

FCI
Federation Colombophile Internationale

RACE RULES

1.§. The principles and functions of the Race rules

1. The race rules of the Federation Colombophile Internationale – as FCI in the followings - and all members of International Federation contains a fixed proposal, a direction about order of races, organisation of races, standardization of racing results.
2. The members of International Federations accept this race rules as compulsory for themselves.
3. Divergence from these rules possible only by basement of 14.§ 1. Result must not be accepted if any rule-point were unmarked.

2.§. Application of the Race rules

1. The use of practice tasks of the Race rules, race command and race control will be attended by International Federation's arbitration race-committee based on their own basic issues.
2. Basic duties of Race Committees:
 - a. Precept control in use of general rules
 - b. Supervision and control over work of smaller level race committees
 - c. Regulation, execution, supervising and control over the races by FCI.
 - d. Service and repair the texts of national basic issues.
 - e. Overview the appeals, strain off the irregularity and decision-making.

3.§. General conditions of directing races

1. Official races could print out, organise and held by only National Federations and its members (clubs, associations). The print out should be known by participants in advance. Divergence from the printed text posteriorly not possible, except in cases due to bad weather conditions or veterinary restrictions.
2. The official races must be reported to the National Race Committee by the organising committee in every year.
3. Races must be planned to give equal chance to all participant.
4. The organising committee could assess a minimal distance or regional, territorial rating.
5. All documents of the race should be handled as personal issues.
6. Noone can participate with any direct contact of its own results.
 - a. Every calibration, clock control, clock closing, clock opening duties;
 - b. Record and report at race-rings by own pigeons, handling control papers and rubber rings;
 - c. Owned pigeon basketing;
 - d. Vacating the disc at clock-opening, race rings and control papers reconciliation;
 - e. Modification of data processing.

Only at the same time, from the same place released pigeons must be on the Collective race list!

4.§. Conditions of participate on the races

1. Participate on the races is possible for every natural and legal entity person, if he/she member of FCI through his/her National Federation.

2. Further condition not to have any debts towards to the race organising committee or to the announced committee, the member is not prohibited, accept and keep all rules and not interfere a control.
3. Every pigeon can be started in a race, which has a clear readable foot-ring and owner can prove the proprietary relation. Prove of proprietary relation for every controversial pigeon need the certification card of footring. Every unauthorized pigeon's result will be deleted.
4. Every pigeon must be healthy and parasite free on the races. Pigeons can participate only with valid, updated veterinary vaccination. Vaccination proves must be attached to the documentations of the pigeon-shipment. Treatment of pigeons with dope-agents is prohibited. Contravention of these will be punished.
5. One pigeon can raced by only one owner in the same year.
6. New loft must be reported at least 2 months before the 1st race, because the organising committee should have enough time to control and the measure the distance. Lofts related to the same owner for racing pigeons should be in 100 metres.

5.§. Technical accessories of races

1. Racing pigeons must have registered by a moveable for clocking, 7-numbered (4 outsider and 3 insider) footring or chipring. Pigeons must be registered with different coloured rings if they were released on the same day but from different place or in a use of another valuation method, because they must be immediately separatable without any argument from each other at the time of clock opening.
2. Racing pigeons must transfer in a transferring basket. The basket should be at least 24 cm high, must have a minimum 280 cm² area for 1 pigeon inside if its stay no longer than 24 hours in the basket. If it is longer than 24 hours, a pigeon need a minimum of 350 cm² area.
3. To record the results, a pigeon racing-clock is necessary or an electrical clock system, allowed by the federation. Both type of clocks must be suitable to the races.

The traditional/mechanical clock:

- at the end of start, clock must be plumbed, must not be able to move into the clock-box or into the wheels, so the clock system, the wheels and the clock paper ban must be unharmed and be impossible to manipulate the work of the clock from outside;
- the turns of the wheel must be before the stamping of time or the electrical recording;
- the clock paper ban must record every time if someone opened the clock irregular;
- must be a construct of to be ready to attach an exact stamp time to an exact ring-holding slot;
- recorded times must be stored and be reachable in every case and any time same as mechanical- or electrical clocking.

