

BMFA Free Flight Tech Committee News. Issue 110

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The FFTC held an internet virtual Zoom meeting from their homes on 27 January 2021.

CAA REGULATIONS

FF & The new regulations for model flying

Reminders to renew your registration are being sent out by the CAA at present. If you have done the competency test last year through the BMFA and have paid your £9.00 fee for 2021 with your membership renewal please ignore the CAA request. You will shortly be sent a new ID number.

A reminder - Flyers of models of less than 250 grams are exempt from having to have evidence of competency or have CAA registration for general flying. However, there is now a subtle change in the regulations which needs consideration. If you want to take advantage of the BMFA's CAA Authorisation (which unlocks permission to fly above 400ft – and a decent thermal will ensure that this happens) you are now required from the 1st January 2021 to take the BMFA's online test, register with the CAA (which you can do via the BMFA) and display your CAA number on your models. The CAA has also re-iterated that free flight models must not be deliberately flown beyond visual line of sight.

If you are a free flight competition flyer you will need to register as your models will at times breach 400ft. even it is only a very small light model.

2021 CONTEST CALENDAR

The following 2021 Calendar is published on the understanding that Covid restrictions will enable competitions to take place. If any events are cancelled due to Covid restrictions they will be cancelled ahead of the event date via the FFTC website with as much notice as possible. Unfortunately, the governments continued lockdown has made us cancel the Winter Warmer Area event that was due to take place on Feb 28. We are holding monthly meetings to keep track on what can go ahead under the government restrictions with a view of cancelling as few contests as possible.

BMFA FREE FLIGHT AND SPACE CALENDAR 2021 Publication V3.0

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

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

Changes to version (2.0) shown in RED

Start date	Event	Classes	
28 February CANCELLED	1st Area - Winter Warmer Venue: Area Venues	CG, CR, CP, CE (Plugge), F1H, F1J (Plugge), P30 (Plugge), H/CLG	Contact: Area Comp Secs.
21 March	2nd Area - Spring Sorter Venue: Area Venues	CR, CP (White), CE, F1A (SMAE), F1G (Plugge), E36 (Plugge), Mini Vintage (Plugge), H/CLG	Contact: Area Comp Secs.
26-29 March CANCELLED	F1E Team Selection (for 2021) Venue: Peak District or Melton Mowbray	F1E	Contact: Ian Kaynes 01252 512538 kaynes@btinternet.com
2 April (Good Friday)	Northern Gala Venue: Barkston Heath	CG (CMA), CR (Caton), CP (Hamley), CE, F1H, SLOP (Falcons), Mini Vintage, P30, H/CLG, E30	Contact Phil Ball 07470177947 Phil.ball@ntlworld.com
17-18 April	Team Selection (for 2021) Venue: TBC	F1A, F1B, F1C	Contact Phil Ball 07470177947 Phil.ball@ntlworld.com
21-23 April	F1E Team Selection (for 2021) Venue: Peak District or Melton Mowbray	F1E	Contact: Ian Kaynes 01252 512538 kaynes@btinternet.com
25 April	3rd Area - Gamage Day Venue: Area Venues	CG, CR (Gamage), F1C (Halfax, Plugge), F1Q, Vintage G (Plugge), P30, H/CLG (Plugge), Tailless	Contact: Area Comp Secs.
8-9 May	London Gala Venue: Salisbury Plain	CG, CR, CP, CE, F1H, F1G, F1J, Mini Vintage, P30, H/CLG, E30, CO2.	John Carter 01782 398816 Nordicf1a@outlook.com
8-9 May	London Gala Space FAI Practice Venue: Salisbury Plain	S1A,S3A, S4A, S6A, S9A	Trevor Seabrook 07899 030875 contacttrevorseabrook@gmail.com
15-16 May	Team Selection (for 2021) Reserve Venue TBC	F1A, F1B, F1C	Contact Phil Ball 07470177947 Phil.ball@ntlworld.com
14/16 May	1st F1E Team Selection (for 2021) Reserve Venue: Peak District or Melton Mowbray	F1E Team Selection	Contact: Ian Kaynes 01252 512538 kaynes@btinternet.com

