

ROYAL PIGEON RACING ASSOCIATION

2021 ONE-LOFT RACE – RULES

1. The race is to be named the 'ROYAL PIGEON RACING ASSOCIATION 2021 ONE LOFT RACE'.
2. 'The Committee' is the Future of the Sport Committee.

ENTRY OF BIRDS

3. Entry is open to all RPRa members and those of any recognised British Union.

4. 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

5. The Entry Fee will be £110 (One hundred and ten pounds) per pigeon.

6. Entries will be accepted according to the following criteria

(a) The initial FIVE (5) Pigeons on any application will be awarded places within the one loft race (subject to the loft overall capacity) on a 'first come – first served' basis until 4th January 2021

(b) After the 4th January 2021 any remaining available spaces will then be allocated or offered on the basis of the date of receipt of the initial application.

7. The maximum capacity of the loft for the 2021 season will be 1,500 pigeons.

8. A £50 per pigeon non-refundable deposit will secure your place/s. A reserve list will be activated as of the 14th February 2021 should full payment not be received by the 1st February 2021.

9. Full payment must be made prior to 1st February 2021.

Cheques are to be made payable to 'The Royal Pigeon Racing Association'.

On receipt of final payment entrants will be sent an 'Entry to the Loft' form.

This form **MUST** accompany the pigeon(s).

10. All pigeons must be rung with only one 2021 ring from any recognised Association/Union in Great Britain and Ireland or recognised Continental European Union.

They can be rung on either leg. The electronic ring will be placed on the other leg.

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

12. The loft will be open for the acceptance and delivery of youngsters between the 17th February and 31st March 2021 by arrangement. Birds will only be accepted on Wednesdays and at weekends or if delivered with a commercial courier any day with a prior arrangement with the loft manager. Arrivals after the closing date CAN be refused entry.

13. All youngsters are to be between 35 and 45 days old when they are delivered to the loft.

This will assist in settling them to the loft.

A transfer form and pedigree is to be forwarded with the pigeon.

All pigeons entered and reported as strays will be repatriated to the loft.

14. All pigeons **MUST** be inoculated by their owners against Paramyxovirus **ONLY**, with a DEFRA authorised paramyxovirus vaccine, at least 10 (TEN) days **BEFORE** arrival at the loft.

15. No entries from the loft managers/assistants will be accepted for this race.

16. No replacements/substitutions or refunds for lost birds or fatalities will be permitted except if, at the loft managers discretion, he deems a bird to have been injured during transit to the loft.

TRAINING PREPARATION

Note – it is only practical to list pigeons as of the first training toss marked list.

17. The loft will be maintained in a secure area and there will be security systems in operation.

18. The pigeons will be housed in a loft, specially designed for this race. This loft will accommodate all entries in comfort.

19. An ELECTRONIC CLOCKING SYSTEM will be installed into the loft and used for all training tosses, four 'Hot Spot Races' and the 'Final Race'.

20. All youngsters will carry a telephone number originating from the RPRa in Cheltenham to assist repatriation of strays (Rule 121). All birds entered into this race will be formally transferred to the Chief Executive.

21. The route for 2021 will be NORTH EAST. The anticipated training programme and dates are

subject to confirmation and at the discretion of the loft manager/committee according to existing conditions at the time.

22. Liberation sites for the four 'Hot Spot Races' and the 'Final Race' will be confirmed and publicised prior to each race.

23. It is anticipated that the Hot Spot races will take place during a. w/c 3th Aug b. w/c 10th Aug c. w/c 17th August d. w/c 24th August

If these 'Hot Spot Races' cannot be held on the appointed day because of inclement weather the Committee will have the right to move these to another date and all Prize Money and Pool Money will be flown for on the first available day.

24. Appropriate PIGEON TRANSPORTERS will be used for the training of these pigeons.

25. All the training tosses, Hot Spot and Final races will be dependent on the weather conditions and the Loft Manager will be the person to make the final decision regarding the liberation/release of the pigeons in his charge.

26. 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.

