



## ROYAL PIGEON RACING ASSOCIATION

### COVID-19

### ADDITIONS TO THE CONVOYERS

### CODE OF CONDUCT - 2021

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#### Introduction

As a RPRA licensed convoyer you are subject to the Code of Conduct for convoyers.

Please note organisations convoyed by private hauliers may be subject to different guidance in terms of the number of people from different households present on the vehicle. In such cases organisations should contact the haulier to establish the requirements. All other parts of the code of conduct should be observed.

Due to the current restrictions relating to social distancing and gathering the following additions are applicable to the code with immediate effect and will remain in force until Government guidance changes.

Failure to comply with the code will result in the license being cancelled with immediate effect.

**Please note the guidance currently relates solely to Liberation sites in England.**

The following additions are based on the principles included in steps 1 and 2 of the Government's road plan and should be strictly implemented. This includes the fact that you cannot meet up with more than five people from outside your household.

1. Social distancing rules mean individuals from different households should adhere to the two metres distancing rule. Therefore, there should not be more than one individual on the vehicle unless they are from the same household.
2. Your organisation will communicate in advance the process for loading vehicles. This will establish who will load the vehicle.
  - a. In the event that the race marking team load the vehicle then the convoying team should remain in the vehicle until the task is completed and the marking team has left the vicinity. The convoying team should then disinfect the relevant equipment that has come into contact with the race marking team with a suitable disinfectant wipe.
  - b. If the convoying team carries out the loading of the vehicle then they should disinfect the outer surface of the baskets and crates with a suitable wipe before doing so. They should also wear suitable gloves.
  - c. Please note that the race marking team and the convoying team cannot both be part of the loading process. It has to be one or the other.
3. You should read, understand and implement the applicable processes and requirements outlined in the Guidance issued for Convoying organisations (attached).
4. At no point should the vehicle carry out a journey within restricted areas of the UK

#### **Liberation site**

The following points are relevant to the Liberation site

1. Vehicles should park away from each other as far as is reasonably possible.
2. You should not meet outdoors in groups of more than six people and you should remain in the vehicle as much as possible.
3. You should not come within 2 metres of any individual from a different household

4. Many liberation sites will have their own processes/rules regarding hygiene and using communal areas such as toilets. These should be strictly followed.

### **Due Diligence and responsibilities**

It is advisable that all members of the convoying team are aware of all the guidance and rules published. This includes

1. This document
2. The Convoyers Code of Conduct
3. Guidance for Convoying Organisations
4. Guidance for Race Marking
5. Guidance for Clock Striking.
6. Liberation site Risk Assessment – A copy should be present on the vehicle.

Each member of the convoying team should be comfortable with the requirement and accept any associated risk. If anyone is not prepared to accept any risk they should not convoy pigeons.