

NORTH ROAD RACING PIGEON ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION AND RULES

2022

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1. OBJECT

The object of the North Road Racing Pigeon Association (NRRPA) is to provide: (a) practical and economical transportation of racing pigeons to their point of release; (b) help promote sport awareness within their geographic area without the purpose of gain for its members.

2. ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER

All meetings of the NRRPA will be conducted according to "ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER" newest revision.

3. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The affairs of the NRRPA shall be managed by a Board of Directors consisting of two delegates from each member club and an EXECUTIVE group consisting of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer (or Secretary/Treasurer), and any other officers as the BOD may determine from time to time.

Club Directors shall be duly elected by the members of their respective racing pigeon clubs to represent the interest of the NRRPA. The executive will be elected by the BOD and each executive position will be for a two-year term. Executive positions may hold the dual role of club director or may be any other member in good standing of the NRRPA. Executive elections will be held at the AGM for any expired term and the newly elected executive member will assume the office immediately following that meeting.

4. REMOVAL OF AN EXECUTIVE

Any Executive Officer may be removed from office prior to the completion of their term, if deemed by 75% majority of the Directors, that it would be in the best interests of the NRRPA to do so.

5. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

An AGM shall be held in the fall of each year. The agenda for the AGM will include all submissions from any affiliated club that has passed a resolution at the club level concerning a matter relevant to the NRRPA. The affiliated club must submit the resolution in writing to the NRRPA secretary at least four weeks before the scheduled AGM to allow time for the agenda to be prepared and circulated.

6. QUORUM AND MEETINGS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A quorum shall consist of 50% of the Board of Directors plus 1. Where a quorum of Directors is not present, the Chair may rule the meeting in order if he or she declares it is in the best interests of the NRRPA to do so and carry on with business. Except as otherwise required by law the Board of Directors may hold its meetings at such a place or places as it may from time to time determine. No formal notice of any such meeting shall be necessary if all the Directors are present, or if those absent have signified their consent to a meeting being held in their absence. Directors' meetings may be formally called by the President or Vice President or by the Secretary on direction in writing of three Directors. Notice of such meetings shall be delivered by mail or email or other electronic means or telephoned to each Director not less than five days before the meeting is to take place. The statutory declaration of the Secretary or President that notice has been given pursuant to this by-law shall be sufficient and conclusive evidence of the giving of such notice. A Directors' meeting may also be held

without notice immediately following the AGM. The Directors may consider or transact any business either special or general at any meeting of the BOD.

7. VOTING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Each executive and each club director have one vote. Members holding the dual role of an executive position and a club director still have only one vote. With the exception of any specifically stated exception in these by-laws, questions arising at any meeting of the Directors shall be decided by a majority vote. In case of an equality of votes the President may cast a deciding vote, otherwise the motion shall be deemed defeated. A declaration by the President that a resolution had been carried and an entry to that effect in the minutes shall be admissible in evidence as prima facie proof of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favor of or against such resolution.

8. RENUMERATION OF DIRECTORS

The Directors shall receive no remuneration for acting as such.

9. DUTIES OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

The President shall, when present, preside at all meetings. The President, subject to the direction of the Board of Directors, shall also be charged with the general management and supervision of the affairs and operation of the NRRPA. During the absence or inability of the President, the President's duties and powers may be exercised by the Vice President or in the absence of the Vice President such other Director as the board may appoint for the purpose.

10. DUTIES OF TREASURER

The Treasurer shall keep full and accurate books of account in which shall be recorded all receipts and disbursements and, under the direction of the Board of Directors, shall control the deposit of money, the safe keeping of securities and the disbursement of the funds; the Treasurer shall provide an account of all transactions and the financial position of the NRRPA at each BOD meeting and whenever requested by a Director.

11. DUTIES OF SECRETARY

The Secretary shall give, or cause to be given, all notices of meetings; attend all meetings of the Directors and keep minutes of all proceedings at such meetings. The Secretary shall be custodian of all books, papers, records, documents and other instruments belonging to the NRRPA; and shall perform such other duties as may from time to time be prescribed by the Board of Directors.

