

DAVID OWEN MEMORIAL FREE FLIGHT SCRAMBLE REGULATIONS

Updated 1st August 2026

Model:

The model must be of a conventional layout in that it has a built up fuselage along with a separate main plane(s) and empennage. It must conform to the OHDD engine specifications. **The use of remote dethermalisers of the BMK or radio control type is allowed.** Only a pop-up function of the tail group may be activated by the timer. No other functions are allowed.

The Scramble:

Scramble is a simultaneous contest between any number of contestants, the aim being for each contestant to keep their model airborne as much as possible during 30 minutes but within time limits for each flight.

The event will run for 30 min. The CD will announce commence and end times.

Each pilot must have a dedicated timekeeper who will record the flight times.

Each flight shall commence from the original takeoff point. Any infringement of this rule incurs automatic disqualification.

Each entrant will be allowed one helper only who may help to retrieve but not launch the model.

No form of transport other than Shanks's Pony is permitted to retrieve the model.

Timing:

Timing is from when the model becomes airborne until it lands/crashes. The model must touch the ground before being retrieved. Catching the model in flight will disqualify the flight.

The model must remain airborne for a minimum of 10 seconds for an official flight to be recorded.

The timing of each flight is limited to a maximum of 2 minutes (120 seconds). Flights over 2 minutes must be recorded as 2 minutes.

Times for all flights are to be recorded on the supplied score sheet.

At the end of a 30 minute period, all timing will cease.

No time shall be recorded for flights that continue past the contest end.

Should a model be launched within the 15 seconds before the end of the contest period, no flight shall be recorded.

The Winner

The entrant having the greatest official flight time total within the half hour shall be the winner.

Additional notes.

The model specifications are to keep the event authentic to the traditional type of aircraft, as David would have expected to be flown in a scramble. As such no flying carpets or other curiosities are allowed.

The CD's decision is final