



FRIA FAQ

November 23, 2022

Q: What is an FAA Recognized Identification Area or FRIA?

A: An FAA Recognized Identification Area (FRIA) is a charted location that allows recreational and educational UAS operators the ability to fly without the need for a remote ID broadcast module.

Q: Does my club need to be recognized as a community-based organization to request a FRIA?

A: No. AMA has been recognized as a CBO and AMA clubs will operate under our umbrella. This allows our clubs to receive all the benefits of a CBO without the oversight and administrative requirements found with that recognition.

Q: What is Advisory Circular 89-3?

A: This is an FAA document that provides guidance for applying for a FRIA.

Q: Can I request FRIA status for my club?

A: AMA club officers must first to appoint a FRIA Primary Point of Contact (PPOC). This individual should be familiar with the club's operations, AMA/FAA policies, and ideally be a tenured club member. This individual will act on behalf of the flying site with AMA. We first ask the PPOC submit to AMA the FRIA questionnaire AMA sent out on November 22. Only AMA HQ can submit the final FRIA application to the FAA on the club's behalf. Please review the November 22 email or contact the AMA Clubs Department at fria@modelaircraft.org or 765.287.1256.

Q: What information is needed to request a FRIA?

A: Please be prepared to answer the AMA questionnaire with the following information.

- Name and contact information of the Primary Point of Contact acting on behalf of the flying site.
- Address of FRIA: Club Flying Site Address
- Location of FRIA: You have two options. We can submit your club FRIA as a radius from the center of your field (typically 2,000 foot radius is sufficient) or check the box and AMA will reach out to the primary point of contact to map a more complex polygon shape.
- Airspace authorizations and/or letters of agreement: Please upload any files you may have
- Fixed Flying Site: We need to know if your flying site is in controlled airspace (called a fixed-flying site).

If your field is in controlled airspace and already known to AMA selected “Yes, it’s an existing Fixed Site.”

If it’s a new site in controlled airspace not submitted to AMA during the last club charter renewal, select “Yes, it’s a proposed site.”

If your field is in uncontrolled airspace, select “No”

- We will ask if Description of purpose and types of operations.

Q: Can you provide me with the AMA FRIA questionnaire link?

A: The link was sent to club officers via email on November 22, 2022. Please coordinate with your other officers and your club Primary Point of Contact to ensure your club has not submitted a questionnaire already. Multiple entries per flying site will delay your application.

Q: Can I request more than one club flying site?

A: Yes, AMA will be sending out additional emails to club officers in the coming weeks to get information for their additional FRIA sites.

Q: Will my FRIA be denied due to its close proximity to other FRIA sites?

A While AMA doesn’t expect many issues in this area, it is possible that flying sites be denied FRIA status based off proximity to other FRIAs.

Q: Will every flying site be granted FRIA status?

A: Remote ID addresses safety, national security, and law enforcement concerns. There could be flying sites in sensitive areas that are denied FRIA status by the FAA or national security. Those sites might be located in or near Special Use Airspace, Special Security Instruction Areas, Special Air Traffic Rules areas, and/or within Temporary Flight Restriction areas.

Q: How long is my FRIA in effect?

A: FRIAs will be in effect for 48 calendar months and will require renewal within 120 days of expiration.

Q: What happens if my flying site is denied FRIA status

A: AMA will coordinate with the primary point of contact to address any potential issues before submission. Should the flying site be denied, the FAA will provide reason for denial. AMA will be able to submit a new FRIA application on your behalf that addresses the reason for the denial. If your flying site does not receive FRIA status, your club can continue to operate, but members will need to use Remote ID broadcast modules.

Q: Will my FRIA site be public?

A: Yes, the FAA will publish the locations of approved FRIAs on the FAA's UAS Data Delivery Service website.

Q: Can I change my FRIA location or point of contact?

A: Yes, all changes to the information submitted to the FRIA application must be submitted within 10 calendar days of that change.

Q: Can FRIAs be terminated?

A: Yes. Both AMA and the FAA can terminate FRIA status

Q: What is a "Fixed Site" on the FRIA questionnaire?

A: A "fixed site" is an AMA club flying site that is located within controlled airspace (Class B, C, D, or E). Please let AMA know if you need assistance determining if your flying site is located in controlled or uncontrolled airspace.

Q: Do control line and free flight only sites need to request FRIA status?

A: No, control line and free flight do not meet the definition of UAS and therefore are not required to be satisfy the remote ID rule.

Q: Can I request my backyard or personal property where a club doesn't fly as a FRIA?

A: No, the FAA stated in the Final Rule on Remote ID that FRIAs could not be requested for individual use.