12. DUTIES OF THE RACE SECRETARY/A/RACE SECRETARY

The Race Secretary shall be responsible for the preparation of NRRPA race results, correspondence with club race secretaries, correction of any errors in the race results, distribution of the race results, and the purchasing of trophies. Any appeals of a published race result shall be received by the Race Secretary according to the appeal protocol found in the CU rulebook. The Assistant Race Secretary shall assist with all the duties of the Race Secretary as needed and assume the duties of the Race Secretary in the absence of the Race Secretary.

13. DUTIES OF OTHER OFFICERS

The duties of all other officers shall be such as the terms of their engagement call for or the Board of Directors require of them.

14. EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS

All deeds, transfers, licenses, contracts and engagements must be signed by the President and Secretary or the President and Secretary/Treasurer or by any person authorized by the board and only after obtaining authorization to do so by the B.O.D.

15. MEMBERSHIP

Clubs gain affiliation by a 75% majority vote of the Board of Directors. New clubs shall be subject to a one- year probation period.

Individual membership in the NRRPA is determined by the individual clubs affiliated with the NRRPA. Any member of an affiliated club is automatically a member of the NRRPA upon payment of annual dues.

Members may resign by resignation in writing which shall be effective upon acceptance by the B.O.D.

In case of resignation, a member shall remain liable for payment of any assessment or other sum levied or which became payable by the member prior to acceptance of the resignation.

16. DUES

Membership dues are set annually by the BOD and shall be payable with the first set of flying fees paid by the member in any given year.

17. FINANCIAL YEAR

Unless otherwise ordered by the B.O.D. the fiscal year of the Corporation shall terminate on the 31st day of December in each year.

18. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Any proposed amendments to the constitution shall be voted on only once in any given calendar year at the AGM. Approval of any changes must be carried by a majority of at least 75% of the B.O.D. Any members seeking changes to the constitution must give notice of proposal in the prescribed manner at least 30 days prior to the AGM.

19. THE CANADIAN RACING PIGEON UNION INCORPORATED MEMBERSHIP AND BY-LAWS

All members of the NRRPA must also be a member, in good standing, of the Canadian Racing Pigeon Union Incorporated. All rules and by-laws of the Canadian Racing Pigeon Union Incorporated shall apply to our members. The NRRPA shall not create any Rules or By-laws contrary to the C.R.P.U. Rules and By-laws

20. DISSOLUTION

Dissolution of the NRRPA will occur when the members no longer have any interest in the objects of the Corporation. Dissolution will be accomplished by a consensus of the BOD. Upon dissolution, all assets will be

given to a charity or charities to be determined upon dissolution. No portion of the assets upon dissolution will be distributed among the members of the Corporation.

21. COMMITTEES

Committees shall be formed by the B.O.D. A chair will be appointed by the Directors. The chair will fill the committees from the entire Combine membership. Each committee shall report to the President and receive directions from the B.O.D.

Committees to be formed annually shall include Special Events, Rules, Transportation, and Sports Promotion. Additional committees may be formed when deemed appropriate by the B.O.D.

22. LIBERATORS

There shall be three Liberators plus one alternate Liberator appointed by the B.O.D. for each racing series.

23. LIBERATIONS

All birds transported to the race station shall be released simultaneously upon the decision of the Liberators for all regular scheduled races. No consideration shall be given to any Club(s) requesting a separate release.

In the event that more than one race is to be liberated from the same race station on the same day, at least 30 minutes should be allowed between releases.

The NRRPA assumes no responsibility relative to Club Open races other than to provide transportation. The NRRPA assumes no responsibilities for transportation and release of Open or regular race birds to any specific release point at any specific time or under particular weather conditions. In the event of inclement weather conditions, mechanical failure or human error, the joint judgement of the Liberators as to the time and location of release shall prevail and they and the NRRPA shall be held harmless for such decision. In exceptional circumstances the Liberators may, at their discretion, involve the President and Race Secretary in the release decision.

Pigeons shipped to any event on any vehicle or from any premise associated with or belonging to the NRRPA remain in the custodial care of the registered owner of said bird. The NRRPA, its members, directors, executives, employees, contract workers or affiliated clubs are not responsible for any or all pigeons lost due to a smash release, accident, fire, theft or any other means.

Shipping dates scheduled for a Thursday night may be postponed because of an unfavorable weather forecast.

