

# RULES AND CONDITIONS

## Season – 2025 Main Series

### 1. Format and Limitations

- 1.1 All birds in the Loft will be raced by going to 10 consecutive races in 10 consecutive weeks.
- 1.2 To qualify for the Ace Bird Points and Ace Bird Average Velocity, a bird must have been basketed and raced in all 10 races.
- 1.3 Pigeons that do not return from the 10<sup>th</sup> (final) race, but have met the requirements in 1.2 above, will be considered to have flown all 10 races and therefore can still qualify for the mentioned Ace Bird competitions.
- 1.4 Each individual race will still be an individual competition with prizes as indicated below. Birds not basketed (injuries/fatigue) in previous races will still qualify for these individual race prizes.
- 1.5 The Money Ring Competition, Race-in-Race Charity Races and additional baby competitions are non-compulsory and are organized to the discretion of Loft Management. Fanciers will, however, have first choice to activate their birds for such events, should they choose to do so.
- 1.6 All birds activated will automatically qualify for:
  - 1.6.1 Individual Race payouts
  - 1.6.2 Ace Birds Competition payouts (if basketed for all 10 races)
  - 1.6.3 Big 5 Competition payouts (if nominated by owner as such)
  - 1.6.4 Team Competition payout
  - 1.6.5 Knockout Competition payoutN.B. (No additional entry fees will be charged for above mentioned)
- 1.7 Birds will not be accepted at the Loft unless:
  - 1.7.1 Birds are accompanied by a completed official entry form, or a completed official entry form has been e-mailed or sent in advance.
  - 1.7.2 Birds are certified to be inoculated twice against the Paramyxo virus prior to arrival at the Loft. The certificate for this purpose appears on the official entry form. Birds will not be inoculated on their arrival at the Loft. Birds will only receive their booster shot 14 days after arrival when they leave the quarantine Loft.
  - 1.7.3 Admin Fee and Deposit Fees are paid. Fanciers whose admin fee and deposit fees are not paid, will receive no correspondence or other feedback in regard to the welfare or status of presence of their birds, until such time as the Admin Fee and deposit Fees have been paid.
- 1.8 The number of birds entered per person is unlimited. For every 5 birds entered, 1 spare bird will be accepted (no free entry). For every 10 birds entered, 2 free entries will be granted (e.g. send 15 birds = 10 entries + 2 free entries + 3 spare birds). Spare birds and free entries must be indicated as such on the official entry form. The sequence of how spare birds should be replacing lost birds must also be stipulated on the entry form.
- 1.9 Birds ringed with 2025 rings will qualify for the additional Baby Competitions, if their owners enter and activate them as such at the additional activation fee of R1000.00 per baby. They will however automatically be part of and qualified for all the main series competitions. The additional competitions for which they will be qualify will be:
  - 1.9.1. Ace Baby
  - 1.9.2. Ace Baby Fancier
  - 1.9.3. First 10 babies clocked on the final.

N.B. It is important to note that these additional Baby Competitions will be flown within the Main Series and are totally optional. 2025 Ringed babies will still participate in all the Main Series Competitions and may be activated to qualify for the extra competitions mentioned above (1.9.1-1.9.3).

N.B. The amount of babies nominated and activated is unlimited, BUT for the purpose of ACE Baby Fancier (See 1.9.2) no more than 5 babies per team may be nominated to decide this competition. The number of teams per fancier is unlimited.

## 2. Entry Fees

- 2.1 Each entrant (fancier) must pay an admin fee of R200.00 irrespective of the number of birds entered.
- 2.2 An entry fee of R2950.00 will be charged for each bird remaining in The Loft by 31 May 2025. This means that fanciers only pay for birds that are still in The Loft comes 31 May 2025.
- 2.3 A deposit of R1000.00 [er bird must, however, be paid on or before the date of entering. This deposit will then be considered a down payment on the Entry Fee of R2950.00 to be paid by 31 May 2025 for birds remaining in The Loft. The deposit on fatalities and lost birds will automatically go towards your entry fee for your birds still in The Loft by 31 May 2025. Should your deposits exceed your entry fees by 31 May 2025, your account will be credited accordingly.
- 2.4 No entry fees are refundable.

## 3. Payouts

Should 1000 birds or more be activated, the following prize monies are guaranteed (less, prize monies will be calculated pro rata).