29-31 May	Nationals Venue: Barkston Heath	CG (Thurston), CR (Model Aircraft), CP (Shelley), CE, F1A (Ronytube), F1B (Boxall), F1C (Cosh), F1Q (Astral), F1H (BA), F1G (308), F1J (Quickstart), 1/2A (Hales), E36, Vintage RP (Jubilee), Vintage G, Classic RP, Classic G, SLOP (Plugge .Harris), Mini Vintage (Weston), P30, H/CLG (Nats), Tailless (Lady Shelley), E30, CO2 (Sparklets). SAM 35 to run non championship events	Mike Woodhouse 01603 457754 michael.woodhouse1942@gmail.com Contact for SAM Events John Ashmole 01406 370188 Email: johnashmole@yahoo.co.uk
29-31 May	Space Nationals 1 st Team Selection Venue Barkston Heath	S1, S2/P,S3, S4,S5,S6,S8E/P, S9	Trevor Seabrook 07899 030875 contacttreorseabrook@gmail.com
12 or 13 June	Team Selection (for 2021) Fall back date. Venue TBC	Absolute fall back date for F1A, F1B and F1C teams for 2021 World Championships. Only one day, to be declared a few days earlier, will be used for a flyoff. No wind restrictions will be applied.	Contact Phil Ball 07470177947 Phil.ball@ntlworld.com
13 June	2nd F1E Venue: Peak District or Melton Mowbray	F1E (SMC)	Contact: Ian Kaynes 01252 512538 kaynes@btinternet.com
20 June	4th Area - Team Power Day Venue: Area Venues	CG, Team CP (Keil, Plugge), CE, F1B (Gutteridge), Vintage RP (Plugge), Mini Vintage, H/CLG, E30 (Plugge)	Contact: Area Comp Secs.
4 July	3rd F1E Venue: Peak District or Melton Mowbray	F1E Team Selection 2022	Contact: Ian Kaynes 01252 512538 kaynes@btinternet.com
11 July	5th Area - Summer Mini Day	CG, CR, CP, F1H (Plugge), F1G, 1/2A (Plugge), E36, H/CLG, CO2 (Plugge)	Contact: Area Comp Secs.
31 July- 1 August	East Anglian Gala Venue: Sculthorpe	CG, CR, CP, CE, E36, Vintage RP, Vintage G, Classic RP, Classic G, Mini Vintage, P30, H/CLG, Tailless, CO2.	Mike Woodhouse 01603 457754 Michael.woodhouse1942@gmail.com
31 July- 1 August	Space FAI Practice Venue: Sculthorpe.	S1A, s3A, S4A, S6A,S9A	Trevor Seabrook 07899 030875 contacttreorseabrook@gmail.com
15 August	Southern Gala Venue: Salisbury Plain	CG (Pilcher), CR (Flight), CP (Short), CE, F1H (Ripmax), F1G, F1J, 1/2A, H/CLG, E30	Ken Faux 01279 721008 Ken.faux@btinternet.com
22 August	4th F1E Venue: Peak District or Melton Mowbray	F1E, Reserve date for SMC	Contact: Ian Kaynes 01252 512538 kaynes@btinternet.com
4 September	Stonehenge Cup Venue: Salisbury Plain	F1A, F1B, F1C, F1Q	John Carter 01782 398816 Nordicf1a@outlook.com

5 September	Equinox Cup Venue: Salisbury Plain	F1A, F1B, F1C, F1Q	John Carter 01782 398816 Nordicf1a@outlook.com
12 September	6th Area - KMAA Day Venue: Area Venues	CR, CP, F1A (Plugge KMAA), F1Q (Plugge), Vintage RP, SLOP, P30, H/CLG, Tailless (Plugge)	Contact: Area Comp Secs.
18-19 September	Team Selection (for 2022) Venue TBC	F1A, F1B, F1C,	Contact Phil Ball 07470177947 Phil.ball@ntlworld.com
26 September	5th F1E Venue: Peak District or Melton Mowbray	F1E Team Selection 2022	Contact: Ian Kaynes 01252 512538 kaynes@btinternet.com
3 October	7th Area - Team Rubber Day	CG, Team CR (Farrow Shield, Plugge), CE, F1C (Buskell), Classic RP (Plugge), Classic G (Plugge), H/CLG	Contact: Area Comp Secs.
9-10 October	Trials (for 2022) Reserve	F1A, F1B, F1C	Contact Phil Ball 07470177947 Phil.ball@ntlworld.com
17 October	8th Area - Team Glider Day Venue: Area Venues	Team CG (Model Engineer, Plugge), CE, F1B (Duce, Plugge), SLOP (Frog Senior, Plugge), Mini Vintage, H/CLG, E30	Contact: Area Comp Secs.
23 October (Saturday)	6th F1E Venue: Peak District or Melton Mowbray	F1E Reserve for team selection 2022 if required.	Contact: Ian Kaynes 01252 512538 kaynes@btinternet.com
30 October (Saturday)	Midland Gala + Team Selection Reserve Venue: Barkston Heath	F1H, F1G, 1/2A, E36, SLOP, Mini Vintage, P30, H/CLG, CO2.	Contact Phil Ball 07470177947 Phil.ball@ntlworld.com
30 October (Saturday)	Space Team Selection 2 nd Reserve Venue: Barkston Heath	S1A, S3A, S4A, S6A, S9A	Trevor Seabrook 07899 030875 contacttrevorseabrook@gmail.com

SALISBURY PLAIN

Many thanks to Peter Watson for looking after our interests at AREA 8, SALISBURY PLAIN. Peter has asked the following to be notified for 2021.