For any race that is scheduled to be shipped Friday for a Saturday release, the liberators may decide, by majority vote, to delay shipping by one day at a time. This decision would normally only be made in extraordinary circumstances or if the weather forecast clearly indicated that the scheduled day of release would make a decision to release highly improbable. TO CLARIFY, SHIPPING MAY BE DONE ON A THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY OR SUNDAY FOR RACES TO BE FLOWN ON SATURDAY SUNDAY OR MONDAY. THE EXCEPTION TO THIS RULE IS THAT THE FINAL RACE IN OLD AND YOUNG BIRD SERIES CAN BE SHIPPED TO BE FLOWN ON ANY DAY OF THE WEEK IF REQUIRED. THIS IS ONLY TO BE DONE IN EXTREME CIRCUMSTANCES TO PREVENT THE RACE FROM BEING CANCELLED

A decision to delay shipping by one day must be made and posted on the NRRPA website by 12 o'clock noon of the scheduled shipping day. It is the responsibility of each member to check the website after 12 noon on each shipping day to confirm any delay of the scheduled shipping date.

24. TRAILER OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE MANAGER

The Chair of the Transportation Committee shall fill the role of Trailer Operations and Maintenance Manager. Duties will include:

- Ensure the trailer is properly licensed before the beginning of the flying season;
- A photocopy of the insurance slip is in the driver's possession at all times. A copy of the original insurance must be kept on file with the NRRPA Secretary;
- The trailer is in good working order and ready for the road before the beginning of the race season and monitor the condition on the trailers during the season;
- Any repairs on the trailer are taken care of by the Transportation Chair;
- Any major repairs are to be brought to the attention of the President before any work is carried out;
- Responsibility for all maintenance records to be filed with the NRRPA Secretary for D.O.T. purposes;
- Make sure all baskets are in good working order before the start of every season;
- Arrange for the repair of any damaged baskets that have been reported;
- Monitor the cleanliness of the race baskets during the race season and address any issues of unsatisfactory baskets;
- Make arrangements at the end of every flying season to have the baskets cleaned and at the end of the season the baskets are cleaned and properly stored away during the off season;
- Make sure feed and fresh water are on the trailer for every race. Feed shall consist of 100% high quality whole corn;
- Together with the transportation committee, arrange for the advertisement and hiring of any driving position;
- Ensure all drivers are familiar with the route, order of the pick-ups and time required to be at the first pick-up;
- Ensure the drivers are familiar with the procedures that are required in order to carry out the job in a professional and adequate manner;
- Interviewing any driver applicants and make sure the applicant has the proper vehicle required for the position and report to the NRRPA Executive for approval of any new hire. The BOD to decide on the length and terms of the contract offered;
- Obtain a current driver abstract for any application for a driver position; and
- Ensure there are three (3) sets of keys available for the trailer at all times. One set for the chair, one set to be held by the NRRPA Secretary and one set for each driver.
- Allocating of the shipping baskets for each club.
- An extra driver will be hired by the Regular series driver for one day races from any release point front Latchford or beyond.

25. TRAILER (Shipping) FEES

Trailer fees shall be determined and/or approved by the B.O.D. Each club shall collect the trailer fees from their members and forward them to the NRRPA Treasurer. All outstanding membership dues shall be included with the trailer fees (including any late penalty). A list of all members who have paid trailer fees shall also be included.

Trailer fees for first time flyers, i.e., members flying their very first ever race series, shall be waived for one series only. At the discretion of the new member's home club, a former flyer returning to the hobby after a lengthy absence, may qualify for this benefit. Normally, such a returning member should have been out of birds for 10 years or more and be restarting from scratch e.g., building a loft, acquiring a clock and birds and all the related expenses experienced by a brand-new member just starting in the hobby for the first time.

26. BASKETING OF BIRDS ON SHIPPING NIGHT

Each member's birds must be equally divided among all baskets being used for that race.

27. AWARDS

Awards shall be presented to the winner of each race and category as noted on Schedule A.

28. RACE RESULTS

Race results shall be a merging of the race results of each club. The race results shall be posted on the NRRPA website in a timely fashion (prior to the following shipping night). Any errors or omissions found in the race results shall be promptly reported by the club's race secretary to the NRRPA Race Secretary for correction. Any appeal to the validity of the published results must follow the timelines and other procedures as provided in the CU rules.

29. SHIPPING LIMIT

The shipping limit shall be set by the BOD's.

