

CANADIAN RACING PIGEON UNION

These rules approved and carried at a meeting of the Board of Directors November 13, 1996 and are in accordance with the Laws of the Land and Section 4 Human Rights Code - 1981 - C53, including additions and amendments to Feb. 2000.

These Union and Club Rules are subject at all times to the Charter By-Laws of the C.R.P.U. Inc., and shall not be construed at any time to contradict or override the same in any way.

CLUBS

1. A "club" shall consist of a minimum of five (5) C.U. Members of at least three (3) different addresses. At all shipping, strike on and strike off, at least 3 of these members must be present.

AFFILIATED MEMBERS

1. Affiliated members are members of societies affiliated to the Union. Federations and Combines consisting of Homing Societies Affiliated to the Union shall be deemed as bodies affiliated to the Union. Individual members are persons individually elected as members of the Union in manner hereinafter provided.

2. Upon the admission of any such Society, and the members thereof signing the membership forms as hereinafter provided, such Society shall become an Affiliated Society of the Union and the members of the Union and shall be known as affiliated members.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

3. Any individual may become a member of the Union upon application to the Union for the district within which such individual resides. Such application shall be made upon a form to be obtained from the C.U. and shall be signed by the applicant and by two members of the Union to whom the application is personally known. The provisions of these Rules as to the Admission of a Society to the Union shall apply to the election of an individual applicant with the necessary modifications. Persons elected under the provisions of this Rule shall be known as Individual Members and subject to the Charter By-Laws, Section 5, 6 and 7. No non-flying member shall keep pigeons for the sale of meat, or other inhumane practices.

MEMBERSHIP FORMS

4. Every Affiliated Society shall, on admission to the Union, deliver to each member thereof, and thereafter shall deliver to each new member of such Society a copy of these rules, with a form hereinafter referred to as "the membership card". The membership card shall be signed by each member and shall, in the case of an affiliated member, be returned to the Secretary of his/her Society and in the case of an individual member to the Secretary of the C.U. It shall be the duty of each Society to forward all the membership cards, duly signed by all the members, to the Secretary of the C.U. and subject to the Charter By-Laws, Section 5, 6 and 7.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

5. Upon the signature of the membership card by any member, these rules, including any subsequent alterations or modifications thereof duly made in pursuance of a resolution of the General meeting, shall become and be deemed to constitute a binding contract between such member and the Union and all members thereof.

6. No member shall be entitled to any of the privileges or benefits of the Union until he/she shall have signed and returned the membership card in manner herein before provided and shall have paid his/her subscription for the current year.

7. Every organization shall, before the 31st of December in each year furnish to the Secretary of the C.U. a list (in duplicate) showing the names and addresses of its' members, together with the subscription payable by such organization to the Union in respect of its' members.

8. An individual member shall pay a subscription fee annually to the nearest C.U. club or direct to the C.U. as set down at the annual membership meeting. A junior member in classified as 18 years of age or under still attending school, and shall pay special subscription fee.

Honourary member - Appointments shall be made by the Board of Directors and such Honourary Member shall retain the full privileged and benefits of the Union. However, a deceased Honourary Member's picture shall be deleted from the year book the following year.

9. No officer or official or any affiliated Society or Club shall be deemed to an be agent of the Union and the Union shall not be bound by or liable in respect of any act, default or omission of any such officer or official.

C.U. OFFICIALS

10. Officers or officials of the C.U. in all matters wherein they are authorized to act by Rules of such C.U., or by these Rules, be deemed to be agents of the Union, but shall not have power to pledge the credit of the Union unless specifically authorized.

11. All local administration shall always be vested in the Club, and local club matters shall always first be dealt with by them, subject only to an appeal to the C.U. against any decision arrived at by the Club.

12. General meetings of the C.U. shall be held as often as may be required and at least one in each year. The Annual General Meeting shall be held on a date decided by the Directors, each year. Notice of such meetings, and of the business proposed to be dealt with thereat shall be posted to all Directors and shall be sent for publication in the Newsletter.

13. No business shall be transacted at any General Meeting except the approval of the Accounts of the Union unless a quorum of Directors be present at the time when the meeting proceeds to business. Four Directors shall constitute a quorum.

