

MODEL AERONAUTICAL ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA



POLICY FOR VISITOR INSURANCE AT FLYING FIELDS

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1. Introduction

The current MAAA Third Party Insurance Policy provides coverage to “bona fide” visitors as well as to all classes of MAAA members. This is to allow prospective members to attend/visit a club to assess their facilities and decide if they would like to join. It is not intended to cover non-members using a club facility on an ongoing basis.

This Policy allows a visitor to be given instruction on flying their model aircraft or, if they are competent to operate a model aircraft, to fly their model at the club for a limited period. Visitors, abiding by this policy, will be subject to the coverage of the MAAA Third Party Public Liability insurance policy without cost.

2. Definitions

Affiliate Member	A person properly affiliated with a Club that is properly affiliated to an MAAA Ordinary Member.
Club	A Club properly affiliated with an MAAA Ordinary Member.
Club Member	See Affiliate Member.
FAI	Federation Aeronautique Internationale.
Honorary Member	A person recognised by the MAAA as satisfying the conditions of MAAA Statement of Rules Clause 10.
MAAA	Model Aeronautical Association of Australia Inc.
MAAA Ordinary Member ...	A State Association properly affiliated with MAAA Inc.
Membership Year	The period of MAAA membership being July 1 to June 30 of the following year.
Ordinary Member	See MAAA Ordinary Member.
Prospective Member	A person who is not an MAAA Affiliate member but has submitted an application to a Club for Membership and is awaiting the decision of the Club to accept/reject their application.
Visitor	A person who is not an Affiliate Member of the MAAA

3. Policy

3.1 Visitor

A Visitor to an MAAA Club facility for the purposes of operating a model aircraft and/or receiving instruction to operate a model aircraft shall receive coverage of the MAAA Third Party Public Liability policy provided that they:

- (a) Are properly signed in as a Visitor by a Club Member in a permanent Club's Visitor Book. The entry in the book shall include, date, Visitor's name and address and the name of the Club Member responsible for ensuring that they are aware of, and monitor their compliance with, MAAA and Club rules,
- (b) Abide by Club, MAAA and Government regulations,
- (c) Are under the direct supervision of an experienced Affiliate Member at all times whilst flying a model aircraft,
- (d) Only sign in on a maximum of four occasions, if during those visits they fly a model aircraft whether using a buddy cord, instruction using a single transmitter, or they are operating without instruction.

3.2 Prospective Member

A Prospective Member, for the purposes of coverage by the MAAA Public Liability Policy, is considered an Affiliate Member of the MAAA from the date of submitting a Club membership application provided that:

- (a) The application is considered in a timely manner consistent with the Rules of the Club and within the current membership year.
- (b) A person's status as Prospective Member shall cease at the end of the two month period from the date of submitting the membership application.
- (c) A person's status as Prospective Member shall cease immediately if the membership application is rejected by the Club.
- (d) For the purpose of determining MAAA fees, the date of joining shall be the date of the initial Club membership application.
- (e) A person can only be considered a "Prospective Member" of a particular club once in any membership year.

3.3 Visitors from Overseas

3.3.1 Visitors from overseas can be covered by the MAAA Insurance Third Party Public Liability Policy either through the application of Clause 3.1 of this policy, or if eligible, through the status of Honorary Member.

3.3.2 Overseas visitors covered by Clause 3.1 shall have identical restrictions imposed on them including the number of times allowed to be signed in and the supervision requirements.

3.3.3 Members of the overseas model aeronautical bodies officially recognised by the FAI who are temporarily in Australia shall, on application, be admitted as MAAA Honorary Members during their stay in Australia. This status has to be recorded by the MAAA in order to qualify for Third Party Public Liability insurance cover and is only available to bone fide visitors.

- 3.3.4 For Honorary Membership to be recorded, satisfactory documentation showing current membership of the overseas model aeronautical body shall be submitted to the MAAA Secretary, together with the time period for which Honorary Membership is required. This information shall be recorded and an MAAA Honorary Membership card issued. This card shall be a normal MAAA Membership card but shall note "Honorary Member" and include the dates for which this membership status is valid. The card shall also note the name and number of the member's own Association membership.
- 3.3.5 MAAA Honorary Members shall operate in accordance with the MAAA Rules and Manual of Procedures and it is expected that clubs and/or event organisers will assure themselves of their flying competency and the appropriate supervision requirements.

4. General

- 4.1 Clubs can decide their own policy on allowing visitors and any other conditions as long as these do not conflict with MAAA Policy.
- 4.2 The MAAA Visitor Policy only covers non-Affiliate Members. The MAAA Insurance Policy always covers Affiliate Members as long as they have permission to fly and abide by MAAA, Club and Government regulations.
- 4.3 The Visitor Policy, other than for Honorary Membership, only applies to persons who were not Affiliate Members of the MAAA in the previous membership year. Former Affiliate Members cannot be signed in as a visitor covered by the MAAA Insurance Policy in the membership year immediately after their last year of membership.
- 4.4 Clubs are strongly advised to keep a record of all visitors flying at their field including MAAA Affiliate Members so that they are traceable in the event that either lost or forgotten property needs to be returned or in the event of an incident.