

BHW SHOW OF THE YEAR 2022 RULES

- 1) The show will be held under the Rules of the Royal Pigeon Racing Association. All rings must be the property of the fancier entering them by **Friday 31st December 2021**, and registered as such in the records of a recognised Association/Union. Competitors entering pigeons over 10 years old must ensure that those rings have been registered correctly with the appropriate Association/Union. **Any prize-winning pigeon found not to be correctly registered will be disqualified and the prize money forfeited.**
- 2) All pigeons entered must be vaccinated against paramyxovirus with a DEFRA authorised vaccine. (Please refer to RPRA vaccination code of practice)
No bird will be accepted into the show without a completed vaccination certificate.
- 3) **Closing Dates:** Classes 1 to 37 – Friday 26th November 2021
Supreme Champion class – Friday 14th January 2022
Entries will not be accepted after these dates.
- 4) **Entries: Classes 1 to 8, 17,18 & 20 to 33 - max 3 birds, classes 9 to 16 - max 1 bird, class 19 – max 1 pair, classes 34 to 37 - unlimited. No duplicates will be allowed in any class.**
- 5) **Penning:** Pigeons may only be penned in the presence of an official Steward. On arrival you must report to the Chief Steward's Office where you must hand in your vaccination certificate and (if applicable) your flown certificate and collect your pen numbers. Pen numbers will not be issued in advance although allocation of pens will take place after the closing date to ensure fair treatment for all. **ETS rings must be removed prior to penning.** All penning must be completed by 7pm on Friday.
- 6) **Un-penning:** No pigeon may be removed before 2:30pm Sunday.
- 7) **Judging:** Will commence at 7:30pm Friday.
RPRA rule 134: Exhibitors may not be able to judge and show at a show which they are exhibiting.
We would like to remind all fanciers of the amendment which was passed to Rule 134 (printed above). The Show Committee have interpreted this as judges cannot enter pigeons in the same show at which they are judging.
- 8) **Flown Classes:** A completed flown certificate must be produced prior to penning for each entry to classes 24 to 31 + 34 & 35. **No bird will be accepted into these classes without a valid flown certificate.** A random sample of flown certificates will be checked and verified each year.
- 9) **Young Fanciers** – entrants must be under 18yrs on 14th January 2022 and a member of a recognised Association / Union in their sole name at time of entry.
Schools will be eligible for entry to the young fancier's class provided the responsible adult is a member of a recognised Association / Union in their sole name at time of entry, and the school is registered as an educational establishment for under 18 year olds.
- 10) **BSRF Champion:** Entries invited by BSRF committee. Sex of bird must be on Entry Form.
- 11) **Best in Show and Reserve Best in Show:** To be judged from the winners of classes 1 to 19 and 24 to 37 plus winner of BSRF class. Winners of classes 20 to 23 **do not** qualify for Best in Show.
- 12) **Supreme Champion:** Exhibitors who qualify for an entry into the Supreme Champion class must ensure that a fully completed official entry form, duly signed by an official of the organising show is obtained. **IT IS THE EXHIBITORS RESPONSIBILITY TO OBTAIN AND SUBMIT THE ENTRY FORM.** Class is open to the Best Show Pigeon and the Best Racing Pigeon of any Show of racing pigeons or show racers, held between 17th **January 2021 and 15th January 2022**, in which a **minimum (for 2022 only) of 300 pigeons must have been exhibited on the day of the show, all of which must have been entered not later than the designated closing date of the show - not accumulative entries – fancy pigeon breeds do not qualify towards the 300 entries**
The qualifying Show must have been organised by a Union recognised by the RPRA. Entry is free but no duplications are allowed. No entry to the Champion Racing Pigeon class will be accepted without a valid flown certificate for a minimum of 100 miles in 2020 or 2021. **The Show Manager must have received entries by Friday 14th January 2022.**
- 13) A **'Champion Show Pigeon'** and a **'Champion Racing Pigeon'** will be judged from these two classes from which the Supreme Champion will be selected.
- 14) **Pairs:** On completion of the judging of the pairs (class 19), the judge will select the best pigeon from the winning pair to go forward to the winner's class and qualify for the Best in Show.
- 15) **Results:** Will be published in The British Homing World.
Objections must be made in writing to RPRA HQ, Corinium House, Corinium Avenue, Barnwood, Gloucester GL4 3HX no later than 7 days after the date of publication.
- 16) **Compensation:** Every possible care will be taken of pigeons entered into the Show but all pigeons entered are left at owners' risk. In the event of the loss of any pigeon, for whatever reason, whilst in the care of the Show Committee the maximum indemnity payable is £50 per pigeon.
- 17) **The Committee may at its sole discretion accept or refuse entries to the Show.**