



**BRITISH MODEL FLYING ASSOCIATION**

# **AWARDS PROCEDURE**

**CONTAINING DETAILS OF BMFA, ROYAL AERO CLUB AND FAI  
AWARDS AVAILABLE FOR NOMINATION EACH YEAR**

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# **THE AWARDS PROCEDURE BOOKLET**

## **SMAE, RAeC and FAI AWARDS**

The information contained in this booklet is for the reference and guidance of those considering submitting nominations for National and International honours and awards applicable to Aeromodelling.

There are three categories of awards:

BMFA (SMAE) honours and awards are totally within the gift of the Association.

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## 1 **BMFA (SMAE) Awards**

### a. **Fellowship of the Society of Model Aeronautical Engineers (FSMAE)**

May be awarded to a long-standing member who over many years has served the Association with distinction and selfless loyalty. Fellowships are awarded by vote at the Annual General meeting, based on a recommendation of Full Council. Not more than two persons per year may be elected to Fellowship.

### b. **Honorary Membership of the SMAE**

May be awarded in consideration of special qualifications or to someone who has served the Association and the model aircraft movement with distinction. Honorary Members are elected by Council on the recommendation of the Awards Committee.

### c. **SMAE Medal**

Awarded to a member or group of members who have served the cause of model flying and the Society by their particularly meritorious or sustained endeavours. The award is made by Council on the recommendation of the Awards Committee. The number of Medals to be awarded each year, if any, is at the discretion of the Awards Committee.

### d. **BMFA Certificate of Merit**

Awarded to a member or group of members who have served the cause of model flying and Association by meritorious endeavour. The award is made by Council on the recommendation of the Awards Committee.

### e. **Ray Malmstrom Trophy**

For services to model flying outside the framework of the Association. The award is made by Council on the recommendation of the Awards Committee.

### f. **Arthur Mullett Trophy**

For services to model flying within the framework of the Association. The award is made by Council on the recommendation of the Awards Committee.

### g. **Roger Bedford Memorial Trophy**

Awarded for an outstanding contribution to education in the context of Aeromodelling. This award is made by Council on the recommendation of the Awards Committee

### h. **Graham Lynn Rose Bowl**

Awarded for services to aeromodelling above and beyond the call of duty. This award is made by Council on the recommendation of the Awards Committee

### i. **Kath Watson Trophy**

Awarded at the Chairman's discretion for administrative excellence.

### j. **'Henry J' Trophy**

Awarded for outstanding performance by a junior member. The award is made by Council on the recommendation of the Awards Committee. The closing date for receipt of nominations by the Awards Committee Chairman is 31st October. If no nominations are received by that date then the trophy will not be awarded. If necessary, Council approval of the Awards Committee's recommendation will be sought by electronic ballot.

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**k. Perkins Slade Pilot of the Year Trophy**

Awarded for outstanding achievement at the highest level of national or international competition. This trophy is for an individual pilot; it may not be awarded to a team. The award is made by Council on the recommendation of the Awards Committee from nominations submitted by any Technical Committee. Affiliated Specialist Bodies that fly FAI or National competitions may also each submit a nomination through the Competition Secretary. The closing date for receipt of nominations by the Awards Committee Chairman is 31st October. If no nominations are received by that date then the trophy will not be awarded. If necessary, Council approval of the Awards Committee's recommendation will be sought by electronic ballot.

**l. BMFA Certificate of Appreciation**

Awarded in recognition of the vital help provided to British model flying by those organisations and individuals who support the Society, its National Teams and member Clubs via sponsorship, the provision of facilities or the voluntary commitment of time and effort.

**2 Royal Aero Club (RAeC) Awards**

These awards are the gift of the RAeC. Nomination for each award is made by Council on the recommendation of the Awards Committee. After approval by Council, the Chairman of the Awards Committee will submit the nomination when called for by the RAeC. Award winners are selected by the RAeC Awards Committee which meets in January of the following year.

**a. Prince of Wales Cup**

Awarded for the most meritorious performance, feat, or event by either a team or a group during the preceding year.

**b. RAeC Diploma**

Awarded to those who have served the RAeC, sporting aviation, or aviation in general by their meritorious endeavours.

**c. RAeC Medals - Gold, Silver and Bronze**

Awarded for outstanding achievement during the preceding year, or over a number of years, principally, but not necessarily, as a pilot.

**d. RAeC Certificate of Merit**

Awarded to those who, while not eligible for a major RAeC award, have served the cause of aviation in general, or sporting aviation in particular, by their work, devotion or initiative.

**e. President's Breitling Trophy**

Awarded annually to an individual, or a group of young people aged between 14 and 21 years, for outstanding work, performance or achievement in connection with any aerospace activity.

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### **3 Federation Aeronautique Internationale (FAI) Awards**

These medals and diplomas are the gift of the FAI. Nomination for each award is made by Council on the recommendation of the Awards Committee. Those specifically for Aeromodelling are then voted on by the Aeromodelling Commission (CIAM) at its Plenary meeting the following April. After approval by Council, the Chairman of the Awards Committee will submit the nomination to the Tech Council meeting in October for the FAI Delegate to include it in the BMFA's CIAM Plenary Agenda proposals.

#### **For Aeromodelling:**

##### **a. FAI Aeromodelling Gold Medal**

Awarded to an individual for outstanding merit in organisational activities. Who shall have fulfilled either:

Twice the function of competition director or a similar function in a World or Continental Championship, or

Three times the function of an FAI jury member at a World or Continental Championship, or

Five times the function of judge or a similar function at a World or Continental Championship or

Served at least three years as delegate to the FAI Aeromodelling Commission, or served another function therein, or

Shown outstanding merit in developing Aeromodelling by organisational activities.

