





<u>I INTERNATIONAL CRITERIUM "MODERN</u> <u>PIGEON RACING" YEAR 2023</u>

GRAND PRIX TOPIGEON

The pigeon-racing sport, due to its special features, should be treated under the formula of "RECORD and comparison of results" when dealing with sports results. The traditional formula of "speed against distance of each participant" should be left aside, as different studies performed by attaching GPS to the pigeons and tracking the routes they follow, have proved that the real distance in the liberations is between a 25% and a 30% higher than the distance obtained by the calculation based on the coordinates.

Therefore, this difference in the real kilometers, evidences that the competitions results are absolutely false, and consequently some pigeon-breeders benefit from them, while others are damaged. Some years ago, we based our diverse opinions on our performance in each competition; currently, the latest technology available is providing us with verified facts instead of opinions.

It is about determining liberation sites, selected according to the established competitors' groups. The distances will be similar, and the results will be compared.

All great competitions occur on the same scenes: in cycling, the Tour the France runs along the same roads; in athletics, the races







have exactly the same distances everywhere, and the same happens with swimming trials.

Any sports competition must offer equal conditions to all its participants, a circumstance that is not happening in pigeonracing. It is absolutely necessary that this situation is addressed in order to be adapted to the current reality.

<u>**1**</u> - **PARTICIPATION.** - It will be by express invitation of the Reial Club Columbòfil de Catalunya or of TOPIGEON.

Participation can be through two ways:

1.1).- By invitation to Clubs. The maximum number of invited Clubs will be 12, and the participation is totally free of charge.

1.2).- By invitation to pigeon breeders. The maximum number of invited breeders will be 25, under the following conditions:

a).- Must have joined our Club as "Socio beneficiario deportista" (sports beneficiary member), according to article 6.7 in our statute.

b).- Prior to the start of the campaign, the participant will have to share the flying plans, the competitions in which he/she desires to take part, and the coordinates of his/her loft.

c).- For each competition, he/she must send the caging and clock opening log files, facilitated by his/her Club.

d).- If the participant has a **TOPIGEON** clock available, section "c" can be disregarded, as results will be obtained from the "cloud".







e).- The participant must accept any verification of the competitions arrivals at the request of the organizer.

<u>2 – PARTICIPATION CONDITIONS. -</u> Each Club will freely choose the most convenient flying route for its associates, and will be able to participate in the trophies they choose. The different trophies are independent from each other, except for the "COPA PRESIDENT ENRIC SOS" that gathers them all, because it accounts as the Total Security competition among all the pigeons that each participant enrolls in each liberation.

The only requirement is that in each competition, the number of liberations must be the same, and these should have similar distances.

The participant Clubs will have to share the details of the participant pigeon breeders to the organizer, together with the coordinates of their lofts, and the caging and final log files of the competition for each liberation.

<u>**3**</u> – **CLASSIFICATIONS PER LIBERATION.** – The participant Clubs, based on their lofts location and the liberation site, will establish the competition areas that they deem necessary, and a general classification for each area.

With the classifications obtained from each liberation, a new classification by points will be established. "1000 points" will be assigned to the first designated pigeon; then, the following designated classified pigeons will be awarded with the points







resulting from the comparison of the first pigeon's speed with each designated pigeon speed.

After each competition, we will have a classification of each trophy in progress, which will be obtained using the "Area merging" (Unión de zonas) system.

4 – CLASSIFICATION PERCENTAGES

The 100% of the pigeons verified within the control days established by the rules will be classified.

See, as a reference, the number of days set for each competition in column "DCB" of the Flying plan 2023.

<u>5 – TROPHIES IN CONTEST</u>. - There will be 5 trophies in total: "LA LLAVE", "COLUMBUS", "PERE MARTI", "PRESIDENT ENRIC SOS", "ROBERTO ROCH".

5.1 "LA LLAVE" – CM-1: To 10 pigeons designated in the 4 scoring liberations. 4 liberations between 175 and 300 Km. will be chosen within the flying plan of each club. They should equal approximately 900 Km. altogether.

5.2 "COLUMBUS" – CM-2: To 10 pigeons designated in the 3 scoring liberations. 3 liberations between 300 and 400 Km. will







be chosen within the flying plan of each club. They should equal approximately 1000 Km. altogether.

