

BMFA Free Flight Tech Committee News. Issue 126

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The FFTC held a Zoom meeting from their homes on 29 November 2023.

FFTC 2024

The members of the FFTC are the same as in 2023. That is Mike Woodhouse as Chairman, Simon Dixon as Secretary and Results officer, John Carter as Treasurer, Mark Benns as Rules officer, Phil Ball as Safety officer, Trevor Seabrook as Space Specialist Body representative and Ken Faux as PRO. Ian Kaynes also sits on the committee in a non-voting position as FAI representative.

FFTC 2024 CALENDAR

BMFA FREE FLIGHT CALENDAR 2024 V1.0

Please note that Space events appear on this calendar as they are the responsibility of the FFTC. They are not part of the Overall British Free Flight Championship

The F1A, B, C Team Selection, Women's Cup and Junior at the Nationals and Buckminster Gala are excluded from the Free Flight Championships.

Please also note that ONLY Team Selection events are subject to postponement due to unsuitable weather.

Changes to version () shown in RED

Date	Venue	Event	Classes	Contact
10 March	Area	1st Area - Winter Warmer	CG, CP, CE (Plugge), F1J (Plugge), Mini Vintage, P30 (Plugge), H/CLG	Area
29 March Good Friday	Barkston Heath	Northern Gala	CG (CMA), CR (Caton), CP (Hamley), CE, F1H, 1/2A, SLOP (Falcons), Mini Vintage, P30, H/CLG, E30. (Club Champs).	John Carter
6-8 April	Near Melton Mowbray or Peak District	1st F1E	F1E Team Selection. 1 or 2 days according to weather.	Ian Kaynes
13-14 April	Salisbury Plain	London Gala	Sat - CG, CR, CP, CE, Mini Vintage, Sum – Combined Mini (F1H, F1G, F1J), 1/2A, E36, P30, H/CLG, E30, CO2	Simon Dixon
13-14 April	Salisbury Plain	London Gala Space		Trevor Seabrook
28 April	Area	2nd Area - Spring Sorter	CR, CP (White), CE, F1A (SMAE), F1G (Plugge), E36 (Plugge), Mini Vintage (Plugge), H/CLG	Area
4-5 May	Near Melton Mowbray or Peak District	2nd F1E	F1E (SM trophy)	Ian Kaynes
11-12 May	Barkston Heath	F1A, B, C, Q Team Selection	F1A, F1B, F1C, F1Q	Phil ball

19 May	Area	3rd Area - Gamage Day	CG, CR (Gamage), F1C (Plugge, Halifax), F1Q, 1/2A, E36, Vintage Glider (Plugge), Mini Vintage, P30, H/CLG (Plugge), Tailless	Area
25-27 May	Salisbury Plain	Nationals All Classes	CG (Thurston), CR (Model Aircraft), CP (Shelly), CE, F1A (Ronytube), F1B (Boxall), F1C (Cash), F1Q (Astral), F1H (BA), F1G (308), F1J (Quickstart), 1/2A (Hales), E36 (Short), Vintage RP (Jubilee), Vintage G, Classic RP, Classic G (Ripmax), SLOP (Harris), Mini Vintage (Weston), P30 (Flight), H/CLG (HLG), Tailless (Lady Shelley), E30, CO2 (Sparklets)e	Mike Woodhouse
25-27 May	Salisbury Plain	Nationals Space		Trevor Seabrook
8-9 June	Near Melton Mowbray or Peak District	3rd F1E	F1E Team Selection. 1 or 2 days according to weather.	Ian Kaynes
16 June	Area	4th Area - Team Power Day	CG, CP (Plugge, Team Keil), CE, F1B (Gutteridge), Vintage RP (Plugge), P30, H/CLG, E30 (Plugge)	Area
28-30 June	Near Melton Mowbray or Peak District	4th F1E	F1E Team Selection. 1 or 2 days according to weather.	Ian Kaynes
7 July	Area	5th Area - Summer Holiday	CP, F1Q, F1H (Plugge), 1/2A (Plugge), E36, Mini Vintage, P30, H/CLG, CO2 (Plugge)	Area
21 July	Area	6th Area - KMAA Day	CR, F1A (Plugge, KMAA), F1Q (Plugge), F1J, Vintage RP, SLOP, Mini Vintage, P30, H/CLG, Tailless (Plugge)	Area
3-4 August	Sculthorpe	East Anglian Gala	CG, CR, CP, CE, E36, Vintage RP, Vintage Glider, Classic RP, Classic G, Mini Vintage, P30, H/CLG, CO2, Tailless.	Mike Woodhouse
3-4 August	Sculthorpe	East Anglian Space		Trevor Seabrook
18 August	Salisbury Plain	Southern Gala	CG, CR, CP, CE, F1H, F1G, F1J, H/CLG, E30	Ken Faux
18 August	Salisbury Plain	Southern Gala	Space	Trevor Seabrook
1 September	Area	7th Area - Team Rubber Day	CG, CR (Plugge, Team Farrow), CE, F1C (Buskell), 1/2A, E36, Classic RP (Plugge), Classic G (Plugge), H/CLG	Area
7-8 September	Near Melton Mowbray or Peak District	5th F1E	F1E Team Selection reserve. 1 or 2 days according to weather.	Ian Kaynes
14 September	Sculthorpe	Stonehenge Cup	F1A, F1B, F1C, F1Q	John Carter
15 September	Sculthorpe	Equinox Cup	F1A, F1B, F1C, F1Q	John Carter
21-22 September	Sculthorpe	F1A, B, C, Q Team Selection Reserve	F1A, F1B, F1C, F1Q	Phil Ball
28-30 September	Near Melton Mowbray or Peak District	6th F1E	F1E Team Selection reserve. 1 or 2 days according to weather.	Ian Kaynes
6 October	Area	8th Area - Team Glider Day	CG (Plugge, Team Model Engineer), F1B (Plugge), F1J, E36, SLOP (Plugge, Falcons), Mini Vintage, P30, H/CLG, E30	Area
19 October	Barkston Heath	Midland Gala	Combined Mini (F1H, F1G, F1J), 1/2A, SLOP, Mini Vintage, P30, E36, H/CLG, CO2	Phil Ball
19 October	Barkston Heath	Midland Gala Space		Trevor Seabrook
3 or 17 November	Buckminster	Buckminster Gala	TBA	TBC

