

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS  
OF THE  
PIEDMONT RACING PIGEON COMBINE, INC.

**ARTICLE 1 - NAME**

SEC. 1.

The name adopted by this organization is: PIEDMONT RACING PIGEON COMBINE, INC.

**ARTICLE 2- OBJECTIVE**

SEC. 1.

The objective of this organization is to encourage the promotion of the sport of breeding and racing pigeons, including all activities pertinent to racing pigeon keeping in general.

**ARTICLE 3- MEMBERSHIP**

SEC.1.

Membership in this organization is available to any AU chartered racing pigeon club and their active flying members who are reputable racing pigeon fanciers.

Admission to the Combine will also be determined based on the Combine's ability to serve a new club in an effective and cost efficient manner, and must be approved by a 2/3 majority vote of the active membership present.

Applications for membership shall be addressed to the Combine in writing and contain a list of all club officers as well as the names, addresses, email addresses and telephone numbers of the entire membership.

SEC.2.

Only active members will be allowed voting privileges. An active member shall be defined as one who has not missed participation in two consecutive race series having flown at least 1 race in each of the past OB/YB series. An individual participating in at least one race will be considered to have participated in that race series. Non-active members will not be allowed to vote on any issues brought before the Combine until after they have participated in a race series.

**ARTICLE 4- OFFICERS AND MANAGEMENT**

SEC. 1.

The affairs of this organization shall be conducted the following officers:

President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, Race Secretary, Board of Directors, and a Race Committee. NOTE: A member cannot be elected to more than one position in the Offices of President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer and Race Secretary.

SEC. 2.

The management and business administration of this Combine shall be vested in the active membership of the Combine and members should be aware of the extreme importance of their attendance at each meeting.

**ARTICLE 5 - ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

SEC. 1.

All active members present at the January meeting shall elect officers by majority vote. The officers shall be elected annually and shall serve for a period of one year.

SEC. 2.

Regular and temporary committees shall be appointed by the Combine President, who shall designate a Chairman of each.

## **ARTICLE 6- MEETINGS AND THEIR SCOPE**

### **SEC. 1.**

There shall be four regular full membership meetings and they shall be held on the second Sunday of November, January, February, and August. Regular meetings shall begin at 2:00PM unless otherwise notified. The agenda for these meetings shall be as follows:

Roll Call

Read Minutes from last meeting

Reports from Officers and Committees

Unfinished Business

New Business

January

Discuss and Vote on Proposed Constitution and Bylaws changes

Present race course change proposals

Election of officers

February

Vote on race course change proposals from Jan meeting

August

Presentation of OB series Awards

November

Proposed changes to constitution and bylaws presented.

Presentation of YB Awards.

### **SEC. 2.**

The combine race course can be changed only once annually at the February meeting. A change in the race course shall require 51% of the active membership in attendance to vote in favor of such a change. Member Clubs shall submit proposed Old Bird and Young Bird race schedules to the Secretary/Treasurer at the January meeting. Proposed schedules will be sent to the active members prior to the February meeting for consideration. Voting on race schedules will occur at the February meeting. The adoption of race schedules shall include memorial and special races, as well as, providing for Average Speed awards for Old Bird and Young Bird series as follows: A Race Average Speed, Master loft and Champion Loft. B Race Average Speed, Master loft and Champion Loft. Overall Average Speed, Master loft and Champion Loft. Champion Bird. Awards shall be computed and issued even though one or more races have been cancelled.

### **SEC. 3.**

Special meetings of the Combine Committees may be called at any time by the Combine President or by written request from one or more clubs stating the reason for the meeting and the subjects to be discussed.

## **ARTICLE 7 – QUORUMS**

### **SEC. 1.**

Combine business may be conducted at any scheduled or called meeting of the Combine. A simple majority (51 %) of the active members present will be required for passage of any motion submitted for a vote.

## **ARTICIE 8- AMENDMENTS**

### **SEC. 1.**

The Constitution and By-laws of the Combine may only be amended or changed at the January meeting. A two-thirds majority vote of the active membership present is required for passage of any amendments or changes to either the Constitution or By-laws.

### **SEC. 2.**

Proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary/Treasurer at the November meeting. These proposed amendments will be sent to the active members prior to the January meeting for their consideration.

### **SEC. 3.**

The Secretary/Treasurer shall prepare annually a dated addendum containing adopted changes to the Constitution and By-laws. This document will be sent to the Secretaries of each member club.