

## Scale Free Flight Brief 71 Sept 2023

HOORAY. We have been able to have a free flight event at last. The persistent windy weather has prevented us having any meetings for some time. Four events cancelled on the bounce.

The Peterborough MFC held their Flying Aces event on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept. A very good turnout of enthused aeromodellers, young as well as more mature types, made it a great day. We flew all day and I was quite exhausted come home time.

Thanks to all those involved, organisers, competitors and even the onlookers. Reports will be available in due course. See <https://peterboroughmfc.org/>

Go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/201641446198275/> for photos. If you are not a group member sign up and keep yourself up to date and informed.



It is that time of year again when we consider the BMFA Scale rules for next year.

For the Scale Indoor free flight there will be no changes as such bar a couple of rule clarifications and K factor adjustments. After the success of the 2023 indoor Nats it was felt that we should let the rules settle and possibly revisit for 2024 if needed.

Care to comment? Making a rod for my own back maybe, but you have a chance to be involved in the debate if you wish to. You always did in the past but current thinking is that the rules should be competitor based.

The same applies to the Outdoor rules. With a couple of exceptions.

For the Intermediate class I propose to reduce the Static element to two criteria.

1. Accuracy and realism of the model.

2. Craftmanship and complexity.

Each criteria marked out of 100.

This will give a flight to static ratio of 5 to 1.

I am still debating on the viability of a Scale Free Flight with R/C Assist class.

A set of rules have been put together and endlessly tweaked to a point where they seem to be workable. Provisional rules attached to this email.

Watch this space for more info'

For **2024**

I am going to put my head in the lion's mouth and suggest that for 2024 we consider a seismic change to the way we run Outdoor Scale Free Flight.

I have discussed this with various people and now put it out to a wider group.

We will retain three classes but as follows.

There will be only one Open class with all the power sources in one class. (Hard hats on) Rules will be based around what we have now but with some adjustments to try and mitigate any big disadvantage for current models and the various power sources. (Good luck with that I hear you say)

Intermediate class

Flying Only class

This will give a natural progression for those at a lesser level of scale aeromodelling in Flying Only up to Intermediate and then up to Open Superscale class.

To enter the Nats straight in at open class level is probably too daunting for a lot of potential competitors.

The various class levels seems to work for other disciplines, so why not ours?

Answers on a very small postcard please.



This event, if you do not know already is from Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Sept through to Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Sept.

There is no formal Free Flight contests but we will fly in the evenings, weather permitting, as a scale free fly. Come and join in.

There is also a "fly-off" or whatever for VMC Buddy aeroplane kits to try and enthuse participation in free flight. An excellent introduction to aeromodelling.

Mike