##### **b. The Andrei Tupolev Medal**

May be awarded to a model flyer who in the same year wins the World and National Championships in the same class of models.

##### **c. The Andrei Tupolev Diploma**

May be awarded to a model flyer for an outstanding world record performance in model flying.

##### **d. The Antonov Aeromodelling Diploma**

May be awarded annually to an aeromodeller for technical innovations in Aeromodelling.

##### **e. The Alphonse Penaud Diploma**

May be awarded to a model flyer who has:

Obtained three times consecutively the title of National Champion, or

Obtained at least once the title of World Champion, or

Established at least three World records, or

Shown other outstanding sporting achievements.

##### **f. Frank Ehling Diploma**

May be awarded annually for outstanding accomplishment, by an organisation or an individual, in connection with the promotion of aviation, through the use of flying models.

##### **g. The CIAM Aeromodelling Scholarship**

Awarded annually by CIAM to a young person between the ages of 16 and 21 years of age.

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## For all air sports:

### h. FAI Airsports Medals

May be awarded for work in FAI Commissions and Committees, for organising World and Continental Championships, for training and education of new pilots, parachutists or aeromodellers, for promoting aviation in general, and especially with young people. These are not awarded, they are bought and cost 100 CHF, of which the nominee shall bear the cost..

### i. The FAI Bronze Medal

Is awarded to a person having rendered eminent services to the FAI in administrative work, in Commissions or Committees, or in the organisation of the FAI sporting events. This award is the gift of the Secretary General of the FAI.

### j. The Nile Gold Medal

Is awarded to a person, group of persons, or organisation to reward distinguished work in the field of aerospport education, particularly in the year preceding its award.

### k. The Paul Tissandier Diploma

Is awarded to those who have served the cause of aviation in general, and sporting aviation in particular by their work, initiative, and devotion, or in other ways.

## 4 Procedures

The particular timing of the Awards Committee meeting to discuss nominations prior to submission to Council is necessary because the RAeC and the FAI (CIAM) require returns by certain dates, and the BMFA by its AGM held in November. Consequently the **September Council meeting** is the only practical one at which to consider nominations. The Awards Committee, therefore, meets once a year, normally at the Nationals held at the end of August because the time is convenient and little expense is incurred.

To enable members of the Awards Committee to consider all the nominations together, all citations (except for the Perkins Slade Pilot of the Year and the Henry J Award) must be submitted in writing to the BMFA office for the attention of the Awards Committee Chairman by 1st August in any given year.

Nominations for Pilot of the Year and the Henry J Trophy should be submitted as soon as possible after the qualifying performance. If all National and International competitions have been completed, these awards may be considered at the September Council. If not, the absolute closing date for receipt of nominations is 31st October. Council approval will then be sought by electronic ballot.

The following procedures for submitting nominations are to be followed:

- a. Area Committees, Technical Committees, Affiliated Clubs, current Council Members and Fellows of the Society, may submit nominations. Submissions from clubs must be signed by a current committee member.
- b. Citations should be submitted on the Nomination Form at Annex A which is available from the BMFA office or as a download from the BMFA website. Guidelines for completion of the citation are included on the template. The citation block allows for approximately 450 words at 11pt font and citations, whether typed or hand written, must not exceed this length.
- c. Whilst the proposer may suggest the award for which a nominee is put forward, the Awards Committee shall decide which category of award is most suitable and present its recommendation to Council.

- d. The BMFA office staff will acknowledge receipt of all nominations. As soon as possible after the September Council meeting, the Chairman of the Awards Committee will write to the sponsor of all unsuccessful nominees (by letter or email) and will similarly advise those who are to receive an award or have their nomination forwarded to the RAeC or FAI as appropriate.

It should be remembered that the BMFA can only make recommendations for RAeC and FAI awards and that it may be some months before the awarding body makes its decision. Successful candidates for these awards will be notified through the BMFA office.

- e. BMFA awards are presented at the annual dinner and prizegiving held after the AGM in November. The RAeC Awards Committee sits in January with the presentations made at the RAeC in London in April or May. The major FAI awards are presented at the FAI Conference (usually in October) and are generally accepted on behalf of the BMFA by the RAeC Delegate to the Conference. The awards are then formally presented to the winners at the BMFA annual prizegiving.
- f. You are reminded that some of the awards are highly prestigious. They are, rightly, limited to not more than one a year, are highly competitive and not given automatically. Should none of the citations adequately support the nominations, the award will not be made. Some awards, such as the Prince of Wales Cup, relate to a specific period of achievement for qualification, and the opportunity, once lost, is gone forever.

## **5 Advice on Citations**

Having decided someone is worthy of recognition, carefully research the nominee's achievements and be specific and objective when compiling the citation. There is no set format for the drafting of a compelling citation but you might start with a simple sentence that summarises why the nominee should receive an award then expand on those reasons.

Tell the reader what the nominee has personally achieved and, if appropriate, what the benefits are to BMFA and Aeromodelling now and in the future. Consider including details such as: how challenging the work/task/project has been.

You should aim to make it clear why this person has succeeded when his or her peers might not have done. Include the personal qualities that the nominee brought to the task to achieve its success. Finally, and crucially, avoid the temptation to pad out the citation with unnecessary superlatives. Stick to the facts and concentrate on describing how the nominee has excelled and demonstrated service worthy of recognition.

Remember, it is your one opportunity to convince others of your own conviction and the next chance is, at best, a year hence.

### **BMFA Awards Committee Chairman**

*Please note that the Nomination Form is available as a fillable and saveable pdf downloadable from the BMFA website:*

<https://bmfa.org/The-BMFA/Awards-and-Honours>



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