30. CLOCKING LIMIT

As per CRPU rule 56-1 the clocking of birds will be unlimited with at least the top 20% of birds entered in a race being shown in their true order of finish.

31. AVERAGE SPEED

Average Speed shall be calculated by total distance divided by total time.

32. TWO DAY RACES

Two-day races shall be calculated with race time ending one-half (1/2) hour after sunset and race time beginning one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise. The sunset and sunrise times to be used shall be taken from the Research Council of Canada for Hamilton, ON. Any birds which are clocked before 12:00 midnight shall be considered "day birds". All birds clocked between one-half (1/2) hour after sunset and one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise will be given the time of one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise.

A race ends 1/2 hr after sunset on the day that the 400 m/per min velocity runs out.

33. SUBMITTING RACE ENTER FORMS

Each club will be responsible on shipping night to provide the trailer driver with a copy of the entry form of each member shipping birds to all races entered that week. These entry sheets will form the official bill of lading for trailer that week and be used by the NRRPA Race Secretary to reconcile total birds and total lofts shipped and in the event of any dispute.

34. SUBMITTING RACE RESULTS

Club race results shall be e-mailed to the e-mail address provided, not later than the second day following each race. A picture of the basketing report and arrival report of the winning bird of every race, clearly showing the security code, band number and all other identifiers of the winning bird's paperwork shall be emailed to the NRRPA Race Secretary or designee immediately following the race calculation. Late results will only be accepted at the discretion of the NRRPA Race Secretary. Clubs must retain a hard copy of the arrival reports of all clocks reporting for a minimum of three weeks from the time the NRRPA results has been posted on the

website. The NRRPA Race Secretary has the authority to view any arrival report, at any time, up to 3 weeks after the results of the race have been posted.

Pursuant to CU rules, in the case of a dispute involving race results or awards, a written request to review the result or award in question shall be submitted to the Race Secretary within 14 days from the date of publication of the results or award. Failing a request within the 14-day period, all results will be considered as correct.

35. VERIFICATION OF BIRDS

Upon request of the NRRPA Race Secretary or President, any bird entered in any NRRPA race must be made available for verification (released at the loft to prove trapping) at any time within 72 hours from the time of the clocking of said bird.

36. AUTHORITY OF THE RACE SECRETARY TO INVESTIGATE ANY RACE

The Race Secretary has the right to investigate the results of any race or any bird clocked in any race run by the NRRPA within seven (7) days of the bird being clocked. All affiliated clubs and members must cooperate fully in the investigation including producing any bird requested for verification (per section 10 of this by-law), all tapes, print-outs, counter marks and counter mark foils, race sheets or other information or materials normally used in any race. Failure to produce any of the above, or failure to cooperate fully with complete and honest answers to questions could lead to the disqualification of any or all birds participating in said race. The Race Secretary must report the findings of any investigation to the NRRPA Executive.

37. CLOCKS

The Race Secretary reserves the right to reject or disqualify any clock which does not appear to function in a proper fashion or appears to have been tampered with.

All clock manufacturer security protocols and CU rules must be strictly followed and enforced.

The first ten birds of each race shall have the electronic security code off the basketing list matched to the security code off the arrival report.

38. SHIPPING SECURITY

All CU rules for shipping birds and reading clocks must be followed, for example, a minimum of three members present. Once birds have been prepared for shipping (countermarked/scanned, basketed and baskets all sealed), they must be attended by a minimum of two (2) members until being placed into the transport or will be disqualified from the race and no moneys refunded. These members must not have an obvious conflict or shared interest in the race e.g. partners do not count as two separate members.

SCHEDULE "A" AFFILIATED CLUBS

Niagara Region Pigeon Racing Club
Hamilton Central Racing Pigeon Club
Flamboro Racing Pigeon Club
Central Peel Racing Pigeon Club
Mississauga Racing Pigeon Club
Pine Valley Racing Pigeon Club

SCHEDULE B - CORPORATION AWARDS

The NRRPA shall give annual race awards as determined from time to time by the Board of Directors. If awards are not changed at a BOD meeting prior to the first old bird race, the same awards as the previous year shall be given for both the old and young bird race program.

Sprint races shall be defined as all releases short of Englehart.

Long races shall be defined as all releases from Englehart or longer.