

# **Grand Prix One Loft Races**

## **Rules and regulations 2021-2022**

### **1. APPLICATION FOR ORGANISING AN FCI GRAND PRIX ONE LOFT RACE**

**A. The applicant must send an application to the FCI Grand Prix Commission including a declaration stating that he has read the rules and accepts them tale quale. This application should include the following information: name of the OLR, name of the owner, address, expected date and distance of the final race, number of the minimum and maximum pigeons, website address.**

**B. The FCI Grand Prix Commission may seek advice to the local Federation affiliated with the FCI.**

**C. An approval to an applicant to set up a one loft race for the FCI Mundial Ranking, cannot be withdrawn by the said Federation, if the applicant is adhering to the rules and regulations of the FCI Grand Prix.**

**D. The FCI commission will take various factors into consideration before granting approval to an applicant including the previous results of the applicant.**

### **2. RULES FOR THE APPROVAL OF AN ORGANISATION**

**A. The applicant must have all the necessary facility to be in line with the rules of the sport as per the FCI statute and also with the sanitary conditions as required by the FCI.**

**B. To be valid for points, there must be an inscription of about 500 pigeons from at least 80 fanciers.**

**C. The organizations have to send a copy of the list (in xls format) of all the entered pigeons immediately after the closing date of the inscriptions to the Chairman of the FCI Grand Prix Commission. This list needs to contain minimum the name and country of the fancier, ring number of the pigeon, indication FCI ring or not and the unique number if available.**

**D. Participation in the final race should be at least be 33% of the pigeons originally entered.**

**E. The race will be considered closed when 25 % of the basketed pigeons have arrived. When after the first day the race is not closed, it will be closed the second day, the latest at 8:00PM even when less than 25% of the basket pigeons have arrived. A list (in xls format) needs to be send to the FCI Grand Prix Chairman within 24 hours of the closure of the race.**

**F. The loft should be equipped with a second clock in case of system failure. An adequate battery system is to be in place at all times, to backup power supply. The first 6-10 pigeons have to be controlled.**

**G. It is obligatory to use an official club antenna for basketing. All ring numbers need to be checked by de FCI delegate, all pigeons need to be stamped in the wing with the provided FCI stamp. All baskets on the truck need to be sealed with the provided FCI seals. Basketing can only start in the presence of the FCI delegate.**

**H. The fee to pay to the FCI is €1.00 per pigeon entered in the race, including the not activated pigeons and also including pigeons bearing non FCI rings. This money has to be paid within 30 days after receiving the invoice.**

**I. The FCI appoints a delegate for the control in each final contest. Travel expenses, hotel, food etc., will be paid by the organizer for the delegate. The appointed delegate cannot compete under his own name in a race he controls.**

**J. The delegate will supervise the basketing of the pigeons. He needs to control the seals. He needs to receive the meteorological circumstances to take a decision for the liberation. He needs to control the first arrived pigeons.**

**K. The organizers have to let the FCI representative examine anything that he wants to check before and during the race.**

**L. The transport truck must have a GPS at least during the final race in order to share to the delegate and all participants the exact location of the release. A photo that shows the GPS, the truck and the exact time must be sent to the delegate, who will put this in his report/checklist for the FCI.**

### **3. RULES FOR THE PARTICIPANTS OF ONE LOFT RACES**

**A. Only organizers of one loft races who are ready to abide to the FCI rules will be considered.**

**B. Any pigeon fancier can participate in all the lofts or the lofts he prefers. Each of the fanciers will be given an “unique number”. This number should be the same for all Grand Prix races.**

**C. Payment of the registration fee is to be determined by each organizer.**

**D. On the final race the FCI will present 3 medals (gold, silver, bronze) to the first 3 winners.**

**E. Mundial Ranking will be organized and declared every year. The trophies and prizes will be presented at the Olympiad every 2 years.**

**F. Mundial Ranking exists out of two sets of championships: they are called Master Cup and Super Cup. For each of these two championships a best of 4 and a best of 2 are selected. Each of these Cups represent World Champions in their own category.**

**G. Mundial Ranking, Master Cup Best of 4: In order to elect a World Champion, the FCI will take the four best scores from four different races during that year. All Grand Prix races can be used for this championship, however the 4 scores need to be achieved in a minimum of 2 different countries.**

**H. Mundial Ranking, Master Cup Best of 2: In order to elect a World Champion, the FCI will take the two best scores from two different races during that year. All Grand Prix races can be used for this championship, however both scores need to be achieved in 2 different countries.**

**I. Mundial Ranking, Super Cup: A second set of World Champions will elected for people who wish to compete in a maximum of 10 Grand Prix races in one year, with a maximum of 6 pigeons in every of these 10 races. The same rules for best of four and best of two scores will apply.**

**J. The FCI Trophies will be presented to the winners at the next Olympiad.**

**K. The Carlos Marquez Prats Memorial Trophy will be presented at the next Olympiad to the fancier with the 4 best results over two years. All four scores need to be achieved in four different countries.**

#### **4. SHIPMENT OF PIGEONS TO AN ORGANISATON**

**A. The pigeons have to be shipped to the respective lofts in strong official boxes, with veterinary certificates and all documents, according to the country's requirements.**

**B. All data sent by the participants must be clear and the name of the participant must be the same for all races. The pigeons need to be vaccinated against Paramyxovirus at least 10 days before the shipping date. Certificates of the veterinarian need to accompany the pigeons. No pigeons will be accepted without a veterinary certificate.**