2024 CONTEST ENTRY FEES

Single Entry Fees £5 (Covers all events on any single day at Area or Centralised Contests and all F1E contests). Multi day contests £5 per day.

Separate site fee is applicable. Site fee on FFTC sites is £5 per day; non FFTC sites charge may vary.

Team Selection: £30 covers all classes and site fee (included is Season Ticket).

World Cup: £30 per event (included is Season Ticket).

Note: Members of clubs who have use of the site for trimming and practise, i.e Grantham Club members for Barkston Heath, or permit holders for Salisbury Plain or North Luffenham, will still need to pay the field charge if they enter a contest.

Juniors: Free of Charge and no site fee except for Nationals

Nats Entry Fees – £10.00 a day plus site fee. £25 to cover all three days.

Space: Single Entry Fees £0 - but pay relevant Field charge for site

2024 SEASON TICKET

The Season Ticket for 2024 has been set at £75. It represents excellent value covering entry to all FFTC run events apart from the Area event site fees and the Nationals. Season tickets for 2023 are available now from John Carter. Please allow 14 days turn around for the licence to be operative.

To apply for a 2024 season ticket please contact John providing the following:-

- Copy of your BMFA membership card
- Your home postal address and email address
- Cheque for £75 made payable to BMFA
- A stamped self-addressed envelope

John's address is - La Petite Maison, 45 Grindley Lane, Meir Heath, Stoke on Trent, Staffs, ST3 7LN

Email: nordicf1a@outlook.com

FREE FLIGHT RULES 2024 UPDATE

Throughout the year we have received numerous requests for rule changes, correction of errors across disciplines as well as areas where sometimes clarity is required. The committee has considered each, and we have agreed that the following rule changes **will come into effect in 2024.**

Please note this is a summary and we would strongly advocate that all competitors check the 2024 Rulebook ahead of the contest as more detail is within the book.

- All references to the Competition Secretary have been removed and replaced with The Sporting Director.
- Clarification of the ownership of models
- Clarification of 5-minute flyoff window for BMFA Area Contests
- Light emitting beacons may be used in all classes.
- F1Q – UK added to Combined Electric
- Combined Electric – Half motor runs in flyoff.
- All Free Flight Contests should start at 10am. (note Team selection falls outside of this directive, and will be agreed in advance dependent on the venues local rules)
- F1Q added throughout rule book for events and Team Selection
- Senior Team selection - all classes now have a minimum performance standard of 70% of the winners 'rounds' duration applied to qualify for a Team Place.

- Team selection go/no-go announcement to be made 48 hours in advance.
- Team selection – one off flyoff clarification
- Class F1S (E36) motor run reduced to 7 seconds to accord with others worldwide.

We anticipate the 2024 Edition of the Rule Book to be available anytime and will ensure as soon as it is available you are notified on how to obtain it.

If you wish the FFTC to consider future amendments, rule changes etc. please do send these to the FFTC Secretary the earlier the better in order that these can be reviewed well ahead of the deadline for rule changes in October 2024.

Many thanks

Mark Benns

BMFA Free Flight Technical Committee Rules Officer

SALISBURY PLAIN AND NORTH LUFFENHAM

There is a tab on the FFTC website for Permits where you can apply and buy the permit that you require online. The cost is £30 for Salisbury Plain £40 for North Luffenham. The details of the Conditions of Issue and Code of Conduct are included with the application and must be strictly followed.