Electronic system:

- components, parts: Club antenna, basic clock, printer in the federation and electronic clock, loft antenna at the pigeon breeder.
- each procedures of races should be clearly readable from the monitor

- the electronic clock should have an individual basic clock with a monitor which makes the starting and closing time
- the recording of times must be stored and must be reachable, printable at any time
- the electric system and its software, the footrings must have the authority of National Federation.

4. Racing clocks must be calibrated in every 2 year. During the procedure the committee control the technologic condition of the clock and give a satisfaction certificate. (Sticker with a hologram) This certificate is valid until the hologram sticker on the electric system is not damaged, and by mechanical systems stored in the same place (place of collecting).

Responsibility cannot taken for opened clocks.

5. In case of opening a mechanical clock, the arrival times and secret numbers of footrings must be registered race-report.

6. Race committees will summarize the participant's datas in a data-report. Data report contains the start and opening of clocks, numbers of participants, numbers of participated pigeons and terams, clock datas, special notes and the authorised person's calibration.

7. List will be made after the race about the results, which contains the datas, results of the participated pigeons and related informations.

The race list contains the name of organising committee, place of release, date and time of release, wether conditions during the race, all statistic datas about the participants, the rating and speed in m/s.

6.§. Accuracy of race results

1. Race result is accurate wether the organising were successful in every point and every rule were fulfilled.

2. Organising committee is liable to disqualify – even in additional cases – those members or organisations who deviate from the race rules before the race, during the race or after the race in any case and affect other's interest by careless or calculated behaviour.

The fact of deleted results must be announced immediately. After the delete, the order of the list will not change, the place of deleted pigeons will be empty.

7.§. Rules of collecting and clock starting

1. Federations decide the racing date, place, time and all activities before the race.

2. Race rings should be fit to the choosen technology, all datas must be record in a race-report at the same time and same place of basketing. Pigeons should put into basket immediately after control.

3. During this procedure, the following steps must followed:

- only pigeons for the exact race must be in the basket
- escaped pigeons could be brought back until the end of basketing and possible to re-basket again with a new special race footring or if pigeon has a chip-ring, breeder can put back with an attendance of 2 member of the race organising committee
- escaped and not captured pigeons must be report immediately after home-arrival by breeder.

8.§. Rules of tranfer and release

1. Pigeon should take out from the basket only by an authorised person with an attendance of minimum 2 members of the organising committee. Control is compulsory if there is a sign of a strange condition, or a non conformity to the rules or to the announcement. Control place and time are free to choose by organising committee.
2. Vehicular instructions must be advert during planning the transfer.
3. Feeding instructions must be given to the accompanying person by the organising committee, together with all actual, current veterinary and environment defences. The transfer should have all related veterinary hygiene documentations.
4. The transfer car should be stopped in start position at the time of arrival of the starting place. As every 100 km far is a race, as many hours must be given to rest at the place of release, and there must be minimum 1 hour stay before start if arrival happens during the night or dawn.
5. Start permission is compulsory and gives the basic of the race documents.

9.§. Rules of Race-Control

1. The control can be tend, apply and comply only for the race rules or any special local and accepted complements.

During control, the followings must be done:

- a./ Control the loft:
 - identify the property of pigeons
 - identify the loft wether same as reported
 - identify the racing pigeons,
 - registering system working capacity and suitability

 - b./ Control the accosiation:
 - control the duties and standard work of race organising

 - c./ Control the arrival of racing pigeons:
 - race ring must be presented on the arrival pigeon
 - race ring must be registered in the race clock
 - arrival pigeon must be presented
 - control the race clock and the work of system

 - d./ Reported top pigeon control:
 - control validation of reported datas
 - record every observation about the pigeon
 - control the race clock and work of system
2. The control committee has the right to control the transporting car and all pigeons inside at any time, any place from the collecting until the start. This duties can be:
 - the control of the right and required way to the start place,
 - the control of carrier baskets
 - control the pigeons and re-ringed if necessary

Due to the control, a use of a second clock is possible and a parallel record is allowed. This second clock is only for control, informal status, the official race results and datas must be showned from the own basic clock.

