

Yes Skysters, it's the briefing you've all been waiting for! Let's get straight to it:

FAC SCALE

Flight Points / Flight Time Factoring—New option: **Inverted flight time factoring**. CDs may opt to use the customary “Traditional” flight time factoring, OR the new **“Inverted” flight time factoring**. Inverted flight time factoring is most effective when paired with “Three Flight Average” flight scoring. This system is designed to reward consistent flying ability, and to give low bonus point models a better chance against high bonus point models. Repeat: the “Inverted” factored flight point system is an OPTION! Substantial field testing of this system against FAC Rubber Scale event #2 has been conducted over the course of several years by the Glastonbury and Pinkham Field clubs.

The following are the ONLY events eligible for Inverted flight time factoring:

FAC Peanut Scale #1 FAC Rubber Scale #2 FAC Jumbo Scale #3 FAC Giant Scale #4.

TOTF NON-SCALE

1. Common Rule V-1.0-B-3 has been amended to include Three Bladed Props.
2. Old Time Rubber Stick / Old Time Rubber Fuselage rules have been condensed and re-edited.
3. Old Time Rubber Stick / Old Time Rubber Fuselage Rule V-2.0-C has been amended: models entered may have a maximum wing span of 36” OR maximum wing area of 150 Sq. In. Refer to the Rule Book for details of other changes related to this change.
4. Old Time Rubber Stick / Old Time Rubber Fuselage events may be combined at the CD's discretion.
5. 2-Bit + 1 and 1/2 Wakefield events may be combined at CD's discretion.
6. Jimmie Allen and Old Time Rubber Fuselage events may be combined at CD's discretion.

SIMPLIFIED SCALE

1. Simplified Scale rules have been condensed and re-edited, and...wait for it...SIMPLIFIED.
2. Simplified Scale Bonus Points are now CUMULATIVE. There is a maximum cap of 15 bonus points for any model. Exception: Models built from old-time plans meeting the criteria of rule VI-2.0-C1 are awarded 10 extra bonus points, for a maximum of 25 bonus points.

DIME SCALE

1. Minor clarification of what is meant by “recognized publication” in the rule requiring a pseudo-dimer plan to be published.
2. Dime Scale Bonus Points remain CUMULATIVE, but are now capped at 15 points.

MISC. TIMED EVENTS

Embryo Endurance—Bonus Points—the 30-degree windshield slant of raised cabin models will now be referenced off the **bottom of the wing (lower wing on bipes)**, rather than the “thrustline”.

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That's it! These changes and edits will appear in the 2018-2019 Edition of the FAC Rule Book, which will be posted on the FAC Website January 1, 2018, and takes effect on that day. Changes to the rule book will appear in two colors:

BLUE—indicates editing that does not affect the existing rule in any way. Such edits are intended to condense or clarify the text.

RED—indicates an addition to / modification to an existing rule that changes the intent of the rule, or a new rule altogether.

Throughout the new rule book, you may notice editing changes that are intended to keep the Rule Book as compact as possible. Example: instead of providing two identical charts showing Bonus Points for Simplified Scale and Dime Scale, these events now share a single chart. Generally speaking, such edits have NOT been marked with a color change.