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## **SAM 35 Rulebook No 3 AL4 (2025)**

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Rulebook No 3 replaces Rulebook No 2 issued in January 2001. As ever, it is published to enhance the enjoyment of our pursuit in all its aspects. This Rulebook covers general rules applicable to all disciplines, and lists and refers the rules of individual disciplines.

### **General rules**

1. 1. Where these rules conflict with approved specialist rules, the specialist rules apply.
2. 2. Competitors must have valid BMFA insurance to fly in any SAM 35 event, and handle and fly their models in accordance with BMFA safety advice detailed in the BMFA members' Handbook and the BMFA Contest Rules - General Regulations and Rules.
3. 3. Engine run, max times, number of flights and fly-off type are to be set at the discretion of the CD and will be dependent on prevailing conditions and circumstances of the day.
4. 4. Please refer to the specific Specialist Rule covering your SAM 35 aeromodelling interest to check whether Builder of Model (BOM) applies.
5. 5. Heat shrink plastic films may be used but must be of tissue or fabric/silk-like appearance, not transparent, and with no violent colours. The CD's decision on eligibility is final.
6. 6. A vintage model must be built in accordance with a design that was first flown, published or kitted prior to 1st January 1951, (January 1951 issues of magazines are accepted as published in 1950).
7. 7. A classic model must be built in accordance with a design that was first flown, published or kitted after 30th December 1950 and before 1st January 1961 (January 1961 issues of magazines are accepted as published in 1960).
8. 8. The eligibility of the model must be based upon the existence of a plan which was published between the specified dates. The purpose of additionally specifying "kitted" is to include those plans which were supplied as part of a kit but were not "published" elsewhere. Where multiple sizes of a design were published or kitted between the specified dates, the plan must be for the actual size model entered. In the special case where a table of model sizes, including lists of material sizes referenced to a plan, was published between the specified dates this information will be sufficient and need not be accompanied by an actual size plan of the model entered. In all these

circumstances the plan, or table of sizes must be supported by photo-copies (or originals) of material which was published between the specified dates and confirms the date of publication or kitting.

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1. 9. A model is also eligible for Vintage or Classic contests where unpublished plans are informally certified by the designer or other independent expert as being authentic and the model was flown during the period for Vintage or Classic models as defined above. If it is an unpublished design the competitor must be willing to produce information that clearly demonstrates that the model was flown during the period appropriate to the contest in which it is to be flown. Other acceptable evidence for a model having been flown in the period includes details of contest results in an article accompanying the design or other published evidence or certification from the designer. If the design is unpublished, the contestant must agree to give all available information to SAM 35 for possible publication.
2. 10. Competitors are responsible for proving the eligibility of their models to the satisfaction of the CD and may be asked to produce supporting evidence on the day of the contest
3. 11. Models are entered, not the flier, so more than one model per person is allowed.
4. 12. The CD's decision on all matters pertaining to the contest is final.

### **Specialist rules**

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