
WIDE BAY COMBINE INC.

RACE RULES - 2025

The Race Secretary shall manage and control all aspects of pigeon races. Keep a true and accurate record of all entries and money received- Hand all money to Treasurer so receipts can be issued and money banked. They will be the contact officer for all races but if unable to do it, the club will appoint someone else to do it for that race or races. He must check that the pigeons entered belong to that flyer. He is to report any differences to the Club immediately. He must present a full report of the seasons races to the club.

Declare all race placings after all clocks and velocities are checked.

BIRDS RECEIVED AT OWNERS RISK

All birds shall be received by the Club entirely at the owner's risk and the Club cannot be held responsible for the accidental injury or loss of birds,

BOUNDARY

Boundary Of the Club shall be within The Wide Bay LGA. Bundaberg to the North. Gympie & Sunshine Coast to the South. Tin Can Bay to the East and Eidsvold to the West.

RINGS

Life Rings will be on sale from June, each year.

Electronic Rings will be available from May of each year.

They can be obtained from The Secretary.

Once rings are purchased, they become the property of that flyer and are non-refundable.

RUNG PIGEONS

This Club will recognise for the purpose of racing and exhibiting only rung pigeons.

A. Rung pigeons are those bearing upon the leg an intact metal/plastic coated ring issued by any recognised and reputable Club, Society, Federation, Combine or Journal devoted to the welfare of pigeons. Such rings must bear distinguishing letters, year of issue and serial numbers.

B. Unrung pigeons are those without rings on the ring bearing leg other than those Specified in section (A) or those bearing rings which in the opinion of the Committee have been tampered with.

c. No bird bearing a ring issued before the 1st June to compete in the following years derby.

BIRDS AND RACE SHEETS

Birds and Race Sheets are to be in by 5.30pm on basketing night. If you are going to be late due to work or other commitments, you must notify the Race Secretary beforehand.

MEMBER DISQUALIFICATION

Should any member be disqualified in a race, all prizes to which the bird or birds might have been entitled too, shall be forfeited and the Committee shall award the prizes in the regular order of merit. Other penalties are also enforced.

RACING OF STRAYS

Any member found racing a stray, the penalty will be disqualification from four official race weekends. This does not include the rest week or any weekend postponed due to weather.

DISEASED PIGEONS

A committee of three elected by the Club shall decide if any pigeon is unfit to race or to be shown in exhibition.

OWNERSHIP

All birds entered in races must be the property of the competitor, See entries - Race Disqualification and Racing of Strays.

LOCATION OF BIRDS TIMED IN

Birds must be timed in only at the surveyed loft of the competitor.

TEST TOSSING OF WINNERS

Any 2 members have the right to request the owner of a prize winning pigeon to toss the bird within 100 yards of its loft within 48 hours after completion of the race.

Breeders Plate placegetters will be tossed next morning after clocking by Race Secretary/Committee.

CLOCK COMMITTEE

No other person other than those appointed by the Club shall be allowed within the portion of the room set apart for clock checking whilst same is in progress.

BASKETING OF BIRDS

The Basketing of the birds is under the control of the Race Secretary. Each Member is to help with handling and scanning of the birds.

BASKET SEALS

All race baskets will be sealed in the club shed and no seal is to be broken after the basket has left the club shed except by the Liberator which is just prior to the release of each race or by order of the Committee.

HANDLING OF PIGEONS

No member shall, on basketing night, handle his or her own pigeons after the pigeons have been race or rubber rung. He or she may take their pigeons from their own basket, if so desired and pass them to the official examiner or handler.

The examiner or handler at no time is to pull the birds wing out to inspect it or tip the bird up or over to see the ring number.

ENTRANCE FEES

All entries are to be made out on the Club nomination form and is to be handed to the Race Secretary on night of basketing.

All Flying Fees are set at the AGM of the year in question.

Yearly Flyers Fee is \$500 for 2025.

Also, all entry money associated with the race or fees on that night are to be paid before the birds are basketed.

All Flying Fees are non-refundable.

AWARDING OF PRIZES

The prizes awarded in each race will be for the pigeon making the highest velocity i.e. metres per minute.

MEMBERS CLOCK

1. Electronic Clock – electronic chip rings to be used. Rings are to be purchased from the Race Secretary, at a price fixed by the Committee. Rings become the flyers property after purchase and are non-refundable.
2. All clocks to be in the Clubhouse before 6.30pm unless previously arranged with the Race Secretary.

HOURS OF DARKNESS

In the event of a bird or birds homing during the hours of darkness the time between 45 minutes after the last bird timed in on that day and 45 minutes before the following day shall be the hours of darkness. Velocities of such birds be calculated as if flying continuously.

DISPUTES

A panel of members to be elected at the Annual General Meeting, Their duties are to adjudicate on protests and any other matters from time to time. Any protests or disputes relating to a race shall be considered by the Disputes Committee of the Club whose decision shall be final.