

PIEDMONT RACING PIGEON COMBINE, INC.  
RACE RULES

**SEC. 1. PRIMARY RACE RULES**

- A. All races conducted by the Combine will be conducted in accordance with the Official AU Race Rules of the American Racing Pigeon Union, Inc. as published in the AU Update. The subsequently updated versions of the Official AU Race Rules will automatically supersede the previously published version.
- B. Old bird race series will commence on the 3rd Saturday in March. Old bird race series will include 8 races consisting of two 150's, two 200's, two 300's, one 400 and one 500. Series may be adjusted in the event competition level drops to a level which would become cost prohibitive.
- C. Young bird race series will commence on the 1st Saturday after 20<sup>th</sup> of September. Young bird race series will include 8 races consisting of two 100's, two 150's, two 200's, one 250 and one 300. Series may be adjusted in the event competition level drops to a level which would become cost prohibitive.

**SEC. 2. SUPPLEMENTAL RACE RULES**

**A. CHANGES IN RACE SCHEDULE:**

During Young bird series. If a scheduled race is cancelled as the result of not shipping the race, the entire race schedule will be moved by one week and resumed at the station that was cancelled.

During Old bird series. If a scheduled race is cancelled as the result of not shipping the race, the entire race schedule will be moved by one week and resumed at the station that was cancelled.

NOTE: An exception that can supersede this rule can be found in the By-laws; Article 3, Section SA.

**B. RACE COMPLETION TIMES:**

Race completion times for both the Young and Old Bird series are as follows:

100 miles - Two days 200 miles - Two days 300 miles - Two days 400 miles - Three days 500 miles - Three days 600 miles - Three days

**C. ALTERNATE RELEASE POINTS:**

Race birds may be liberated from an alternate release point if conditions at the scheduled release point prevent liberation. The decision to make this change will only be made in the best interest of the race birds. Combine Race Secretary may or may not request input from club race secretaries to render this decision.

**D. RACE SERIES DOCUMENTATION AND RETENTION:**

All clock tapes submitted to the Combine Race Secretary for record must contain the following information. Times in military time, complete band number, color, sex, countermark number, clock start, clock stop, clock deviation, name of competitor, what race the clock stamp is for (A,B,etc.). and the sequence of stampings. If the event is a multiple day race, the sunrise and sunset for each day must also be recorded on the tape. The sunrise and sunset times for Spartanburg, SC will be the standard used by the Combine. Each club must submit a copy of their race results to the Combine Race Secretary along with the other AU required race documentation. This material should be received by the Combine Race Secretary NLT the day following the day of opening clocks to be considered for Combine positions and awards. Race documentation (entry sheets, tapes, etc.) shall be kept intact for one year following the completion of each race series.

**E MEASUREMENTS**

1. All loft and race station measurements must be computed by the same method ( GPS.) for all lofts competing in that race or race series.
2. The Home loft is the surveyed loft from which the bird has been entered as shown by the address of the member's entry sheet and for which the indicated distance measurements are to be used in computing the bird's speed. The Combine in computing racing performance recognizes only the Release Point and the Home Loft.

#### **F. SHIPPING CRATES.**

1. Crates will be the all-aluminum construction equivalent to the crates built by custom Aluminum Works in Denton, NC. And will be provided by the combine. Each crate must have a wire bottom (for the birds to rest on) and a mechanism (wood floor, pan, etc.) to catch all droppings and debris created in the crate. A space between the wire and catch mechanism must be maintained. The use of materials such as straw, pine needles, shavings, etc. will not be allowed.
2. To insure that A and B races are released at the proper times, all A Race crate ends labeled with the RED letter A while the B Race crate ends will be labeled with the BLUE letter B. Crates will be loaded so that the A Race crate ends are on the Driver's side (LEFT) of the trailer.

#### **G. HOLDOVERS:**

When conditions prevent liberation on scheduled dates, the birds may be held at the station for liberation or returned back home by the decision of the Race Secretary. Birds shall not be held more than 3 days after shipping.

#### **H. SEPARATION OF THE SEXES AT SHIPPING:**

In Old Bird races, Cocks and Hens will be separated by sex. In Young Bird races the sexes may be mixed. A maximum limit of 17 birds per half crate is permitted, at no time shall there be more than 17 birds per half crate and 34 birds for full crate.

#### **I. SHIPPING LIMITS:**

In all Combine Races, the shipping limit will be set by the Combine race secretary prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> race of the series. Shipping limits will be calculated from the number of flyers competing in the series and the amount crate space available maintaining a maximum of 17 birds per half crate.