

# Application for an RPRA Open Race Licence

**COMPLETED FORM, £10.00 FEE AND A STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE MUST BE SENT TO THE REGION SECRETARY AT LEAST 21 DAYS BEFORE THE RACE DATE**

Region Secretary contact details can be found on our website at [www.rpra.org/about-rpra/rpra-regions/](http://www.rpra.org/about-rpra/rpra-regions/)

**PLEASE ALSO COMPLETE THE ATTACHED APPLICATION TO LIBERATE FORM**

Completed form plus site fee to be sent to Royal Pigeon Racing Association, Racing Support Office, Unit 35-41, Upper Mills Trading Estate, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 2BJ

Organisation name \_\_\_\_\_

Classification of race - **old bird / young bird / any age** - delete as applicable

Date of race \_\_\_\_\_ Race point & code \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Organisation responsible for booking liberation site and payment of site fees:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name & licence no. of convoyer/liberator \_\_\_\_\_

To who is the race open? \_\_\_\_\_

Entry fee per bird \_\_\_\_\_ limit per competitor (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Marking fee per bird clock fee per clock \_\_\_\_\_

Denomination of each pool \_\_\_\_\_

Allocation of pool money \_\_\_\_\_

Allocation of prize money \_\_\_\_\_

Details of guaranteed prizes (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Allocation of prize money if there are no or insufficient arrivals \_\_\_\_\_

Allocation of pool money if there are no or insufficient arrivals \_\_\_\_\_

Time or velocity for closure of race \_\_\_\_\_

Hours of darkness where applicable \_\_\_\_\_

Marking station/s \_\_\_\_\_

Open from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Clock station/s \_\_\_\_\_

Setting from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Checking from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Penalty for a late clock (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

**THE RACE WILL BE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH RPRA RULES WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO RULES 131, 132 + 133 AS PRINTED ON REVERSE OF THIS FORM.**

PLEASE WRITE ANY SPECIAL CONDITIONS AFFECTING THE RACE, WHICH ARE NOT COVERED BY RPRA RULES ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER AND ATTACH TO THIS APPLICATION FORM.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

(On behalf of the Organisation)

Name

Address

Tel.no. \_\_\_\_\_

**For Region Use:**

Licence No

Date granted

Signature

## RULES RELATING TO ORGANISING AND RUNNING AN OPEN RACE

**131.** An open race is one which is open to members of more than one club and individual members. No open race shall be held unless it has been licensed by the Committee of the Local Region to which the Organisation arranging the race is affiliated. Application forms must be obtained from RPRA Headquarters or from the Local Region Secretary.

**132.** Any Organisation wishing to hold an Open Race and organisers of One Loft Races must apply for a licence to the secretary of that Organisation's Local Region Committee or the organiser's Local Region Committee, as applicable, on an application form approved by the Council and sent to the Secretary of the Local Region Committee so as to be received by him not less than 21 days before the date of the proposed race. With such application the Organisation shall send a copy of the rules to be adopted for the proposed race and a fee of £10 which shall be retained by the Local Region. The Local Region Committee shall be entitled to refuse to grant a licence for an open race if it is satisfied that this would be in the best interests of the Association and its members. The Local Region Committee shall refuse to grant a licence for an open race unless the Organisation arranging the race undertakes to ensure that the rules of the race are implemented.

### **133. Section A. The following rules apply to all open races.**

- (1) The rules relating to racing set out in the Association's Standard Rules for adoption by all affiliated Organisations shall apply.
- (2) The licence number for the open race issued by the Secretary of the Local Region Committee shall appear on all notices in any journal or newspaper advertising the race, on all result sheets and on any other form of advertising at the premises of the Organisation arranging the race.
- (3) In any advertising of an open race the Organisation arranging the race must state the code number for the liberation site for the race and if there are provisions for the use of ETS.
- (4) In all open races where special prizes and/or pools are offered for competition, the full conditions governing the race must be published at any time when the offer of such special prizes and/or pools is made.
- (5) A certificate of the time of setting and checking the competitor's clock together with the readings of the clock shall be given to him on demand free of cost, except for postage where incurred.
- (6) A copy of the income and expenditure account in connection with the race must be sent to the secretary of the Local Region Committee which granted a licence for the race at the time of publication of the provisional result of the race.
- (7) The Organisation arranging the race must publish on the result sheet the flying distance of all competitors who win a prize.
- (8) The provisional result of the race must be published within one month from the date on which the race was flown and the prize money, special prizes and pools must be paid to the winners within three months from the date on which the race was flown except that in the event of an appeal to the Local Region or the Council on any dispute concerning the race, the Local Region or the Council shall have the power to extend such period to enable the appeal to be dealt with.
- (9) No prize shall be paid until the winner has furnished to the Organisation arranging the race a certificate that he is a member of the Association or other union recognised by the Association.
- (10) Failure by the Organisation arranging the race to comply with any of the rules relating to an open race will result in the Local Region Committee cancelling the licence for the race.
- (11) Any person competing in an event which requires an Open Race licence shall be termed to be an occasional member of that particular Organisation. Should there be any dispute relating to this event, by either the Organisation or a participating member, then procedures as laid down in, Rules 70/71 and 168/169 be followed.

(Extract taken from The Official Rules of the Royal Pigeon Racing Association 2023)

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ORGANISATION (Name + RPRA number)	
RACE ORGANISER (Name, RPRA number, Address & Telephone number)	
SITE NAME + CODE NUMBER	
DATE OF RACE(S)	
RELEASE TIME / NOT RELEASED BEFORE TIME (deleted as appropriate)	
NO. OF VEHICLES:	
NO. OF LIBERATIONS:	
RACE CONTACT – for printing in BHW.  (Name + tel. no.)	
FEE ENCLOSED (Cheques to be make payable to R.P.R.A. Card payment – call the telephone no. above)	
NAME OF ANY OTHER ORGANISATION BEING TRANSPORTED	