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| 3.1 | <u>Ace Pigeon on Points (Races 1 to 10):</u>                      | 1 <sup>st</sup><br>2 <sup>nd</sup><br>3 <sup>rd</sup><br>4 <sup>th</sup><br>5 <sup>th</sup><br>6 <sup>th</sup> to 15 <sup>th</sup><br>16 <sup>th</sup> to 25 <sup>th</sup> | R100 000.00<br>R50 000.00<br>R20 000.00<br>R 5 000.00<br>R 2 000.00<br>R 1 000.00<br>R 500.00 |
| 3.2 | <u>Ace Pigeon Average Velocity (Benzing) (Races 1 to 10):</u>     | 1 <sup>st</sup><br>2 <sup>nd</sup><br>3 <sup>rd</sup><br>4 <sup>th</sup><br>5 <sup>th</sup><br>6 <sup>th</sup> to 15 <sup>th</sup><br>16 <sup>th</sup> to 25 <sup>th</sup> | R100 000.00<br>R50 000.00<br>R20 000.00<br>R 5 000.00<br>R 2 000.00<br>R 1 000.00<br>R 500.00 |
| 3.3 | <u>Big 5 Top Pigeon Total Velocity (Benzing) (Races 1 to 10):</u> | 1 <sup>st</sup><br>2 <sup>nd</sup><br>3 <sup>rd</sup><br>4 <sup>th</sup><br>5 <sup>th</sup>  | R30 000.00<br>R20 000.00<br>R10 000.00<br>R 5 000.00<br>R 2 500.00                            |
| 3.4 | <u>First 15 Positions (Races 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 &amp; 9):</u>       | 1 <sup>st</sup>  | R 6 000.00  |

		2 <sup>nd</sup>	R 4 000.00
		3 <sup>rd</sup>	R 2 000.00
		4 <sup>th</sup> to 10 <sup>th</sup>	R 1 000.00
		11 <sup>th</sup> to 15 <sup>th</sup>	R 500.00
3.5	<u>First 15 Positions (Races 6 and 8): Car Race</u>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Suzuki bakkie
		2 <sup>nd</sup>	R10 000.00
		3 <sup>rd</sup>	R 5 000.00
		4 <sup>th</sup> to 10 <sup>th</sup>	R 1 000.00
		11 <sup>th</sup> to 15 <sup>th</sup>	R 500.00
3.6	<u>First 25 Positions (Race 10) (Final):</u>	1 <sup>st</sup>	R250 000.00
		2 <sup>nd</sup>	R100 000.00
		3 <sup>rd</sup>	R 70 000.00
		4 <sup>th</sup>	R 50 000.00
		5 <sup>th</sup>	R 25 000.00
		6 <sup>th</sup>	R 10 000.00
		7 <sup>th</sup> to 10 <sup>th</sup>	R 5 000.00
		11 <sup>th</sup> to 15 <sup>th</sup>	R 2 000.00
		16 <sup>th</sup> to 25 <sup>th</sup>	R 1 000.00
		26 <sup>st</sup> to 40 <sup>th</sup>	R 500.00
3.7	<u>Team Competition (Races 1 to 10):</u>	Winner takes all	R25 000.00
3.8	<u>Knockout Competition (Races 1 to 10):</u>	Winner takes all	R25 000.00
3.9	<u>Long Distance Champion (Races 4, 6, 8 &amp; 10):</u>	1 <sup>st</sup>	R15 000.00
		2 <sup>nd</sup>	R 7 000.00
		3 <sup>rd</sup>	R 3 000.00
3.10	<u>Money Ring (Races 4, 6, 8 &amp; 10):</u>	Total points over	1 <sup>st</sup> R50 000.00
		4 longest races in	2 <sup>nd</sup> R20 000.00
		accordance with	3 <sup>rd</sup> R10 000.00
		normal points system	4 <sup>th</sup> R 3 000.00
			5 <sup>th</sup> R 2 000.00
			6 <sup>th</sup> - 20 <sup>th</sup> R 1 000.00
3.11	Should 240 babies (2025 rings) or more be activated as mentioned in 1.9 above the following prize monies are guaranteed for the additional Baby Competitions:		
3.12.1	<u>Ace Baby (Races 1 to 10):</u>	1 <sup>st</sup>	R 40 000.00
		2 <sup>nd</sup>	20 000.00
		3 <sup>rd</sup>	10 000.00
		4 <sup>th</sup>	5 000.00
		5 <sup>th</sup>	2 000.00
		6 <sup>th</sup>	1 000.00
		7-10 <sup>th</sup>	500.00

3.12.2 Ace Baby Fancier (Races 1-10):

1 <sup>st</sup>	R 40 000.00
2 <sup>nd</sup>	20 000.00
3 <sup>rd</sup>	10 000.00
4 <sup>th</sup>	5 000.00
5 <sup>th</sup>	2 000.00
6 <sup>th</sup>	1 000.00
7-10 <sup>th</sup>	500.00

3.12.3 First 10 Babies (Race 10):

1 <sup>st</sup>	R 40 000.00
2 <sup>nd</sup>	20 000.00
3 <sup>rd</sup>	10 000.00
4 <sup>th</sup>	5 000.00
5 <sup>th</sup>	2 000.00
6 <sup>th</sup>	1 000.00
7-10 <sup>th</sup>	500.00

4. Explanatory Notes for Payout Qualification:

4.1 Ace Pigeon Points: (See 3.1 above). Points are to be awarded to the first 25% of basketed pigeons for each of the 10 races. For example, if in the first race 600 birds are basketed, 25% will be 150. Thus, the first bird will get 150 points, second 149, third 148, etc. until the 150<sup>th</sup> bird will get 1 point. This will set the maximum points awarded on all of the races to follow. If for example in the 9<sup>th</sup> race only 100 birds were basketed, 25% of 100 will receive points. First position still gets 150 points while the 25<sup>th</sup> position gets 126 points. Birds that clock after the first 25% basketed for each race, will receive no points.