Area 8 has been booked for free flight use, every Saturday/Sunday, plus 3 Bank Holiday Mondays in 2021, subject to final approval on the Friday morning preceding each weekend.

Those wishing to sport fly/trim must hold an annual season ticket. 2020 season tickets remain valid for 2021, with no new tickets being issued, or payment requested in this case. Those not having a 2020 season ticket may obtain one for 2021 via donna@bmfa.org for £20. The terms and conditions remain the same as in previous years, although users are also reminded that when driving they should stick to established tracks and avoid creating new ones.

On contest days only, non-permit holders can sport fly/trim on payment of a site access fee of £5.

All flyers entering a contest must also pay the site access fee. This applies to Club Galas, Centralised and Decentralised BMFA events. The exception to this is for BMFA Contest Season Ticket holders, who will not be required to pay the site access fee for BMFA Centralised events, and the World Cup events.

You are reminded that the BMFA pay for an annual licence to use the site via the FFTC.

2021 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

It is still in the balance as to whether the 2021 World Championships for F1ABC will go ahead in August in France due to the ongoing Covid 19 pandemic. The FAI and Organisers will make a final decision by the 15 May. If the championships gets the go ahead the UK intend to send a team and have dates in the calendar for team selection trials. If you are interested in entering for the trials please notify Phil Ball using the following form. Assuming we send a team to the World Championships a Team Manager and Assistant Team Manager will need to be appointed. If you are interested in applying for either of these positions please let Stephen Philpott know in writing.

2021 SEASON TICKET

If you purchased a season ticket in 2020 it will remain valid for 2021. If you didn't and want to buy a 2021 Season Ticket the cost has been set at £70. It represents excellent value covering entry to all FFTC run events apart from the Nationals and Area event site access fees. Season tickets for 2021 are available now from John Carter.

To apply for a season ticket please write to John providing the following:-

- Copy of your BMFA membership card
- Your home postal address and e mail address
- Cheque for £70 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

TEAM SELECTION TRIALS – F1ABCE

The team selection trials for the 2021 F1ABC World Championships, to be held in Moncontour, France, is scheduled for 17/18 April, venue to be confirmed. If less than five rounds are completed that weekend a reserve weekend of 15/16 May has been set aside. If neither of these contests are able to be held, due to covid restrictions, or, being able to comply with the weather set out in the rules, a fall back date has been set for the 12 or the 13 June, venue to be confirmed. As set out in the rules this will be a flyoff and will be held irrespective of the wind speed. The actual date would be announced a few days beforehand when the weather forecast will indicate the best day to be selected. Let's hope we do not need to use the fall back date, but we need to be ready just in case.

If you wish to compete in the F1ABC Team Selection Trials please send your entry using the form at the end of this newsletter to Phil Ball by Feb 28 2021. The entry fee for the trials is £25. The season ticket covers the trials. If you have already entered the Trials in 2020, that had to be postponed, you do not need to enter again.

The Team Selection Trials for the 2021 F1E World Championships, to be held in Turda, Romania, is scheduled for 21/23 April at Peak District or Melton Mowbray, with a reserve dates of 15/16 May. If you wish to enter the F1E Team Selection Trials please contact Ian Kaynes on 01252 512538 or by email kaynes@btinternet.com by Feb 28.

F1ABC Team Selection 2021

For World Championships – Moncontour, France -
August 2021

Entry Form

Surname	
First Name	
Address	
Telephone Number	
Mobile Phone Number	
E Mail Address	
BMFA Number	
Senior or Junior	

Class	F1A	F1B	F1C
Please tick			

Entry Fees

Season Ticket or One fee of £25 enters all three classes for both Selection Events. Juniors free.

Please make cheques payable to **BMFA**.

Closing date for pre-entries 28 February 2021

Entries, accompanied by payment to:

Phil Ball 17 HERONSWOOD DRIVE, SPONDON, DERBY, DE21 7AX.