

BMFA Free Flight Tech Committee News. Issue 135

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FFTC 2025 CALENDAR NORTH LUFFENHAM

Please note that during this year (2025) there maybe occasions when the use of North Luffenham cannot be used for **Area Contests**.

We hope that this will not be the case but to try and ensure all are notified in advance the Free Flight Technical Committee **will announce circa 48 hours before each of the Area Contests** whether North Luffenham will be available for the Contest.

These announcements will be published on the **Free Flight Technical Committees website** on the Friday before the contest, therefore we urge all to spread the word.

We do hope that instances when the site is unavailable are rare but due to increasing pressures in the use of North Luffenham both from ourselves and other users we must consider several factors in assessing whether the site is available for Area Contests.

At this time, we **do not anticipate the Gala Contests days** at North Luffenham will be affected.

CORRECTION TO THE 2025 FF. RULE BOOK

We would like to thank one of our competitors pointing a small error in this years rule book.

Section 3.1.9.4 (f)iii by mistake excluded **Classic Power & Vintage Power**. We will seek to get this amended ASAP, in the meantime please note the corrected version below.

3.1.9.4 Team Contests

- (a) *Team competitions are those Free Flight competitions run under the jurisdiction of the BMFA FFTC Council in which contestants compete individually (thereby competing for British Free Flight Championship points) but in which affiliated clubs may nominate up to three club members as a team. An individual may only compete as a member of the club specified upon his BMFA/SAA membership card when making their first competition entry of the season, regardless of whether that competition was a team or 'club points' scoring competition. They will then be tied to that club for the rest of the season. Under exceptional circumstances (eg moving to the other end of the country) a move to another club may be permitted. This will require recording with the BMFA/SAA office and receipt of a new membership card before attending his first competition for the new club and will only be permitted where application is made before 1st July. Where such a change is made any points scored before the change shall remain with the club for which they were originally scored. For Area competitions all members of a team must compete at the same venue.*
- (b) *A club may nominate more than one team but no member may be nominated for more than one team.*
- (c) *Scoring for team placing shall be effected by adding together the score of all members of a team. In the event of a tie, fly off times shall be used to decide a team's placing (see 3.1.4.3). In the event of a tie in which no team member has a maximum score the tying teams will share the team placing.*
- (d) *Each club shall nominate to the CD all members of their team(s) before any flights or attempts are made by any member of such team(s). A club is permitted to nominate further teams at any time after the earlier nominated team has commenced flying.*
- (e) *No trophy is awarded to the competitor with the highest individual score.*

- (f) *Team model groups combined categories.*
- (i) *Team Glider:* *F1A (3.3.1)*
 BMFA Glider (3.4.1)
 Classic Glider (3.9)
 Vintage Glider (3.9)
- (ii) *Team Rubber:* *F1B (3.3.2)*
 BMFA Rubber (3.4.2)
 Classic Rubber (3.9)
 Vintage Rubber (3.9)
- (iii) *Team Power:* *F1C (3.3.3)*
 BMFA Power (3.4.3)
 SLOP (3.10)
 Classic Power (3.9)
 Vintage Power (3.9)

CONTEST DIRECTORS (CD's) FOR 2025 CONTESTS.

The FFTC continually needs Area and Gala Contest Directors (Cd's). Can we urge you please to come forward and volunteer for being one of our CD's. Currently we are without a CD for a number of the **Area Contests at North Luffenham** and we do not have a Cd for the **Northern Gala**.

NOTE: If we do not have a CD for contests the contest will have to be cancelled.

If you wish to help please contact us BMFAFFTC@outlook.com we are going to be setting up a few Zoom sessions to help explain the role of the CD, responsibilities, expense claims etc. We are all volunteers and without sufficient volunteers we struggle to function, so PLEASE come forward.