INTERNAL DISCIPLINE

CONDUCT OF MEMBERS

14. If any member of the Union shall be guilty of any dishonorable conduct or of conduct which renders him/her unfit to be a member of his/her Club or of the Union, or wilfully breaks the rules of his/her Club or the Union, or refuses to comply with any decision of the Union upon any matter affecting the sport of Homing Pigeon Racing, or Exhibitions he/she may be expelled or suspended by his/her Club or the C.U. or in the case of an individual member, by the C.U. from the privileges of the Union for such periods may be determined subject to the right of appeal hereinafter referred to. During the period of suspension, the person suspended shall be incapable of being a member of the Union and shall cease to be a member of any affiliated Society. No address or loft belonging to or used by an expelled or suspended member shall be recognized by the Union during the period of suspension unless the Union shall otherwise determine. The termination of such suspension shall free all the birds that in consequence of such suspension may have been declared ineligible to compete as above but shall not entitle such member to be reinstated as a member of any Club or Society, unless such Club or Society shall otherwise decide. It shall, however, be within the right of any member at any time to apply for the "freeing" of any such ineligible bird, and the Union may, if they think fit, grant such request on such terms and conditions as they think desirable.

15. Any affiliated Society or member under these Rules may, in the absence of express provision to the contrary, appeal to the C.U. subject to the following provisions: -

(1) Notice of such appeal shall be given in writing and shall state the ground of appeal and shall be served upon the Secretary of the C.U., within 21 days of notification of the decision of the local Club. The notice shall be accompanied by a deposit of \$50.00 to cover costs. Should the appeal be upheld, the \$50.00 shall be reassessed to the club.

(2) No appeal shall lie on the grounds of any technical objection to the proceedings at the local Club, or that evidence was admitted before the Club which would not have been admitted in a Court of Law.

(3) Upon receipt of the notice of appeal, the Secretary shall forward a copy to the Secretary of the local Club, who shall within 14 days after the receipt of such notice, forward to each party to the appeal a Minute of the evidence taken and points raised before the local Club.

(4) Any party to the appeal may, within 14 (Jays after the receipt of such Minute by Notice in Writing addressed to the Local Secretary object thereto on the ground that it is inaccurate or that material evidence has been omitted, or that points raised have not been clearly or accurately stated. The notice of objection shall be considered by the local Club, who may make such amend-ments (if any) to the Minute as they may think fit. The

Minute of Evidence and points raised shall then be signed by the Chairman and Secretary of the local Club, and shall be binding and conclusive as to the evidence heard and received, and the points raised at the appeal unless the C.U. shall otherwise determine.

(5) The Secretary of the C.U. shall, prior to the hearing of the appeal by the C.U. furnish a copy of the Minutes of Evidence and points raised to every party to the appeal.

(6) At the hearing of the appeal by the C.U. all parties to the appeal shall attend and may give evidence but no fresh evidence shall be permitted except by consent of the C.U., and provided that written notice of intention to tender such fresh evidence stating full particulars shall have been served upon the Secretary of the C.U., and to the other party or parties to the appeal, at least 14 days prior to the hearing.

16. The C.U. may rescind, vary, modify, refer back for re-hearing or confirm the decision of the local Club.

17. The decision of the C.U. upon appeal shall be final, based on evidence presented.

18. These rules shall be deemed to be as submission by all members of the Union and by all affiliated Societies thereof, of any questions which may arise under the Union, such arbitration jurisdiction to be the above-written rules to the arbitration or exercised through the several tribunals representatives or hereby recognized or appointed in the matter hereinbefore provided.

19. Any interested party may appear or be represented on any appeal under such last -mentioned rules. No Director, shall without permission, speak or vote on any matter in which he/she may have a trade or business interest.

20. No Director shall sit or vote at the C.U. hearing of any appeal against a decision of a local Club whereof he/she is a representative, nor shall any member of the Committee sit or vote at the hearing of such Committee on any matter affecting a Society to which he/she belongs.