5.3 "PERE MARTI" – CM-3: To 6 pigeons designated in the 3 scoring liberations. 3 liberations between 375 and 475 Km. will be chosen within the flying plan of each club. They should equal approximately 1200 Km altogether.

5.4 "ROBERTO ROCH" – CM-4: To 6 pigeons designated in the 2 scoring liberations. 2 liberations between 625 and 800 Km. will be chosen within the flying plan of each club. They should equal approximately 1400 Km altogether.

5.5 "PRESIDENT ENRIC SOS" – CM-T5: To **total security** of the verified pigeons over the caged ones. The minimum number of caged pigeons per liberations should be 10. All the caged pigeons will be scoring, either designated or not. In case there were less pigeons, for the purpose of calculation, 10 pigeons will be taken.

All the liberations which are part of the different trophies in contest will be scoring.

<u>6 – PRIZES IN THE TROPHIES:</u>

"LA LLAVE", "COLUMBUS", "PERE MARTI" y "PRESIDENT ENRIC SOS", **TROPHY TO THE 3 FIRST PLACES.**







ROBERTO ROCH", 1ST CLUB BADGE PIN IN PURE GOLD; 2ND CLUB BADGE PIN IN SILVER; 3RD CLUB BADGE PIN IN BRONZE.

The participant Clubs or pigeon breeders, whose flying line crosses over the sea and is a 50% longer than the total distance of a "Trophy", will be able to reduce the total established distance in a 25%.

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MODERN PIGEON RACING – WORLD RANKING

ANNEX TO THE REGULATIONS YEAR 2023

The different classification percentages used to establish the results of a pigeon racing competition compel us --in order to facilitate the entry to all those wishing to participate-- to adapt the regulations.

Therefore, we set out a format modification, while keeping the same fundamentals.

The goal is very clear: equal opportunities for all.

The modification is as follows:

There will be 2 groups of great prizes: the **CM-T** and the **CM-P**, both having the same scoring as far as the WORLD RANKING is concerned.

1.- COMPETITIONS CM-T

These will be the great prizes or trophies where the 100% of the participant pigeons will be classified.

2.- COMPETITIONS CM-P

These will be the great prizes or trophies where only a certain percentage of the participant pigeons will be classified.

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<u>"MODERN PIGEON RACING"</u> WORLD RANKING REGULATIONS"

STARTING YEAR 2023

<u> 1).- PREAMBLE</u>

Each Club or Group of Clubs, according to the different "Trophies" rules, and based on their own flying plan, will be able to create and to enter a new "Trophy" into competition, if they wish so.

Each "Trophy" final classification, based on its total kilometers, will be assigned a score, which will determine its category within the "Pigeon-breeding Ranking" classification. Details are as follows:

<u>CATEGORY CM-1</u> In this category "Trophies", the winner will be assigned 300 points, and depending on the participants number, the following points distribution grid will be applied:

<u>GROUP 1 UP TO 100 PARTICIPANT PIGEON BREEDERS</u> <u>THE SCORING WILL DECREASE 30 BY 30 POINTS.</u>

<u>GROUP 2 UP TO 200 PARTICIPANT PIGEON BREEDERS</u> <u>THE SCORING WILL DECREASE 20 BY 20 POINTS.</u>

<u>GROUP 3 UP TO 500 PARTICIPANT PIGEON BREEDERS</u> <u>THE SCORING WILL DECREASE 10 BY 10 POINTS.</u>

<u>GROUP 4 UP TO 1000 PARTICIPANT PIGEON BREEDERS</u> <u>THE SCORING WILL DECREASE 5 BY 5 POINTS.</u>







<u>CATEGORY CM-2</u> In this category "Trophies", the winner will be assigned 400 points, and depending on the participants number, the following points distribution grid will be applied:

<u>GROUP 1 UP TO 100 PARTICIPANT PIGEON BREEDERS</u> <u>THE SCORING WILL DECREASE 40 BY 40 POINTS.</u>

<u>GROUP 2 UP TO 200 PARTICIPANT PIGEON BREEDERS</u> <u>THE SCORING WILL DECREASE 25 BY 25 POINTS.</u>

<u>GROUP 3 UP TO 500 PARTICIPANT PIGEON BREEDERS</u> <u>THE SCORING WILL DECREASE 10 BY 10 POINTS.</u>

<u>GROUP 4 UP TO 1000 PARTICIPANT PIGEON BREEDERS</u> <u>THE SCORING WILL DECREASE 5 BY 5 POINTS.</u>

CATEGORY CM-3 In this category "Trophies", the winner will be assigned 500 points, and depending on the participants number, the following points distribution grid will be applied:

