctioned events under those procedures and guidelines as prescribed by the AMA Executive Council. CDs act as a representative for AMA in the administration of sanctioned events. **If your membership should lapses for more than 1 full year, your CD status will no longer be active. You will be required to reapply.**

I hereby apply for Contest Director status in the Academy of Model Aeronautics, by reason of my experience and qualification as named below:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Years AMA Member \_\_\_\_\_ (3 consecutive years minimum)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Contest Official Positions Held \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ AMA No. \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

### IMPORTANT

By filling in and presenting this form, you are requesting that the power of authority be awarded to you on behalf of the officers and membership of the Academy of Model Aeronautics. The AMA officers and members deeply appreciate your volunteer services.

The authority to be awarded carries a responsibility to be certain that all AMA rules are followed and that all forms and documents (including these) are properly filled in and presented. In the event this application is presented with errors, it will be recycled for correction one time. If again presented with errors, AMA must assume the applicant is not yet ready for such authority, and application must be made again at a later date (not sooner than one year).

**PLEDGE:** I pledge and agree that if granted Contest Director status I will: At all times conduct myself as befits a leader, do all in my power to advance model aviation as a science and a sport, and stress the safe flying of model aircraft under the official AMA regulations and Safety Code. I certify that I have already had actual experience in organizing and conducting modeling events. I have read the section entitled **Contest Directors** in the current *Competition Regulations*, and I understand that the requirements called for have to be met if I act as Contest Director in any AMA sanctioned event.

**Please enclose a \$20.00 transfer fee**

Circle area of main interest:  CL  RC  FF

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Check box if a lower AMA number is desired. (Four-digit number may be issued if available.)

**REFERENCES.** These three (3) references must be properly filled in and signed by three (3) current AMA Open members in order for your application to be accepted.

1. I have knowledge of the applicant's experience as an event official in the following categories (check):

Free Flight;  Control Line;  Radio Control;  Indoor Free Flight;  Other (please indicate type of event below)

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I consider the applicant fully qualified to conduct:

<input type="checkbox"/> Closed club events	<input type="checkbox"/> Record trials
<input type="checkbox"/> Small invitational events	<input type="checkbox"/> State or regional events
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-rule-book events	<input type="checkbox"/> National Championships

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ AMA No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

2. I have knowledge of the applicant's experience as an event official in the following categories (check):

Free Flight;  Control Line;  Radio Control;  Indoor Free Flight;  Other (please indicate type of event below)

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I consider the applicant fully qualified to conduct:

<input type="checkbox"/> Closed club events	<input type="checkbox"/> Record trials
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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ AMA No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

3. I have knowledge of the applicant's experience as an event official in the following categories (check):

Free Flight;  Control Line;  Radio Control;  Indoor Free Flight;  Other (please indicate type of event below)

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ AMA No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

## Contest Director Application Quiz

The use of common sense in the execution of a sanctioned event is very important. However, the most frequent cause for problems developing during an event is lack of knowledge by the Contest Director. This may be lack of knowledge of the *Competition Regulations*, *Membership Manual*, *Safety Code*, or event basic procedures. This short quiz identifies some areas that are very important, but all too often unknown or improperly done by Contest Directors. This is an open-book quiz. It is strongly suggested that you have a current copy of the *Competition Regulations*, *National Model Aircraft Safety Code*, *AMA Membership Manual*, and *Model Aviation* magazine for use in taking this quiz. A grade of 85% (you may miss no more than three questions) or greater is required to pass this quiz. Answers based on a non-current copy of the *Competition Regulations*, *National Model Aircraft Safety Code*, *AMA Membership Manual*, and *Model Aviation* magazine will be counted as incorrect if the current document indicates a different answer.

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Please circle or write in your answer.

- 1) **True False** All sanction applications are to be mailed directly to AMA HQ.
- 2) A minimum of \_\_\_\_\_ days is required to process a sanction application.
- 3) **True False** Deviations to the rules for rule-book events are allowable as long as the Contest Director announces the changes at the pilots' meeting.
- 4) A contest with unrestricted entry (to AMA members) that includes at least two (2) events listed in the current *Competition Regulations* should be sanctioned as:  
  
(Circle one) **A AA AAA AAAA AAAAA C B C-Restricted**
- 5) An event with unrestricted entry (to AMA members) that does not contain events listed in the current *Competition Regulations* should be sanctioned as:  
  
(Circle one) **A AA AAA AAAA AAAAA C B C-Restricted**
- 6) A contest with restricted entry to members of a club or organization, that includes events listed in the current *Competition Regulations* should be sanctioned as a:  
  
(Circle one) **A AA AAA AAAA AAAAA C B C-Restricted**
- 7) **True False** Rules Change Proposals may be submitted by an Open AMA member as long as the proposal is co-signed by two (2) other AMA members, one of which must be a Contest Director.
- 8) The current system to change rules in the *Competition Regulations* is based on a cycle of:  
  
(Circle one) **One (1) Two (2) Three (3) Four (4)** years.
- 9) The maximum takeoff weight of a model is \_\_\_\_\_ lbs, with the exception of models flown under Experimental Aircraft Rules.

10) \_\_\_\_\_ft. is the maximum altitude you may fly within three miles of an airport without notifying the airport operator.

11) **True False** Any AMA member may operate radio control legally on Amateur Radio Band frequencies.

12) For Free Flight operations, models must be launched at least \_\_\_\_\_ ft. downwind of spectators and automobile parking.

13) **True False** For Control Line control-system pull tests are not required for sport flying.

14) **True False** AMA members may operate gas-turbine-powered aircraft as long as two Open AMA members agree that the member is qualified to do so.

15) **True False** Radio Control night flying is limited to low-performance models (less than 100 m.p.h.).

16) Contest Directors must return the standard Contest Report forms within \_\_\_\_\_ days of completion of the event.

17) **True False** Contest Directors must sign a report of a possible record performance prior to submission to AMA HQ.

18) **True False** Models do not have to be identified with the owner's name & address or AMA number.

19) **True False** A Contest Director may disqualify from flying any participant whose ability is, in the Contest Director's opinion, impaired by the use of alcohol or drugs.

20) Please write in the name of the Radio Control Contest Coordinator for your district:

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_