## **5. VETERINARY**

**A. The organizing loft must have a veterinarian who will control the pigeons and be responsible for their good health. The OLR organizer must send the name of the veterinarian responsible for the pigeon health when he submits the entry list.**

**B. The Veterinarian test/ control needs to be documented: 1 control / month, with certificate of the Veterinarian doctor. At any moment the FCI can ask this certificate in order to control the status of the health of the pigeons.**

## **6. TRANSPORT AND TRAINING**

**A. The pigeons must be in robust boxes and in the case of competitions these boxes must be sealed and recorded by the FCI delegate.**

**B. It is important that the young pigeons learn how to drink when in the basket, so it is advisable to give them water also when tossing from 10km.**

**C. Prior to the release of any training or competition the pigeons must rest at the release point. It is obligatory to give at least a one hour rest before releasing up to 100km, 2 hours for training between 100km and 300km and 3 hours for races/trainings longer than 300km.**

**D. Instructions for training distances during the last 2 weeks before the final race / suggestion/: 75% of the final race distance 2 weeks before the final race and a short training of maximum 120km 1 week before the final race.**

## **7. LIBERATION OF THE FINAL RACE**

**A. The liberation will be made when the meteorological conditions are good. It is possible to establish a buffer period of one to three days, possibly even 1 week.**

**B. The original distance of the race must be maintained and should not modified (300-550 km.) However, this distance can be shortened, due to bad weather conditions, when the appointed delegate of FCI agrees. The distance can never be shorter than 300km.**

**C. The responsible persons for the liberation, being the organizer and the delegate of the FCI decide the liberation. Both parties need to agree on the release.**

**D. The responsible person for the liberation needs to have a proof of the release, confirmed by the chief of the transport and by some trusted person at the release point.**

**E. The organizer has to give the names of the people responsible for the basketing to the delegate of the FCI.**

## **8. SUSPENSION OR CONTEST CANCELLATION**

**The cause for cancellation of a competition to score World Championship points are the following:**

**A. The failure to abide to the FCI regulations.**

**B. Preventing access to facilities and inspection by delegates authorized by the FCI.**

**C. Non-payment of the fee of (€1.00 per pigeon) allocated to each one loft. These fees have to be paid within 30 days after the last acceptance of birds to the loft. An invoice will be sent to the organization. The FCI can cancel a race for the purposes of the point system if payment is not received prior to the final race.**

**D. Non-payment of travel, hotel and food expenses of the Delegate of the FCI.**

**E. Not providing the results of the final race competition within 24 hours after the closing of the race.**

**F. Failure to pay prize money to the winners within the 3 months after the final race.**

## **9. AWARDING THE POINTS**

**The formula used for the point calculation is:**

**(Price x 1000) / (Pigeons basketed x Distance)**

**I.E.  $8 \times 1000 / 500 \times 350 \text{ km.} = 0.045$**

**A. Fanciers or tandems can register up to 12 pigeons in a single race. Should you have more than 12 pigeons in the race, they will be split up in two teams A and B etc. The participant should use the same name for each team A B C etc. in all races. If a fancier send different teams (team A, B etc.) teams will be put together in teams of 12. Only team A from a fancier will receive points for the different rankings. Failure by the participant, to declare during the original registration of the birds, which birds belong to which team, will result in the organizer to allocate the 12 pigeons with the lowest ring numbers in team A and so on. A name can be joined with a common group name, but the name of the fancier or tandem will always precede the name of the group. The name starts with first name followed by family name:**

**i.e. Carlos Prats – team FCI.**

**B. Only the 1st pigeon from every fancier counts for the points.**

**C. When a fancier cannot send pigeons to the one loft race due the international restrictions, the fanciers from other continents can participate by sending rings that are registered in their own country to be rung on pigeons bred in the country where the race will be held.**

**D. Any complaints must be directed to the Chairman of the FCI Grand Prix Board within 2 weeks from the publication on the FCI Grand Prix website.**

**E. Pigeons without FCI rings can compete in the FCI final and will be listed on the result. However only pigeons with FCI rings will be ranked and can score points. Special FCI GrandPrix rings will be made available to fanciers who have problems acquiring FCI rings. These rings will be made available to the OLR organizers, who can then forward them to the different fanciers who need them. The cost of such a ring is €1,00.**

## **10. HONORARY AWARDS**

**A. When a race is cancelled by the FCI, the result does not count for the World Ranking Championship (Mundial Ranking). However, it will still count for the prizes offered by the Organizers.**

**B. The FCI Awards for each ranking will be:**

**Trophy and gold medal for the winner**

**Trophy and silver medal for the second**

**Trophy and bronze medal to the third**

**Diploma and medals for the top 10 classified.**

**The cost for trophies and medals will be at the expense of the FCI.**

**C. At every Olympiad the Carlos Marquez Prats memorial Trophy will be awarded for the winner of the 4 best results over 2 years. The following price money is awarded for this competition: €500,00 for the first, €300,00 for the second and €200,00 for the third.**

**D. Each year a gold pin will be awarded to the winner of the 2 best and also to the winner of the 4 best results in both championships. A fancier can only win once an FCI Grand Prix gold pin.**

**E. The award ceremony will take place at the Olympiad venue.**

**F. For every final FCI race there will be 3 medals (gold, silver, bronze) for the winners. They will be given by the delegate of the FCI after the race. These medals can be won by all competing pigeons including the pigeons with a NON FCI ring.**