CONDUCT OF SOCIETIES/CLUBS

21. If an affiliated Society/Club shall, in the opinion of the C.U. conduct its affairs in a manner unbefitting an affiliated Society/Club of the Union, or shall break, or refuse to conform to the rules of the Union, or shall refuse to comply with any decision or retain as a member of such Society/Club, or in resolution of the C.U., or shall purport to any way admit to the privileges of membership any person refused election by, or duly suspended from the Union, during the period of suspension, the C.U., may in such case expel or suspend such Society/Club during such period as the C.U. may determine. New members must be on probation for a period of at least one year.

OPERATIONAL RULES FOR AFFILIATED SOCIETIES/CLUBS

22. (1) Clubs must abide by the Laws of the Land, Section 4 Human Rights Code - 1981 - C53, will not be infringed upon.

(2) Clubs and members must abide by Municipal ownership By-Laws. Furthermore, Clubs shall co-operate with local officials regarding existing by-laws implementation of the Club. Non compliance by an individual member of the local by-laws shall result in disciplinary action, i.e. temporary suspension.

(3) Clubs must abide by these operational rules.

(4) All club members must be acceptable for C.U. membership.

(5) Clubs must report all suspensions or expulsions of club members with the full explanation of the reasons for this action to the secretary of the C.U. in writing within 14 days of such suspension/expulsion.

23. Upon the expulsion/suspension of any affiliated Society, all the members of such Society shall cease to be members of the Union. Upon expulsion/suspension of any affiliated Society all the members of such Society shall, during the period of such expulsion/suspension, cease to be members of the Union, providing that a member of any excused/suspended Society who is also a member of any other duly affiliated Society may, with the permission of the C.U. continue to be a member of such last-named Society and of the Union, provided also that with the like permission any member of a excused/suspended Society shall be eligible for election to any other affiliated Society of the Union. The application for such permission shall be by letter addressed to the C.U. and the decision of the C.U. thereon may be given without holding any informal enquiry or hearing any evidence and shall be final.

24. Notice of an expulsion or suspension of any Society or member shall be forthwith communicated to the C.U. Secretary who shall notify secretaries of affiliated C.U. Clubs of such expulsions or suspensions.

DISPUTES

25. Disputes between members, or members of any Clubs to which they may belong, including appeals from any decision of such Club, shall be heard and determined as laid down by these rules by the C.U.

LEGAL ADVICE

26. The Union shall have the power so far as the Laws of the Land allows, to provide, or assist in providing, legal advice and assistance to its members in respect to all conditions arising out of or connected with the sport of Homing Pigeon Racing or Competitions, the breeding, training, custody, sale, purchase or conveyance of Racing Pigeons, or which, in the judgement of the C.U. directly or indirectly affect the interests of the Union, and may offer and pay rewards for information touching such matters.

27. Any application by a member or Society for legal advice or assistance shall be made in writing to the C.U. and shall be accompanied by a written statement of the facts of the case, and any evidence which can be produced in relation thereto, Thereupon, the C.U. may take such steps as they deem expedient in the matter, and that no money be allocated for legal advice until such case is investigated by a Committee from the C.U. Directors, and a report made on same.

28. The Board of Directors have the power to initiate criminal proceedings or otherwise to take such other steps as they think expedient to procure or assist in procuring the punishment of offences which, in the opinion of the C.U. affect the interests of the Union, and may offer and pay rewards for information touching such matters.

OPEN RACE

29. The C.U. does not sanction any open races.

(a) Should any club or organization sponsor in open race, the approximate results of race to be published within 30 days from the date on which such race was flown and prizes allotted to be distributed to winners within 60 days or sooner from the date on which the race was flown. (b) In the case of disputes, the C.U. will act as a Board of Directors as per the C.U. Rules in open races, exclusive of monetary issues.

RECOGNIZED RINGS

30. In all races it shall be deemed to be the ring and not the bird that is entered. Only a legitimate racing pigeon band, recognized by the International Federation and registered with the C.U. is eligible.

RING SALES LISTS

SEND TO LOST AND FOUND SECRETARY

31. All Club Secretaries must on or before the first day of August of each year, forward to the Secretary a complete list of all rings sold with the names and addresses of the purchasers and must on the first day of each succeeding month forward to the Secretary a like list of all rings sold during the preceding months. The Secretary shall, on receipt of such list send to the Club Secretary by general post a receipt therefore, and in case of dispute as to whether and when such list was furnished, such receipt shall be accepted as proof.

