

BMFA Free Flight Tech Committee News. Issue 131

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The FFTC held a Zoom meeting from their homes on 4 September 2024.

FFTC 2024 CALENDAR

BMFA FREE FLIGHT CALENDAR 2024 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

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 (2.1) shown in RED

Date	Venue	Event	Classes	Contact
28-30 September	Near Melton Mowbray or Peak District	6th F1E	F1E Team Selection. 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 *	North Luffenham	Midland Gala	Combined Mini (F1H, F1G, F1J), 1/2A, SLOP, Mini Vintage, P30, E36, H/CLG, CO2	Phil Ball
19 October	TBC	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

FREE FLIGHT CONFERENCE

Free flight contest activity during 2024 has shown a decline. The FFTC has received considerable correspondence and suggestions from members of the free flight fraternity on how to reverse this decline.

The FFTC have discussed the input and have decided to facilitate an open discussion. A conference has therefor been arranged for Sunday 22nd September at the BMFA Centre at Buckminster. We will start at 11:00 and finish 17:00, with a half time break.

Topics/aspects to be covered.

- Flying sites

- The shape of the contest programme.
- Related points regarding management and control.
- Rules currently promulgated – particularly the use of RDT, and as part of the day we will present ideas on simple easy to installation of systems.

Attendees.

- All are welcome, please attend.
- Any attendee who wishes to make a personal presentation please get in touch for a specific 5-minute floor spot. Please advise if you wish to do so.

Expectation/outcomes.

- The FFTC will take away the ideas that are expressed and agreed and create a programme for 2025

A detailed agenda together with any pertinent information will be posted closer to the date.

Please turn up and have your say, it's your free flight programme.

There will be snacks available during the day from the café.

The cafe can do a sandwich picnic style lunch for £12.50. If you would like to order one please notify us when you confirm that you will be attending the conference.

To help with organisational and planning arrangements please advise the FFTC secretary if you intend coming and if you wish for a personal slot.

TEAM MANAGEMENT FOR 2025 CHAMPIONSHIPS

Applications are invited for the posts of Team Manager and Assistant Team Manager for the 2025 World Championships for F1A, F1B F1C and F1Q to be held in Romania. Site and dates are yet to be confirmed by the organisers.

Closing date for applications to be received is October 31 2024.

