

## Scale Free Flight Brief 75 February 2024



The Scale Technical Committee, (STC), are pleased to announce that the BMFA 2024 Scale Indoor Nationals will again be taking place at:

**Wolverhampton University**

**Walsall Sports Centre**

**Walsall**

**West Midlands**

**WS1 3TA**

On **Saturday 20th April (RC)** and **Sunday 21st April (FF)**.

The electronic entry form for this year's BMFA Scale Indoor Nationals is now live and can be located at:

[BMFA Scale Indoor Nationals 2024 entry form](#)

Listening to your feedback we've created a single-entry form for the whole weekend, so if you intend to compete on both days you only pay a single registration fee of £20.00.

**Please note that RC competitors flying on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> will only be able to enter 2 out of the 3 classes listed on the entry form.**

**Please note the closing date for all entries to the 2024 Scale Indoor Nationals is Sunday 7th April 2024**

There is a fee of £5.00, (payable on the door), for those who would like to come along and spectate. The £5.00 fee covers the whole weekend and a copy of the 2024 Scale Indoor Programme (subject to availability), so why not attend on both days? Children accompanied by an adult under the age of 16 will be granted free admission.

The spectator's gallery in the balcony overlooking the sports hall has a dedicated seating area and is accessed via stairs or by lift.

A link for the promotional poster for the 2024 Indoor Nationals posted above is included below – please feel free to print and post on your Club noticeboard.

[2024 BMFA Scale Indoor Nationals Poster](#)

We look forward to seeing you in April for a weekend of the best in scale indoor aeromodelling!

Please contact [enquiriesbmfascale@yahoo.com](mailto:enquiriesbmfascale@yahoo.com) for further details regarding the 2024 Scale Indoor Nationals.

Please ensure you read the rules and act on them. In particular fill in a current Competitors Declaration Form available on the STC website <https://scale.bmfa.org/wp-content/uploads/SCALE-COMPETITORS-DECLARATION-2024-MSm.pdf>

**N.W. Gala at the Manchester Velodrome.**

The invitation for the STC to attend and run scale competitions was well received as it gave scale modellers another venue not used for some time. It was also an opportunity for those modellers wanting to compete at the Indoor Nats a chance to trim and fettle their creations.

The Peanut Trophy was found in a loft and given a good clean and scrub up to be presented after many a year's gap to the winner of the Peanut competition. A Pistachio contest was also run. These are scary delicate little things to handle when static judging, me being an outdoor modeller.

A request was received from the organiser, Dave Whitehouse, for an open scale flying only contest. The STC does not have an official Indoor scale FO contest so, after a lot of toing and froing, a new class was put together, based on the two indoor open contests, for the event. On the day this worked very well and will be considered for inclusion in the STC Rule book for 2025 for informal events and club scale competitions.

As an aside the Velodrome venue was very interesting with the flying in the

centre netted off area with elite athletes thundering around the impossibly steep banking at break neck speeds. I've seen it on the tele' but the reality of seeing it up close was an eye opener. Respect. The tandems were particularly impressive. The 10 hour round trip was well worthwhile for this Southerner. Photo from the National Cycling Centre website will give some idea of the venue.



A brief resume of the winners.

Peanut winner, Mike Stuart, Vought Kingfisher

Pistachio winner, Tim Horne, Waco SRE

Open Flying Only winner, Pete Fardell Bleriot XI (Pete would have come third as well with his "old faithful" Auster Agricola but multiple entries can only have one podium place)

Full report is expected to appear in aeromodeller.

Hopefully this event will be a regular on the calendar.

Mike