BMFA Scale Indoor Nationals 2023 – bulletin 2

Just three weeks to go before the closing date for entries (April 9th), so if you are thinking of entering, I would encourage you not to wait until the last possible minute, as this increases my workload and stress levels considerably! So far we have 12 free flight entries. Kit scale and peanut are the most popular class so far (7 entries each), and pistachio the least popular, with just one entry.

Don’t forget there is also the Veron Tru-Flite trophy for the highest placed entry in any class built from a Veron design.

The entry form is available here for Free Flight:

[https://scale.bmfa.org/2023-ff-scale-indoor](https://scale.bmfa.org/2023-ff-scale-indoor?fbclid=IwAR1siBuEOWFGhX4VIoVkmhJtCF2VsFWgA2ikz_1V7tTo5F7qITGRSwyFGIA)

And here for RC:

[https://scale.bmfa.org/2023-rc-scale-indoor](https://scale.bmfa.org/2023-rc-scale-indoor?fbclid=IwAR1Dg4_Poq307-_-G5vUUBrr3XyTKfAF01mM4BxjILy8TaR2zdml_mO-gaw)

The forms allow on-line payment to the BMFA, after which you will get a confirmation email with the details of the classes you have entered. I also get a copy so I can keep track of entries. If you would prefer to fill a form in by hand and post it to me with a cheque, then drop me an email.

This hasn’t been officially announced, but I can confirm that if you enter both the RC and FF events, you will receive a cash refund of £12.50 from your registration fees on the day.

The new scale rule book is now available for download from the BMFA website here:

<https://bmfa.org/downloads>

Rulebooks are at the bottom of the right-hand column. I recommend you read the sections applicable to the classes you are entering, as there have been changes since 2022. Drop me an email if you have any questions about them.

A bit more on timings. The hall is booked on Saturday from 8 am to 8 pm. The RC guys should finish around 5 pm and help will then be needed to rearrange the hall, move and set up tables etc. This worked very smoothly last year. FF trimming can then take place until they kick us out. On Sunday, the hall will be open from 8 am.

As last year every competitor and spectator will receive a complimentary souvenir programme (spectator entry now only £5 on the door).

We are hoping to have a trade presence this year to help part you from your hard-earned cash – I hope to confirm this in my third and final bulletin.

We rely on the raffle to help subsidise the hall hire cost, so if you are coming, we would be extremely grateful if you could bring an item or two from your stash to add to the prizes.

If you haven’t been to the Walsall venue before, use the postcode WS1 3TA to make sure you get the correct side of the building.

The Facebook group I set up in 2021 called “Scale Indoor Free Flight - UK” has proved a success with currently 1700 members. If you would like to join you should find it with an internet search, but if not, get in touch by email and I’ll add you. It’s a great way of sharing new projects with like-minded people and if you are a beginner, a good place to seek advice from the old hands.

If you have any queries or comments about the above, please email me and I’ll respond as soon as I can.

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