

BMFA Free Flight Tech Committee News. Issue 127

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The FFTC held a Zoom meeting from their homes on 08 January 2024.

FFTC 2024 CALENDAR

BMFA FREE FLIGHT CALENDAR 2024 V2.0

**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 (1.0) 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, Sun – Combined Mini (F1H, F1G, F1J), 1/2A, E36, P30, H/CLG, E30, CO2	Simon Dixon
13-14 April	Salisbury Plain	London Gala Space	Open Team Practice, all FAI classes	Travor 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, Halfax), F1Q, 1/2A, E36, Vintage Glider (Plugge), Mini Vintage, P30, H/CLG (Plugge), Tailless	Area
25-27 May	Salisbury Plain	Nationals All Classes	Saturday - CG (Thurston), CR (Model Aircraft), CP (Shelley), CE, Classic RP (Keil Classic), Womens Cup., CLG, Frog Junior, Tailless (Lady Shelley), Vintage Glider. Sunday - F1A (Ronytube), F1B (Boxall), F1C (Cash), F1Q (Astral), Vintage RP(Jubilee Cup), SLOP (Harris), Classic Glider (Ripmax) Monday - F1H (BA), F1G (308), F1J (Quickstart), 1/2A (Hales), E36 (Short), MV (Weston), P30 (Flight), HLG (HLG), E30, C02 (Sparklets)	Mike Woodhouse

25-27 May	Salisbury Plain	Nationals Space	Saturday – S6A S4A, S9A, S5AC Sunday - S1-B, S2-P, S3-A, S7, S8-EP,	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	Saturday - CR, Vintage RP, Classic Glider, Tailless, E36, P30, HLG/CLG Sunday - CP, CE, CG, MV, Classic RP, Co2, Vintage Glider Nationals Bowden Trophy	Mike Woodhouse
3-4 August	Sculthorpe	East Anglian Space	Open Team Practice, all FAI classes.	Trevor Seabrook
18 August	Salisbury Plain	Southern Gala	CG, CR, CP, CE, F1H, F1G, F1J, H/CLG, E30	Ken Faux
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
14-15 September	Sculthorpe	Stonehenge/ Equinox Space	Space Team selection fall back dates - S1-B, S3-A, S4-A, S5-C, S6-A, S7, S8-EP, S9-A.	Trevor Seabrook
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, Frog Senior), 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	S1-B, S3-A, S4-A, S5-C, S6-A, S7, S8-EP, S9-A.	Trevor Seabrook
3 or 17 November	Buckminster	Buckminster Gala	TBA	TBC

2024 FREE FLIGHT NATIONALS

Free Flight Nationals 2024

Venue

All three days to be at Salisbury Area 8

Facilities

There will be no camping or other facilities except for the provision of toilets.

Awards

- Certificates and medals for all events will be awarded.

Details

- There is no pre-entry requirement. Entry will be on the day. The fee will be a simple £10.00 per day charge. This fee would allow the entrant to fly in as many events/classes as they desire on the day. There is no exemption for season ticket holders.
- A payment of £25.00 will cover all three days entries.
- Number of flights and maxes to be decided on the day. There will be no rounds for FAI.

Free Flight Open FAI classes and mini classes – Salisbury Area 8

Saturday 25th May Start 10:00 – 18:00	Sunday 26th May Start 10:00 – 18:00	Monday 27th May Start 10:00 – 18:00
Combined Glider	F1A Glider	F1H glider
Combined Rubber	F1B Rubber	F1G rubber
Combined Power	F1C Power	F1J Power
Combined Electric	F1Q Electric	BMFA 1/2A Power
Classic Rubber/Power	Vintage Rubber/Power	E36 Electric
Women's Cup	Slow Open Power	P30 Rubber
Catapult Glider	Classic Glider	E30 Electric
Frog Junior (J)		Mini Vintage
Tailless		CO2 Duration
Vintage Glider		Catapult Glider
		Hand Lunched Glider

Space – Salisbury Area 8

Saturday 27th May Start 10:00 – to 18:00	Sunday 28th May Start 10:00 – to 18:00
S6A Parachute	S3A Streamer
S4A Boost Glider	S1B Altitude
S9A Helicopter	S2-P Payload
S5C Scale Altitude	S8E-P Rocket Glider
	S7 - Scale

Free Flight Overall Championships

Rubber	Combined Rubber	F1B	F1G	P30
Glider	Combined Glider	F1A	F1H	Classic Glider
Power	Combined Power	F1C	F1J	SLOP
Electric	Combined Electric	F1Q	E36	E30

- Points – 9, 6, 4, 3, 2, 1. As per the Senior Championships. If less than 6 persons fly the scores will be reduced top down.
- In the event of a tie the placings will be decided on the number of entries in the classes flown. If a tie still pertains, then the longest fly off score to decide.

Bowden Trophy – Sculthorpe East Anglian Gala on Sunday 4th August

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 £5 - plus 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

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.

FREE FLIGHT RULES 2024

We have received responses about the 2024 rule changes following their publication in FFTC News 126. We had actioned points that members had requested but now realise that the formal procedure of consultation had not been adhered to. For this reason there will be no changes to the rule book for 2024. The 2024 amended rule book will be published without the changes from 2023. Proposed rule changes for 2025 will be published later in the year with plenty of time for comments to be considered before any decision is made to incorporate them into the rule book.