

S.P.A.R.K.S.

South Pinellas Aeronautical Radio Kontrol Society Membership Application

Name:		Email:	
Address:			
City:	State:	ZIP:	Phone:
Emergency Contact Number:		D.O.B.:	

SPARKS Inc. membership is available to any person having an interest in radio control aeronautical modeling. You may join the club by paying the current dues and the one time initiation fee (non-refundable), as set forth by the club. Members are expected to attend monthly club meetings, whenever possible, and abide by all club rules at all times. Attendance is required at the first meeting after the date of this application for an introduction to the club. All rules, current fee schedule, and other pertinent information is available on the club website (sparksrc.org) and on the reverse side of this application.

Basic Club Dues and Fees:

Initiation Fee: An initiation fee of \$50.00 is required for all new adult members.

Adult members pay \$65.00 per calendar year.

Junior/Youth members (under age 18 on July 1st) pay \$10.00 per calendar year

Temporary memberships are available for \$20.00 per month

For Details on Dues and fees please read the S.P.A.R.K.S. Membership General Requirements below

CURRENT AMA MEMBERSHIP IS MANDATORY

All members agree to contribute a minimum of six (6) hours per year to the operation of the club. Select your preference(s) from the list below

<input type="checkbox"/>	I'm willing to be qualified and work as a flight instructor.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I will work at events (concessions, impounds, parking, etc).
<input type="checkbox"/>	I will work on maintenance/construction projects.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:

I am aware that the by-laws and safety rules are available on the club website (sparksrc.org) and I understand the requirements to join and remain a current member of the AMA. I do hereby agree to all the terms and conditions of membership in SPARKS Inc. and request club membership.

Signature of Applicant		Date	
Signature of Parent or Guardian (If Junior Member)		Date	

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AMA Number:		Verified by:	
Experienced Pilot:		<input type="checkbox"/> Annual Membership	
Junior:		<input type="checkbox"/> 30 Day Membership	
Dues and Fees Paid:		Application accepted by:	
Check Number:	Amount:	Date:	

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S.P.A.R.K.S. Membership General Requirements

Thank you for your interest in joining S.P.A.R.K.S.! Completion of the following items, along with satisfactory completion of sixty (60) day probationary period will be necessary to become a member. Please read the list carefully to avoid unnecessary delays in the processing of your application.

1. **AMA Membership and HAM Licenses:** Proof of current Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) membership is required. Model Aircraft Association of Canada (MAAC) is also acceptable. You must show your current AMA card to the club officer that accepts your application. That club officer will then note the information required on your application. Members wishing to use the Amateur Radio Frequencies (HAM Radio) must provide proof of valid FCC HAM license.
2. **Application for club membership:** You must submit a completed application. Please note, you are agreeing to contribute at least six (6) hours a year to assist with the operation of the club. The parent or legal guardian of an applicant under the age of 18 must also sign the form.
3. **Initiation Fee:** An initiation fee of \$50.00 is required for all new adult members.
 - a. A member who leaves the club, or falls delinquent and is dropped from the active roster, has one year to reapply for membership. Membership can be reinstated by paying the current year's fees and any assessment or delinquency fees levied against them.
 - b. Junior/Youth members with no associated family member(s) are not required to pay an initiation fee or any special assessment fees.
 - c. After two years of membership inactivity, a past member who wishes to rejoin must pay the initiation fee. These returning members will not have to pay any past assessments or delinquency fees.
 - d. Under no circumstances is the initiation fee refundable.
4. **Annual Dues (Jan. 1st – Dec. 31st):**
 - a. Adult members pay \$55.00 per calendar year, if paid prior to December 1st (after 12/01 dues increase to \$65.00). If joining after July 1st, membership dues are \$35.00 for the remainder of the calendar year.
 - b. Junior/Youth members (under age 18 on July 1st) pay \$10.00 per calendar year. They are not considered full members for the purpose of voting.
 - c. Temporary memberships are available for \$20.00 per month. The requirements of current AMA membership still apply and they are not considered full members for the purpose of voting.
 - d. Only under special circumstances are the annual dues refundable.
5. **Assessments:** The club can, under special circumstances, create an assessment beyond the annual dues, for special purposes, such as field restoration or other construction projects. Assessments will also be levied for payment of dues (for membership renewal) after the 1st of January. All current members are required to pay any levied assessment and will not be permitted to renew their membership until such fees are paid in full.
6. **Flying Privileges:** Only members with a current membership card will be allowed to fly at the club facility. Students and inexperienced pilots will be issued a membership card which will denote their current status.
 - a. Visitors and potential new members are permitted to fly using club facilities a maximum of three (3) times as a guest of a current member. They must have a current member sponsor them and, that member must be present at the field. The current member will use his membership card as a frequency marker for the guest.
 - b. The club, at its convenience, will offer introductory flights using either the student's aircraft or one of the club's trainers. After a maximum for three (3) such flights the individual must join the club to continue to use club facilities.
7. **Continued Membership:** Should an individual be rejected for club membership prior to the completion of the probationary period, or fail to appear at a meeting at his/her earliest possible convenience, or fail to complete the required six (6) hours of contributed time, the member will lose the use of club facilities, even as a guest.

Please contact any S.P.A.R.K.S. club officer if you have any questions about S.P.A.R.K.S. membership or flying privileges.