Whether the control committee has at least 3 members, in justified cases they have the right to open the race clock immediately in the field and all data, race rings with the concerning times should be written down and reported.

This report should be copied to the race-report as well.

3. The members of the control committee can take cognizance of facts but has no right to make a decision.

They have to make a 2-copied report of their work and signed by the controlled member or controlled association. The controlled member or controlled association has the right to read the report and write also own comments before signed but they should try to make a solution in controversial cases in the field. One copy of the report should be coming to the controlled member or association.

10.§. Rules of clock opening

1. The leader of race committee and his helper check the locks of race basket and other secret's signs on that, then open the box. Control to have and present every started clock.
2. The members do the final closing with the basic clock then the clock will be given to the race committee.
3. There must be only one clock opened at one time in front of the opening committee. Before opening a new clock, every apparatus of the former clock must be taken away.
4. Electronic clock must be opened only by Club-antenne with the following steps:
 - a. At the start of the collecting-opening system, the clock is automatically goes to synchronise with the basic clock. There is a monitor on the basic clock and date and time is available immediately.
 - b. When attaching the electronic system to the collecting actuator, the name of fancier will be shown on the monitor.
 - c. The race list will be printed at opening, which includes the fancier and electronic system data and list of recorded pigeons.

11.§. Rules of Competition list

1. The goal of a competition list is to make a comparison between pigeon performances. Ranking of the pigeons made by the speed of returning.
2. To calculate the speed distance must divide with the time used for returning. This result is given by unit of meter / minute with two decimals.
3. The used Loft distance is given as a distance from the Liberation point to the Loft in meters. This distance allowed calculate by the Federation. This process is based on WGS-84 coordinates with Gauss method.
4. The used flying time means the time from the Liberation to the clocked time. It can be influenced by the clock running.
5. In case of more race days for the night time neutral period must be fixed.
6. On official races 20 % of basketed pigeons are listed.

When there are equal speed results on the list fancier with longer distance bring forward. When there are more pigeons with the same speed as the last prized all of them put on the list. Pigeons clocked in the Neutral time will be listed with the end time of Neutral session.

7. The differences of pigeon performances possible to show with coefficient, points, ace points or other methods. This method must be pre-accepted by the Organizer.

12.§. Process rules of reparation, protestation and appeal

1. The pigeon races has the right after the result record made ready to put objection orally about the records. This must be before sign of results sheet.

2. From the Date of ready made and published list there are 10 days put objections for all the fanciers.

3. When the published list has a mistake which connected to a race data and any other data from the earlier race processes a Protestation possible give in.

4. Protestation is regarding an activity when somebody put observation about a false result or mistake to the responsible Sport Commission within 10 date days. This must be hand in written.

13.§. Preparation of Sport -Disciplinary proceedings

1. A result must disqualify without Sport Disciplinary penalty when it is against rules because inadvertence, technical trouble or any other not planned thing. Basic reasons of disqualify:

- technical trouble of the clock in race time
- broken paper band in race time;
- unidentifiable race rings;
- faulty or unreadable record sheet;
- correction not signed on the sheet;
- lost race documents.

2. Consider as heavy Fouls:

a. Not possible change the clock Factory structure which allows false time stamp or irregular dial process.

b. Not allowed race pigeons from different place which is the registered and controlled loft.

c. Not allowed fill documents and sheets with illegal data or data change by an illegal person.

d. Not allowed stimulation of pigeons with Dopings. The list of Doping materials published and modified by the Veterinary Commission of FCI.

14.§. Final regulations

1. The right for Sport Rule preparing, supplementing and modify is owned by the FCI Congress.
2. This Rules and its attachments Approved and decreeted to publish on October 2008.
3. All the member Federations of Federation Colombophile Internationale liable for modifications own Sport Rules till 1st May 2009.