

Free Flight Nationals 2023

Introduction

It was not unexpected that Barkston Heath would not be available for the 3-day Bank Holiday event. This despite our proposal of a reduced or closed event.

The plan

The replacement contests will be a cut down Free Flight Nationals which will not be the same as the “real” Nationals. We will apply a “light touch” organisation in a similar vein to that which was operated in 2022 running in the standard Free Flight Gala format. The contests will be flown for their respective Free Flight Nationals trophies.

Facilities

There will be no camping or other facilities except for the provision of toilets. The entrance gate at North Luffenham will be manned. We will arrange to collect the entry fees at the gate at North Luffenham.

Awards

- Certificates and medals for all events will be awarded for BMFA events.
- Hand launch glider and catapult glider will be flown at both North Luffenham and Salisbury Area 8. The best time at either event will decide the placings and the awarding of trophies. We will run these contests on all 3 days.

Details

- There will be 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. There is no exemption for season ticket holders.
- Mike Woodhouse has overall responsibility being the Free Flight Nationals Coordinator. We will require CDs for each weekend, please step forward with your offers.
- Number of flights and maxes to be decided on the day. There will be no rounds for FAI.
- Start 10:00 finish 17:00. Then fly offs if required

Free Flight Open and FAI classes – Salisbury Area 8

Saturday 27th May Start 10:00 – to 17:00	Sunday 28th May Start 10:00 – to 17:00
Combined Glider	F1A Glider

Combined Rubber	F1B Rubber
Combined Power	F1C Power
Combined Electric	F1Q Electric
Classic Rubber/Power	Vintage Rubber/Power
Women's Cup	Slow Open Power
Hand Launched Glider	Catapult Glider
Catapult Glider	Hand Launch Glider
Frog Junior (J)	Classic Glider
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Vintage Glider	

Space – Salisbury Area 8

Saturday 27th May Start 10:00 – to 17:00	Sunday 28th May Start 10:00 – to 17:00
S6A Parachute	S3A Streamer
S4A Boost Glider	S1B Altitude
S9A Helicopter	S2-P Payload
S5C Scale Altitude	S8E-P Rocket Glider

Mini classes - North Luffenham

Sunday 4th June Start 10:00 – to 17:00
F1H (A/1 Glider)
F1G (Coupe d'Hiver)
F1J Power
BMFA ½A Power
E36 Electric
P30 Rubber
E30 Electric
Mini Vintage
CO ₂ Duration
Catapult Glider
Hand Launched glider

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

Bowden Trophy

- Venue to be decided.

SAM35 and Scale

Discussions are now taking place with SAM35 and the BMFA Scale Technical Committee regarding the possible inclusion of some of their events.

Updates

Further information will be provided as when available and agreed.

Michael J. Woodhouse - January 2023

Overall Championship classes corrected March 2023

