

Libertor Guidelines

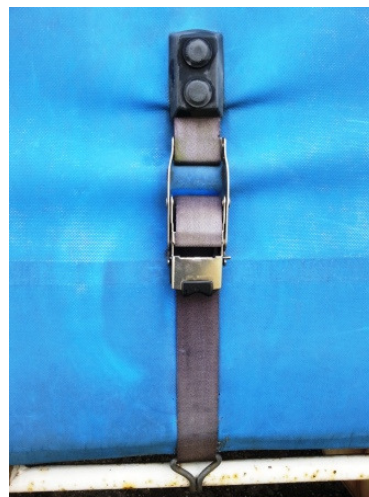
Loading Truck and Travelling:

The liberator and driver have absolute authority over the loading of the truck. The loading schematic as supplied by the committee should be adhered to. After all baskets are loaded onto the truck the following needs to be done:

- pull all baskets back on their runners and push in release bar.
- insert locking pin in the release bar so that if any baskets do open in transit they do not fall open completely when you pull curtains back at release point.
- It is a requirement that all baskets are tied at each corner and have a tied centre door flap. The locking pin on each basket door also needs to be engaged.
- The curtain needs to be drawn tight before any of the straps are secured and tightened on the curtain rail.
- The loose flap on the strap on the side curtain needs to be folded up under the locking clasp for travel.
- This needs to be done to stop damage to the strap, the locking mechanism and the curtain from the loose end of the strap flapping around in the breeze.
- It also reduces noise generated from the strap flapping about and hitting the side of the truck.



Incorrect strap position



Strap tucked in Correctly

- The four front air vents should be open when travelling
- This is done to provide fresh air venting into the truck and provide some positive pressure inside the truck to force "used" air out of the truck.



Light Switch:

- the light switch for the inside of the truck is located to the left of the back door of the truck.
- have lights on when loading baskets into truck as this assists those loading the baskets



Light switch at back of truck to the left of back door.

Exhaust Fan Operations:

- The Front Exhaust Fan can run in auto mode.
- There is a switch in the front passenger side of the cabin.
- Switch this to on and the centre fan will come on automatically when the temp gauge reaches 20°C.



- There are two exhaust fans towards the back of the truck roof that can be operated manually.
- Turn them on with the switch located at left of the driver facia panel.
- When fans are on the light turns green and they suck air through the vents in the top of the truck.
- These fans run independently of the ignition switch.



Arrival at release point:

- Be at release point at least 2 hours before liberation.
- attempt to have truck on a hard level surface.
- open up truck and have curtains pulled to the front as per:



Truck curtains pulled to front ready for liberation



- If it is raining or very hot the curtain can be secured to the drop sides to act as an awning to protect the birds.

Feeding:

- The birds should be fed around 3:00pm on a Friday for Thursday night basketing. The birds should be given around 30 minutes to settle after arriving at the race point before feeding.
- The feed mix is one part corn and two parts wheat.
- With a full basket give each basket one tin of mix in the tray on the back of the basket.
- A full basket contains 23 birds if there are fewer pigeons you may use less than a full tin to each basket.
- If the birds eat all the feed give them another half tin.
- When the birds have finished eating (say 30 - 60 minutes) remove the feed and empty trays into a bag.



Watering the birds:

- Turn on water pump at switch just above the water tank at the front of the truck:



- Ensure that water stop cock is at around the 45° angle. This will regulate flow so that you do not splash water everywhere.
- Fill water troughs at sides of baskets with the hose to about two thirds full - a little splashing may attract birds to the water.
- Filling all water troughs should consume around 60-70% of the water in a full tank.
- Turn off pump at switch after birds have been watered to avoid chance of pumping tank dry if hose leaks.
- When the birds have been released add a cap full of Sanicheck to the water tank to help control any bacteria in the tank.
- Before filling the tank for the next race it needs to be drained and flushed to remove any residue of the Sanicheck.



Releasing the Birds for the Race:

- The release bar should be pushed fully in and the locking pin in the secured position as per:



- Pull all baskets up hard against stops at front of runners
- Cut strings 30 mins before scheduled liberation
- Undo locking pin on front doors 10mins before scheduled liberation. Ensure that door rests on the release bar but does not leave enough room for a bird to escape.
- At designated release time pull out locking pin and pull back release bar at end of truck to allow all baskets to open.
- Check to ensure all baskets have opened
- Leave baskets open for at least 10 minutes if any birds fail to leave basket
- Do not chase birds out of basket. If they do not come out by themselves after 10 minutes leave them in the basket and bring them back. They may be sick or injured.
- Close all basket doors and lock in place with locking pin on the basket fronts.
- Close up truck and secure curtains.
- Ensure all curtain strap are securely tucked up in locking mechanism.

Fuelling the Truck:

- The truck has two fuel tanks that need to be filled individually.
- The front tank contains the fuel gauge and indicates the level of fuel in that tank.
- Fuel is pumped to the engine from the front tank only.



Primary Tank

Secondary Tank

- During travel both tanks should be open to each other to allowing both tanks to feed the fuel line to the motor.
- The stop cocks on the fuel lines should be in-line with the hose indicating the "Open" position.
- The stop cock should be closed only when refuelling the truck. This will allow each tank to be filled without draining to the other tank.
- Once the tanks are filled turn the primary tank stop cock back to the "Open" position.



Stop Cock in "Open" position



Stop Cock in "Closed" position for refuelling only.