



Scottish Aeromodellers Association

Youth Group Membership

The Scottish Aeromodeller Association (SAA) offers membership for Youth Groups to allow them to fly model aircraft in a safe and supported environment.

A Youth Group could be from an organisation such as Cadets, Scouts, Schools etc.

In order to qualify for Youth Group membership, there has to be an appointed Youth Group Leader from the organisation, and they will have to have a full Senior SAA membership. This is a requirement for insurance cover to be provided to the group.

Each youth member will then be allocated to the Youth Group Leader. A maximum of 8 youth members can be allocated to one Youth Group Leader. If the organisation requires more than 8 members, then an additional Youth Group Leader can be appointed, and additional youth members assigned to that leader.

For example, an organisation with 11 youth members wishes to have a Youth Group membership.

Youth Group Leader 1 applies, including 8 youth members.

Youth Group Leader 2 applies, including 3 youth members.

Youth Group Leader 1 and 2 both have full Senior SAA membership, and each youth member has a Youth Group membership.

Flying Club Rules and Restrictions

The Youth Group must be associated with a model flying club that has agreed to support the youth flying members with training and support while flying.

The Flying Club must be named on the Youth Group Membership application form, and a representative of the Flying Club has to sign the form to indicate that the club is working with the Youth Group.

The Youth Group Leader must be present when model flying is being carried out by youth members allocated to them.

Flying of model aircraft by the Youth Group is only permitted at the named Flying Club, and only on agreed days with the Flying Club so that club members are aware and available to support the Youth Group.

Flying of model aircraft at any other site, or out with pre-arranged flying sessions is not permitted.



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Safety Achievement Scheme

Youth members will be able to take part in the SAA Safety Achievement Scheme, and work towards achieving their Bronze award.

Once a youth member has achieved their Bronze, when they come to renew their membership, it will need to be taken out as a full Junior member of the SAA. They will no longer be able to apply as a Youth Group member.

Child Safety – Disclosure Scotland

It is expected that Youth Group Leaders will have the appropriate Disclosure Scotland checks completed through their Youth organisation.

For any flying club members that will be working with youth members, for example as an instructor, they will be expected to have Disclosure Scotland checks completed through their club's Child Protection Policy.