(a) C.U. bands are sold to C.R.P.U. members only.

32. No member of the Unions shall have in his/her possession, without just cause, any bird which is not his/her property. Any member racing a stray bird not his/her property shall be suspended. Any birds not transferred with C.U. Office will be considered stray birds.

CARD VOTES

33. That when a Club or Federation has an area greater than a radius of 50 miles then all resolutions submitted to all General Meetings may be submitted to all members for a proxy vote, except the Secretary's Report, Balance Sheet and Election of Officers.

SALES ADVERTISEMENTS

34. That all advertisements in which prizes, positions and awards are claimed to have been won, shall state the name of the Club or Organization in which such prizes, positions or awards have been won, also the number of birds competing must be stated. Anyone advertising a „complete disposal" sale shall not be eligible to fly in competition for a period of three (3) years from date of said sale.

FLOWN DISTANCES

35. The word "flown" when used in the connection of a bird having flown a stated distance ,shall be taken to mean that such bird has flown the distance stated as a competing bird in a race promoted by a Club or Federation affiliated to the C.U. or similar body.

SUSPENSION

36. That a fancier suspended by any Pigeon Union (of which he was a member) shall not be allowed membership of the C.U. Suspension of members of the C.U. shall be notified by the General Secretary to the Secretaries of other Unions.

SHOOTING, ETC.

37. That it shall be the duty of every member of the Union to support to the utmost the efforts of the Union in suppressing the shooting, trapping and unlawful dealing in racing pigeons. If any member of the Union knowingly withholds evidence, or otherwise fails to support action taken in connection with the commission of any of the offences detailed herein, he/she shall be liable to suspension from the Union.

TRANSFERS

38. No band can be transferred without the written consent of the original owner of such band.

STRAY BIRDS

a. On receiving notification of a found or stray pigeon, the lost and found Secretary shall communicate to the finder, the name and address of the owner, and to the owner, the name and address of the finder.

b. When the finder is a member of the C.U. it shall be compulsory for the owner to communicate with the finder within 30 days of being notified with instructions to either return the pigeon, or otherwise for the pigeon to be transferred.

c. In the case of the finder not being a C.U. member, the owner shall make a reasonable effort to retrieve the bird and satisfy the finder.

d. Failure of an owner to communicate with the,- finder may entail disciplinary action.

e. Any notice hereunder shall be in writing and shall be sufficiently given if sent prepaid, ordinary letter post addressed to the addressee at his/her last known address and the period of 30 days shall run from the postal date of dispatch of such notice.

f. Subject also to the previous provisions of this rule a member of the association may be suspended if after investigation he/she has had in his/her possession, without any just cause, any bird which is not his/her property, or he/she shows, trains or races a bird which enters his/her loft as a stray and in which ownership has not been transferred to him/her.

g. Subject to the previous provisions of this rule, a member of the association may be suspended if he/she shows, races or trains a bird which is not a stray, but which carries a ring which is not registered in the member's name in the records of the association or in those of a homing union recognized by the association.

YOUR CLUB RULES ARE YOUR CONTRACT

C.U. CLUB "STANDARD" RULES

The following "Standard" Rules are for the use of all Clubs, Federations and Combines (hereinafter referred to as the Organization) affiliated to the C.U.

All cases of dispute heard by the C.U. will be adjudicated upon under the following rules taken in conjunction with the statute rules of the Union.

39. The Officers of the Club may consist of ;3 President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Club Secretary. The Secretary and Treasurer positions may be held by the same individual. The duties of these officers shall be defined in sections 21, 22, 23 and 24 of the Union Charter.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

40. A General Meeting for the election of the Officers and fixing of local or domestic rules must be held annually. The Secretary of the Organization shall notify each member in writing, of the date, time and place at which such meeting will be held. In the case of Federations and Combines, such notice shall be sent to the secretary of each Organization affiliated to such Federation or Combine.

