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Information for Canadian Modelers who fly in the US

The Academy of Model Aeronautics has recently announced requirements for MAAC members wanting to operate “model aircraft” in the USA starting January 1, 2022. Their announcement is as follows:

The former agreement between the Model Aeronautics Association of Canada ([MAAC](#)) and [AMA](#) is no longer in effect because of recent changes in the [Canadian Aviation Regulations](#) (Canada’s counterpart to the FAA) Part IX and its exemption granted to MAAC and its members.

Effective January 1, 2022, AMA will require MAAC members to join AMA for coverage to fly at our fields and events. Affiliate membership for non-US permanent residents is \$36 (USD) per year and includes insurance and competitive privileges. [Click here to sign up as an AMA Affiliate member](#). Non-US citizens are required to follow the same model aircraft regulations that US citizens are required to follow, including registering at [FAA’s Drone Zone](#) and taking The Recreational UAS Safety Test at www.modelaircraft.org/trust.

MAAC has contacted the AMA and confirmed that to fly **any** model aircraft (RPAS, C/L, F/F etc) at an AMA sanctioned club or event you must be an AMA member. As well, the Turbine Operator Certificate rules remain the same for MAAC members wishing to fly turbines at AMA sites.

If you are not flying at AMA sites or events there is no requirement to join the AMA. However, you are still legally responsible to follow all model aircraft or RPAS regulations as appropriate, including registering any RPAS with the FAA and taking The Recreational UAS Safety Test (TRUST).

MAAC insurance remains “primary insurance” and provides coverage when you legally operate models, of any category, outside of Canada.

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