



## SPARKS MEMBERSHIP GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Thank you for your interest in joining SPARKS! 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:** Proof of current Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) membership is required. Model Aircraft Association of Canada (MAAC) is also acceptable. You must have a current AMA card and send copy with your application.
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. 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, but still need proof of AMA membership.
  - c. Under no circumstances is the initiation fee refundable.
4. **Annual Dues (Jan. 1st – Dec. 31st):**
  - a) Junior/Youth members (under age 18 on July 1st) pay no club dues, but still need proof of AMA membership. They are not considered full members for the purpose of voting.
  - b) 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.
  - c) Only under special circumstances are the annual dues refundable.
  - d) If the temporary member wants to become a full time member within the 30 day temp period the temp fee will be applied to their full membership fee.
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 badge will be allowed to fly at the club facility. Students and inexperienced pilots will be issued a membership badge which will identify 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 badge 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 SPARKS Club Officer if you have any questions about SPARKS's membership or flying privileges.