

IMPORTANT UPDATE - BIRD FLU & THE 2024 RACING SEASON

25/06/24

In May 2024 Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza ("bird flu") was detected on poultry farms in Victoria. In the interests of protecting our pigeons, the Central Cumberland Racing Pigeon Federation has been proactively in contact with the NSW Department of Primary Industries to keep them up to date with our planned racing events and to take on board any relevant advice from the Department.

Until now, the Department had been happy with the CCF to continue racing as scheduled. However in communication this week **the Department has strongly advised they'd prefer for pigeons to not be flown from Victoria** into NSW and potentially over interstate bird flu outbreak areas.

The CCF executive has taken the Department's advice on board. At this stage, racing is able to continue from within NSW. Therefore starting this weekend the 2024 racing season schedule has been amended, with all races now being held from points within the state on a similar route to the South West season flown in 2009.

The CCF appreciates the advice from the DPI and will remain in constant communication with the Department, and will take all necessary action should the situation within NSW change.

This week's racepoint will be **Cootamundra**.

Please see the following page for the updated and amended racing schedule.

David Gordon CCF Secretary

Revised South West 2024

| Date | RACE POINT | TYPE | DISTANCE | ASKETING NIGH | IBERATION TIM |
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| 18.05.24 | Marulan | Club Race | 125km | Friday | 11.00am |
| 25.5.24 | Marulan | Club Race | 125km | Friday | 10.30am |
| 25.5.24 | Gunning | Club Race | 180 km | Friday | 11.00am |
| 1.06.24 | Gunning | Club Race | 180km | Friday | 10.30am |
| 8.06.24 | Gunning | Club Race | 180km | Friday | 9.30am |
| 8.06.24 | Gundagai | Club Race | 280 km | Friday | 10.00am |
| 15.06.24 | Gundagai | Club Race | 280km | Friday | 9.30am |
| 22.06.24 | Gundagai | Club Race | 280km | Friday | 9.30am |
| 29.06.24 | Cootamundra | Club Race | 270km | Friday | 9.30am |
| 6.07.24 | Cootamundra | Club Race | 270km | Friday | 9.30am |
| 13.07.24 | Narranderra | Club Race | 400km | Friday | 8:30am |
| 20.07.24 | Narranderra | Club Race | 400km | Friday | 8.30am |
| 27.07.24 | Carrathool | Young Bird Derby | 500km | Thursday | Early as Possible |
| 3.08.24 | Carrathool | Club Race | 500km | Thursday | Early as Possible |
| 10.08.24 | Carrathool | Club Race | 500km | Thursday | Early as Possible |
| 17.08.24 | Hay | Club Race | 555km | Thursday | Early as Possible |
| 24.08.34 | Hay | Club Race | 555km | Thursday | Early as Possible |
| 31.08.24 | Buronga | Fred Wall Special | 800km | Wednesday | Early as Possible |
| 7.09.24 | Balranald | ANRPB National | 675km | Thursday | Early as Possible |
| 14.09.24 | Renmark (NSW) | <mark>rold Williams Two Bir</mark> | 920km | Wednesday | Early as Possible |
| 21.09.24 | Balranald | All Age Derby | 675km | Thursday | Early as Possible |