

## **Article 8 Member Standing**

**Section 1** All persons shall be eligible for membership in the SPIRITS, and shall agree to abide by its by-laws, and those of the AMA.

**Section 2.** The membership shall be divided into the following categories:

**Full Member:** Is sixteen (16) years old or older and has full privileges and voting rights. Dues: Full Member rate plus AMA Membership.

**Junior Member:** Is younger than sixteen (16) years old, has full privileges and voting rights. Dues: Junior Member rate plus AMA Membership.

**Family Membership:** Includes all flying members of the immediate family (Spouse and Children). They have full privileges and voting rights. Dues: One (1) Full Membership plus One (1) Junior Membership, plus AMA membership for each flying member. Junior members must have AMA membership to vote. Children are included until their 19th birthday and from their 19th birthday until their 25th birthday, provided they remain continuously dependent upon their parents for their principal support.

**Associate Member:** a Non-Flyer, who is interested in the activities of the Club, has no voting rights and receives a newsletter; Dues: Associate Member rate. Does not require AMA membership.

**Probationary Member:** A new member within the first calendar year of membership. This member is not eligible for elected office; however they may serve the Club in an appointed position. Member has full voting rights at Club meetings.

Membership dues are per the rate structure documented on the Membership Application for the Spirits of St. Louis R/C Flying Club, Inc.

**Section 3.** Flying members will be required to hold and maintain a license issued by the AMA. All first-time flying members applicants, as well as present flying members seeking membership renewal, must show

**proof of membership in the AMA. Non-flying and Associate Members do not require AMA membership.**

**Section 4. Before joining the Club, new members shall be introduced in person or by their sponsor. The membership, by a majority vote of the members present at a meeting, shall approve any application for membership. The applicant will be on probation for one (1) calendar year subsequent to the approval of his or her application for membership. After this probationary period has ended, his or her membership application may again become subject to the approval of the Club. Probationary members are ineligible to hold any elected office in the Club.**

**Section 5. Any member receiving a safety Grievance as stated in Article 16, who is involved in non-flying violations, or who has key information of a non-flying violation and withholds it from the Board of Directors, may at the Board of Directors' discretion, be placed on probation for one (1) year regardless of his or her tenure in the Club.**