



HOW TO GET STARTED FLYING RC at Palm Beach Radio Control Association - PBRCA

STEP 1. JOIN AMA - modelaircraft.org

Academy of Model Aeronautics is our Community Based Organization that establishes safety rules and standards. The AMA membership includes the necessary insurance and is required to fly at PBRCA or anywhere in the U.S. There are adult and youth memberships available.

STEP 2. JOIN PBRCA or get a PBRCA Airfield Pass palmbeachrc.com

Palm Beach Radio Control Association is our club, and you are highly encouraged to join. By joining our club, you could receive free training as well as many benefits of membership. You will be supporting our facilities, which are maintained by the club itself. If you don't join the club, you will need to obtain a PBRCA Airfield Pass to fly at our airfields and won't have access to certain benefits.

STEP 3. If you would like training, contact a club trainer.

The club has a Chief Training Officer. Please email pbrca.info@gmail.com and we will arrange or provide you with contact information. No need to buy anything at this point. We have club planes and buddy box radios set up for your intro and initial flight training. We will advise you on what to purchase if you are ready.

STEP 4. If you already have a plane, then you will need to register with the FAA. Get your number at [FAADroneZone](https://faadronezone-access.faa.gov/#/) (<https://faadronezone-access.faa.gov/#/>). This FAA registration is \$5 for 10 years and is called a UAS registration. The FAA considers the aircraft we fly (fixed wing airplanes) as "drones", and you must register with them to get an FAA number. You should also, at a point in the future, take T.R.U.S.T. The law requires that all recreational flyers pass an aeronautical knowledge and safety test and provide proof of passage if asked by law enforcement or FAA personnel. The Recreational UAS Safety Test ([TRUST](#)) was developed to meet this requirement.

(https://www.faa.gov/uas/recreational_flyers/knowledge_test_updates).

If you want to fly helicopters, the steps are the same.