FINAL RACE

27. The 'FINAL RACE' date will be determined by the FOS committee.

28. In the event of inclement weather marking may be delayed.

29. One Loft Race licence numbers are –WM YB 01/2021, WM YB 02/2021, WM YB 03/2021, WM YB 04/2021, WM YB 05/2021.

PRIZE MONEY, TROPHIES AND POOLS.

30. There will be Prize Money and Pools on all the four 'Hot Spot Races' and 'Final Race'. As follows:

ANTICIPATED PRIZE MONEY FOR THE FOUR 'HOT SPOT RACES'.

Hot Spot One, Two and Three
1st £1,000, 2nd £250, 3rd £200,
4th £150, 5th £75, 6th to 15th £50 each

Hot Spot Four
1st £3,000, 2nd £250, 3rd £200, 4th £150,
5th £75, 6th to 15th £50 each
Total prize for four Hot Spot Races: £10,700.

SCHOOL PRIZES

There are Schools prizes of £100, £50, £30, £20 for the first four placed School pigeons in each of the 4 Hot Spot Races.

Final Race school prizes £700, £400, £350, £250, £200, £100 for the first six placed School pigeons in the Final Race.

Total Schools prize money = £2,800. Certificates are to be given to each prize winning and competing school.

ANTICIPATED PRIZE FUND FOR THE 'FINAL RACE'

1st £25,000

2nd £7,500, 3rd £4,000, 4th £2,500, 5th £1,500,
6th £1,000, 7th £750, 8th £500, 9th £300,
10th £200, 11th to 30th places £100 each
31st to 100th places £50 each.

ACE PIGEON (over the 4 Hot Spot Races and Final Race) – £8,000 cash prize.

TWO BIRD AVERAGE winner £500

FINAL RACE PRIZE FUND = £59,250 TOTAL PRIZE FUND £70,750.

31. There will be a Trophy for the winner of the Final Race; also the top 10 pigeons will receive a medallion.

32. There will be an 'ACE PIGEON AWARD' for the pigeon with the best average over the four 'Hot Spot Races' and the 'Final Race'. The winner will be the pigeon with the highest average velocity over the five races, based on time into distance. In the event of a tie, the pigeon winning the highest position in the 'Final Race' will be judged the winner.

33. A cash prize of £8,000 and a suitable Trophy will be awarded to the owner of the winning 'ACE PIGEON'. The average velocities of the winner and

2 runners up will be published in the British Homing World.

34. DIPLOMAS will be awarded to the first twenty (20) pigeons in each of the four 'Hot Spot Races' and diplomas will be awarded to those pigeons that win the first hundred (100) Open positions in the 'Final Race'.

35. Hours of darkness will be 9pm to 5am. All 'Hot Spot Races' and the 'Final Race' will close at 9pm (2100 hours) on the day following liberation. 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.

36. Pools are optional. For those participating. POOL MONEY will be as follows in all the four 'Hot Spot Races' and the 'Final Race': 50p, £1, £2, £3, £4, £5, £10, £20, £30, £40, £50 and 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 not being timed 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.

37. A TWO BIRD AVERAGE TROPHY and £500 prize money will be flown for in the 'FINAL RACE'.

38. All pools, prizes and refunds will be paid out after the final race.

PUBLICITY

39. News of the race will be published through www.rpra.org and information on the longer training tosses, 'Hot Spot Races' and the 'Final Race' will be accessible for all competitors or the general public to log on to get the results. Regular press releases will be issued in the 'BRITISH HOMING WORLD' as soon as possible after each race.

40. Hot Spot races and Final Race results will be published in the 'BRITISH HOMING WORLD'.

41. 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

42. After the race the pigeons will be auctioned and the owner 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.

Pending Committee's decision in Feb 2021, entrants may forego the auction and enter directly into the 2022 yearling race if they wish at the appropriate cost. Successful bidders at the auction may also enter their purchase in the yearling race by paying the determined entry fee subject to vacant places.

PRIVACY POLICY

44. 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

45. 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.

46. The decision of the Committee is final.