

BMFA Free Flight Tech Committee News. Issue 134

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FFTC 2025 CALENDAR

This schedule is to confirm the classes to be flown at each area meeting and gala.

Date	Event	Groups	Trophies	Plugge Points
9 th March	1 st Area	Groups 1 - 4 and 6	Group 1 White Cup Group 2 SMAE Cup	Group 1 Group 3
23 rd March	2 nd Area	Groups 1 - 5	Group 1 Gamage Group 2 Halifax	Group 1 Group 2
6 th April	3 rd Area	Groups 1 - 5	Group 2 Gutteridge	Group 2 Group 4
18 th or 19 th April	Northern Gala	Groups 1, 3 – 6 Club Championship (Group 1)	Group 1 CMA Group 3 Caton Group 5 Falcons Trophy Club Championship	
4 th May	4 th Area	Combined Rubber (Team) Groups 1, 3, 5, 6	Team Rubber Farrow Shield	Combined rubber Group 6
24 th or 25 th May	London Gala	Groups 1, 3 - 6	Group 1 Pilcher	
1 st June	5 th Area	Combined Glider (Team) Groups 1 – 3 - 6	Team Glider Model Engineer	Combined Glider Group 5
6 th July	6 th Area	Combined Power (Team) Groups 1 - 5	Team Power Keil Trophy Group 2 Pete Buskell	Combined Power Group 3
26 th or 27 th July	Southern Gala	Groups 1, 3 - 6		
9 th or 10 th August	East Anglian Gala	Groups 1, 3 - 6	Group 1 Hamley	
7 th September	7 th Area	Groups 1 - 5	Group 1 Frog Senior Group 2 K& MA	Group 1 Group 2
12 th October	8 th Area	Groups 1 – 4, 6	Group 2 Duce	Group 2 Group 4

25 th or 26 th October	Midland Gala	Groups 3 - 6		
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Notes

- The free flight nationals, magnet and space are excluded from the schedule.
- Maximum 5 groups per meeting.
- Trophies are awarded to the winner of the group
- Trophies for team events and the club championship go to the winning club.
- Plugge points are awarded to the specific nominated groups. There are two Plugge scoring groups at each area meeting. In the case of the team days all participants in a particular team class regardless or not of being in a club team score Plugge points.
- Because Plugge points now score for a group, rather than a single class there will be a greater opportunity for clubs to accrue Plugge points.
- Individual championship points are awarded to places within each group.
- For detailed class rules see the free flight rule book.

CONTEST GROUPS

1. Combined open group

- Specifically: Combined rubber, power, glider and electric – this is the only category for these models
- All other models

2. Combined FAI group

- F1A, F1B, F1C, F1Q

3. Combined vintage/classic group

- Vintage rubber, glider, power
- Classic rubber, power, glider
- SLOP

4. Combined mini class group

- Mini vintage
- F1H, F1G, F1J, F1P
- F1S/E36
- 1/2A power

5. Combined other/remainder group

- Tailless
- P30
- Co2
- E30

6. CLG/HLG group

2025 CONTEST FEES

The contest fees will remain as the 2024 level.

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

2025 SEASON TICKET

The Season Ticket for 2025 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 2025 are available now from John Carter. Please allow 14 days turn around for the licence to be operative.

To apply for a 2025 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.

NORTHERN GALA – CD

A volunteer is needed to be CD at the Northern Gala. Please contact a member of the FFTC if you can take on the role.

SCORESHEET FOR RETURNS BY CD

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