

ROYAL PIGEON RACING ASSOCIATION

2021 YEARLING RACE – RULES

1. The race is to be named the "ROYAL PIGEON RACING ASSOCIATION 2021 YEARLING RACE".

2. 'The Committee' is the Future of the Sport Committee.

ENTRY OF BIRDS

3. The Entry Fee will be £200 per pigeon. Entries are limited to 250 pigeons (unless the FoS Committee rule otherwise to satisfy demand) and the allocation of spaces will be granted on a first come, first served basis, initially to entrants from the 2020 RPRA One Loft race. A £100 per pigeon non-refundable deposit will secure your place/s. Entries must be submitted by 9th October 2020; thereafter purchasers of pigeons at the RPRA 2020 One Loft Auction will be allowed to fill any remaining places. Entries must be submitted by 1st December 2020. Full payment must be made by 1st February 2021.

4. All pigeons must have been entered in the 2020 RPRA One Loft race and be rung with only one 2020 ring from any recognised Association/Union in Great Britain and Ireland.

5. All the relevant details of the electronic ring and registration ring will be entered onto a protected computer database.

6. Entries direct from the 2020 OLR will remain in the name of the RPRA One Loft Race. All region free entries for schools' pigeons remaining after the 2020 OLR are given free entry into the yearling race. Pigeons purchased at the auction will be transferred to the new owner, then back to the RPRA One Loft Race for the duration of the Yearling race for the purpose of stray repatriation.

7. Purchasers of 2020 OLR birds must be either RPRA members or those of any recognised British Union. Any applicants who are not members must submit an individual member application form as part of their entry. Individual member application form can be found on our website www.rpra.org.

8. All pigeons will be vaccinated against Paramyxovirus by the Loft Manager.

9. No replacements/substitutions or refunds for lost birds or fatalities will be permitted.

TRAINING PREPARATION

10. The loft will be maintained in a secure area and there will be a 24-hour security system in operation.

11. The pigeons will be housed in a loft, specifically designed for this race. This loft will accommodate 250 pigeons in comfort.

12. An electronic clocking system will be installed into the loft and used for all training and races.

13. All pigeons will carry the telephone number of the RPRA in Cheltenham to assist repatriation of strays (RPRA Rule 121).

14. The anticipated race programme will be confirmed by the Committee but is likely to be North Road and to consist of 3 Hotspot Races and the Final Race at about 300 to 400 miles.

15. All the races will be dependent on the weather conditions and the relevant race controller. The convoyer will be the person to make the final decision regarding the liberation/release of the pigeons in his

charge. There will be a comprehensive training programme, gradually building up the distance on a weekly basis. This will be strictly adhered to, so the pigeons have the proper education for the task in front of them but subject to the welfare of the birds and weather conditions prevailing.

16. One Loft licence numbers are WMOB 01/21 to WMOB 04/21.

PRIZE MONEY, TROPHIES AND POOLS

17. All prize money is subject to maximum entries.

The anticipated Prize Money on ALL three Hotspot Races will be as follows:
1st £300; 2nd £200; 3rd £100
£600 PER RACE x 3 = £1,800 TOTAL

ANTICIPATED PRIZE FUND FOR THE SECOND LONGEST & FINAL RACE (assuming full entry of 250)

FINAL RACE 1st - £10k; 2nd - £2k;
3rd - £1k; 4th £500; 5th £250;
6th £100; 7th to 10th positions £50.
Final race prize fund £14,050.

The additional prize fund for the second longest race will only be published after completion of the final race. The prize fund for the second longest race will therefore be:

1st – normal hotspot prize of £300 plus £700 = £1,000.

2nd – normal hotspot prize of £200 plus £50 = £250.

3rd – normal hotspot prize of £100.

Ace pigeon (best over all races) :£1,000.

SCHOOL PRIZES: £100, £60, £40 for the first three placed School pigeons in each of the 4 races.

Prize money: Hotspots - £ 1,800;
Final race - £14,050; 2nd longest race additional fund - £750; Ace pigeon - £1,000; School Prize: £800
Gross prize fund: £18,400

18. There will a Trophy for the winner of the final race and diplomas will be awarded to the first 10 pigeons in each race.

19. There will be an "ACE PIGEON AWARD" for the pigeon with the best average over all the races. The winner will be the pigeon with the highest average velocity over all the races, based on time into distance basis. In the event of a tie, the pigeon winning the highest position in the "Final Race" will be judged the winner. A medallion and £1000 will be given to the owner of the winning pigeon. Any pigeon winning money in external organisations will be passed to the person who entered the pigeon. The average velocities of the winner and 2 runners up will be published in the British Homing World.

20. All Races will close in accordance with the rules of the convoying organisation. If there are not enough pigeons clocked in race time to take the allocated Prize Money, then all the money not won will be added together and equally shared between those pigeons that have been clocked in race time. Any pigeons recording the same time will share any cash prize by adding the total of the place prizes, divided by the number of

pigeons in the dead heat. Hours of darkness will be 10pm to 04.30am. Race will close at 220ypm.

21. POOL MONEY will be paid on a 1 in 20 basis. (All pools will be less 10% for administration costs/FOS Fund). If there are insufficient pigeons in any of these races to win all of this pool money in any of these races, the remainder would be equally shared between those pigeons timed in those pools. In the event of a pigeon or pigeons being untimed where there are no other qualifying birds with race positions in the pool, individual pool money (less 10%) will be refunded to the fancier(s) who entered the birds(s) in the race.

PUBLICITY

22. News of the Races will be published through website <https://rpraoneloft.org/southern/> where information on the longer training tosses, "Hot Spot Races" and the "Final Race" will be accessible for all competitors, owners or the general public to log onto and get the results. Updates will be published in the "British Homing World" as soon as possible after each race.

23. Race results will be published on the above website and in the "BRITISH HOMING WORLD". Objections must be lodged in writing to the Chief Executive within 7 days of publication in the British Homing World. Where objections to the results are upheld, the amended result will be published in the British Homing World as soon as possible, and again, objections must be lodged with the Chief Executive in writing within 7 days of publication.

POST FINAL RACE

24. After the final race all the pigeons will be auctioned and the entrant will receive 50% and the other 50% will go into a Future of the Sport fund. Separate rules for the auction will be published prior to the sale.

PRIVACY POLICY

25. We use your personal information submitted through your application to administrate the races, publish the results and race reports.

We may pass on your personal information to a verified third party for the purpose of administrating the races and the publicity of pigeon racing. We would not normally transfer your personal data out of EEA.

By submitting pedigrees to us, you consent to publish any personal information on the pedigrees on our auction site.

We will retain your personal data for as long as is necessary to provide the relevant services to you, maintain business records to satisfy tax, legal and other regulatory requirements, and protect and defend against potential legal claims.

COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

26. The Chief Executive and Loft Manager will be responsible for submitting entries to the relevant organisations. In all 'HOT SPOT RACES' a member of the committee (or approved nominee), where possible, will attend at basketing and clocking. For the final race a member of the committee or Chief Executive will attend basketing and clocking.

27. The decision of the Committee is final.