



AMA Introductory Pilot Program

Applies to all categories of model flying

This program is not intended to alter or replace any training program offered by AMA chartered clubs for their AMA members. Instead, this program is designed to introduce the non-AMA member to aeromodeling while providing liability insurance coverage to the non-AMA member and the chartered club. Club participation in the AMA Introductory Pilot program (IP) is encouraged but not required.

This program affords liability insurance protection for the non-AMA member as long as he or she is flying under the direct (one-on-one) supervision of a club-designated Introductory Pilot Mentor (IPM). The IPM must be a current AMA member, and his or her AMA membership card will display the "Intro Pilot" designation.

The program allows for a learning period of up to 90 consecutive days, starting the day of the first flying session. If you are using the non-AMA member's equipment, the IPM should carefully check the model and controls before use. It goes without saying, that high performance models are not appropriate for training. Buddy-box use is recommended, but not required.

The liability insurance benefits afforded to the non-AMA member provide the same coverage that protects AMA member. The non-AMA member will also receive organizational emails from AMA to learn about the association and the various benefits provided with membership. The non-AMA member will not receive an AMA membership card and cannot participate in any organized AMA/club event. Participation in this program is limited to a one-time basis.

To designate a club member as an IPM, a current club officer must complete the Introductory Pilot Designation form and submit it to AMA HQ online, by email, fax, or mail. Signing up online can also easily be done at anytime on our website at www.modelaircraft.org/programs/introductory-pilot-program.

All record keeping is the responsibility of the chartered club and its designated Intro Pilot Mentors. AMA will provide forms to help the club and the IPM establish and maintain up-to-date records showing date of enrollment and date of termination for each non-AMA member enrolled in the program. Neither the club nor the mentor is permitted to charge any training fees.

The granting, duration, and revocation of a mentor status is at the sole discretion of the chartered club; however, the instructor can request to resign by contacting AMA at intropilot@modelaircraft.org.



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Requests to remove IPM designations can be made by either the individual mentor or by the applicable chartered club and have to be submitted in writing to the attention of AMA's introductory pilot program at intropilot@modelaircraft.org.

When flying at a chartered club flying site, the Intro Pilot Mentor must instruct the non-AMA member in club-related field safety rules. Each non-AMA member must be given a copy of the AMA National Model Aircraft Safety Code, along with any other introductory material the club feels is appropriate.

Liability policy limits are \$2,500,000 per occurrence for model aircraft accidents involving bodily injury and/or property damage. This coverage is provided as "excess" to other applicable coverage the non-AMA member, club or mentor may have. The \$250 deductible for property damage claims is waived by AMA and is not the responsibility of either the IPM or the non-AMA member during this training period. *Neither AMA, the Chartered Club nor the Intro Pilot Instructor shall be liable for any damage done to a non-AMA member's aircraft.*

A report to AMA HQ of any incident is the responsibility of the IPI and the chartered club. A telephone report by the close of business the following business day, followed by a written report, is required. During normal business hours call (765) 287-1256 or email AMA HQ at claims@modelaircraft.org.