<u>GROUP 1 UP TO 100 PARTICIPANT PIGEON BREEDERS</u> <u>THE SCORING WILL DECREASE 50 BY 50 POINTS.</u>

<u>GROUP 2 UP TO 200 PARTICIPANT PIGEON BREEDERS</u> <u>THE SCORING WILL DECREASE 25 BY 25 POINTS.</u>

<u>GROUP 3 UP TO 500 PARTICIPANT PIGEON BREEDERS</u> <u>THE SCORING WILL DECREASE 10 BY 10 POINTS.</u>

<u>GROUP 4 UP TO 1000 PARTICIPANT PIGEON BREEDERS</u> <u>THE SCORING WILL DECREASE 5 BY 5 POINTS.</u>







<u>CATEGORY CM-4</u> In this category "Trophies", the winner will be assigned 600 points, and depending on the participants number, the following points distribution grid will be applied:

<u>GROUP 1 UP TO 100 PARTICIPANT PIGEON BREEDERS</u> <u>THE SCORING WILL DECREASE 60 BY 60 POINTS.</u>

<u>GROUP 2 UP TO 200 PARTICIPANT PIGEON BREEDERS</u> <u>THE SCORING WILL DECREASE 30 BY 30 POINTS.</u>

<u>GROUP 3 UP TO 500 PARTICIPANT PIGEON BREEDERS</u> <u>THE SCORING WILL DECREASE 12 BY 12 POINTS.</u>

<u>GROUP 4 UP TO 1000 PARTICIPANT PIGEON BREEDERS</u> <u>THE SCORING WILL DECREASE 6 BY 6 POINTS.</u>

CATEGORY CM-5 In this category "Trophies", the winner will be assigned 1000 points, and depending on the participants number, the following points distribution grid will be applied:

<u>GROUP 1 UP TO 100 PARTICIPANT PIGEON BREEDERS</u> <u>THE SCORING WILL DECREASE 100 BY 100 POINTS.</u>

<u>GROUP 2 UP TO 200 PARTICIPANT PIGEON BREEDERS</u> <u>THE SCORING WILL DECREASE 50 BY 50 POINTS.</u>

<u>GROUP 3 UP TO 500 PARTICIPANT PIGEON BREEDERS</u> <u>THE SCORING WILL DECREASE 20 BY 20 POINTS.</u>

<u>GROUP 4 UP TO 1000 PARTICIPANT PIGEON BREEDERS</u> <u>THE SCORING WILL DECREASE 10 BY 10 POINTS.</u>







<u>2).-CATEGORIES</u>

CM-1 Refers to the "Trophies" with 4 liberations between 175 and 300 km to 10 designated pigeons, which equal approximately 900 km altogether.

CM-2 Refers to the "Trophies" with 3 liberations between 300 and 400 km to 10 designated pigeons, which equal approximately 1000 km altogether.

CM-3 Refers to the "Trophies" with 3 liberations between 375 and 475 km to 6 designated pigeons, which equal approximately 1200 km altogether.

CM-4 Refers to the "Trophies" with 2 liberations between 625 and 800 km to 6 designated pigeons, which equal approximately 1400 km altogether.

CM-.5 Refers to the "Trophies" with 12 liberations between 175 and 800 km which equal approximately 4500 km altogether. In this category, all the caged pigeons will be scoring, and an accumulated percentage of all the liberations will be set between the caged pigeons and the verified ones. The winner will be the loft with the higher percentage of verifications. The minimum number of caged pigeons should be 10, and in case less than 10 pigeons are caged, they will account as if being 10.

The participant Clubs or pigeon breeders, whose flying line crosses over the sea and is a 50% longer than the total distance of a "Trophy", will be able to reduce the total established distance in a 25%.







<u> 3.- PERMANENT RANKING</u>

The goal is to have an updated Ranking, similar to the one existing in tennis.

With this purpose, we will always have 2 seasons in line.

When a "Trophy", already disputed in the previous season, takes place in the current season, the points obtained in the curren campaign will replace the total amount accumulated by each pigeon breeder.

If a new "Trophy" is incorporated, it will be treated as new for all participants.

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