No local or domestic rules shall be made which override any of the rules set out by the C.U. Any member of the Organization, wishing for alteration or additions to local or domestic rules, must give notice of the proposed alterations or additions, in writing, to the Secretary at least seven days previous to the holding of the Annual General Meeting. The Secretary of the Organization must notify each member of the date, time and place at which such meeting will be held, in writing, at least three weeks before the meeting is to be held.

MEMBERSHIP

41. Anyone wishing to become a member shall be proposed and seconded by members of the Organization and shall be elected by a vote of two-thirds of the members or committee voting. Such elections shall be confirmed at the next meeting. All applications for membership must be made in writing and shall be accompanied b@l the entry fee or deposit and subject to charter by-laws. Clubs may include a period of probation for new members as they deem appropriate.

42. No birds shall be accepted for competition in any of the Organizations' races unless all fees and subscriptions are fully paid by the member.

BANKING ACCOUNT

43. The Organization shall have a Banking or Savings Account, and where possible all payments shall be made by cheque, signed by the Secretary and another Organization Official. The bank passbook or monthly statement ,3hall be laid on the table at each meeting for inspection by members.

RESIGNATIONS

44. Members, wishing to resign, must do so in writing before the end of the current year, or a specified date by the Club, or they will be held liable for their subscriptions for the following year.

ARREARS

45. Should any member be in arrears he shall be communicated with by registered letter with his account set out in detail and notice given that unless remittance is received within 21 days, he will be suspended and reported to the C.U.

DISSOLUTION OF A CLUB

46. The Organization shall not be dissolved except by a two-thirds majority vote of members present at a Special Meeting called for that purpose, and of which 14 days notice has been given to all members IN WRITING. A further meeting shall be held to confirm such resolution. In the event of the Society being disbanded under this rule, the assets of the Society shall be realized and the proceeds divided equally amongst the then active members. One loft - one share.

That upon the dissolution of an affiliated Society, notice of such dissolution shall be sent to the Secretary C.U. together with the names and addresses of members of the Society at the time of such dissolution.

DISPUTES

47. Should any dispute arise on any matter connected with the Organization, the same shall be referred to the Officers, who shall then rule on the dispute.

If a member is dissatisfied with the decision of the Organization, he shall have the right of appeal to the C.U. in writing, within 21 days of the notification being given.

SPECIAL MEETING

48. A special meeting, of which due notice must be given to all members in writing, may be convened at any time, on written request of at least one-third of the members of the Organization. No business, other than that set out in the notice of the meeting shall be transacted.

MINUTES

49. The secretary shall keep a record of all resolutions adopted at meetings of the organization, together with names of movers and seconders and results of voting. The same shall be confirmed and signed by the President.

BALANCE SHEETS

50. In the event of a deficit on the Year's working, the Committee shall be empowered to make a levy on each member to cover same, notwithstanding any member having sent in his registration. All organizations shall furnish to each of its members, upon request, a copy of its annual balance sheet.

RACING RULES

REGISTRATION

51. All birds must be the bona-fide property of the person in whose name they are entered, and must be registered in the C.U. books 14 days before racing or showing. In the case of Partners they shall be registered in their joint names.

RINGS

52. To be eligible for competition, all birds must carry intact a ring issued by a Homing Union or other seamless band registered with the C.U. prior to January 1, 1992. Members must fill in all letters and numbers of ring(s) in ink or indelible pencil, and the outside number of race bands must be entered on same by Officials of the Organization. All duplicates must be carefully sealed in race envelopes immediately after marking.

TROPHIES AND SPECIALS

53. All conditions in respect of the Challenge Trophies or Specials, together with the wishes of the Donors must be entered in Minute Book before races commence.

FLYING DISTANCES

54. The distance of each member's loft from the various race points must be calculated on the Great Circle System, by an approved C.U. Calculator of Flying Distances.

RACE RINGING

55. No member shall be allowed to mark or race ring his own birds.

RACE RESULTS

56. Results of races shall be posted in a prominent position in Clubroom or at Headquarters of the Organization where they can be easily available to all members, or copies shall be posted to each member as per resolution recorded in the Minutes. Full ring particulars of winning birds must be shown in result of each race.