4.2 Ace Pigeon Average Velocity: (See 3.2 above). Will be decided on the Benzing One Loft System for this purpose.

4.3 Big 5 Top Pigeon Total Velocity: (See 3.3 above). Each fancier to nominate any 5 of his birds left in the Loft on or before 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024. Fanciers with 5 or less birds left will automatically be entered for this competition. The competition will be decided by the Benzing Clocking System for this purpose. (Total distance flown divided by total time flown over races 1 to 10).

4.4 Individual Races: (See 3.4, 3.5 and 3.6 above). Will be decided by the position given by the Benzing Clocking System on each of the races 1 – 10.

4.5 Race in Race Challenges and Charity Races: Will be communicated to all entrants before such events, with the additional entry fees and payouts as decided by the Loft Management.

4.6 Team Competition: (See 3.7 above). Fanciers to nominate their teams of 3 birds on or before 31 May 2025. Number of teams of each fancier is unlimited. No additional activation fees to be paid. All birds in the Loft by 31<sup>st</sup> May 2025 will qualify for this competition. Will be decided by the total amount of points accumulated by each of the 3 birds in the team. Points awarded will be the same as our point system described in 4.1 above, over races 1 to 10. A team is not disqualified should one or more birds of a team get lost or injured.

4.7 Knockout Competition: See 3.8 above). All birds basketed for the first race will qualify and participate in this completion. No extra activation fees are charged. Each week all birds finishing in positions after 50% of the number of basketed birds for each race, are being knocked out of the competition and will be removed as knockout competitors from this

competition. The first bird remaining in the Knockout Competition, clocked on the final race, will win this competition. Should no Knockout competitors remain for the 10<sup>th</sup> (final) race, the first will be decided on the first Knockout bird home in the preceding race will be the winner.

- 4.8 Long Distance Competition: (See 3.9 above) is part of our normal competition and is decided over races 4, 6, 8 and 10 on our points system as explained in 4.1 above. A bird is not disqualified from this competition, should it for whatever reason, not have been basketed for any of the 10 races.
- 4.9 Money Ring Competition: (See 3.10 above). Will be decided in exactly the same way as the Long Distance Competition (4.8 above). To qualify for this competition, however, a bird must be ringed with Diaz One Loft supplied at R1000.00 per ring. An additional Money Ring will be supplied as spare for R1000.00 Money Ring bought from Diaz One Loft. Such spare Money Ring bird will automatically replace a Money Ring bird, should it get lost or injured before the start of the first race. Should both the Money Ring bird and spare Money Ring bird still be in the Loft by 31<sup>st</sup> May 2025, the fancier that bought the Money Ring, can decide whether to activate the spare Money Ring for this competition at R1000.00 per spare bird, or to just enter it in our normal competition. No other rings, except the designated Money Rings supplied by Diaz One Loft, will be allowed to enter this competition or to replace lost or injured Money Ring birds. The sole purpose of this competition is to test the breeders' capability and to choose the right pairings to breed for this competition. Should both the Money Ring bird and the spare Money Ring bird get lost or injured, the fancier will forfeit the cost of the Money Ring for the purpose of the Competition Payouts. The number of entries per fancier is unlimited. The number of rings sold for this competition will be limited, however, to 100 x 2024 and 100 x 2025 rings on a first come first serve basis.
- 4.10 Ace Baby (See 1.9 and 3.12.1 above): Decided by best total velocity of each individual activated baby over races 1-10. That is total distance flown divided by total time flown over the ten races as decided by the Benzing Clocking System.
- 4.11 Ace Baby Fancier (See 1.9 and 3.12.2 above): The combined total velocity if each teams top two birds in each of the ten races will decide the winner of this competition. This is calculated by total distance flown divided by total time flown of each team's two top birds. Each races' results are then calculated to determine the top fancier over the 10 races. Only birds from the same team of 5 of each fancier, will be determining the Ace Baby Fancier.
- 4.12 First 10 babies (Race 10) (See 1.9 and 3.12.3 above): Will be decided on the positions given by the Benzing Clocking System for the first 10 activated Babies on Race 10.

## 5. Ownership and Auctions

- 4.13 . Pigeons become property of Diaz One Loft the moment they are entered into The Loft.
- 4.14 . The criteria used to select birds for our main auction event will be as follows:
- 4.14.1 Top 50 Ace Points
  - 4.14.2 Top 50 Ace Average Velocity
  - 4.14.3 Top 50 Big 5 Total Velocity
  - 4.14.4 Top 20 Long Distance Competition
  - 4.14.5 10 Baby Ace + Birds remaining in top 3 Teams of Baby Ace Fancier
  - 4.14.6 Top 5 Money Ring Competition
  - 4.14.7 All Knockout birds that remain for the Final race

- 4.14.8 All remaining birds in the top 3 Team Competition
- 4.14.9 All individual Race winners
- 4.14.10 Top 50 positions in the Final race + Top 10 Babies in Final Race
- 5.2.11 Top 3 in every Race in Race Challenge
- 5.2.12 Any other bird or birds to the discretion of Loft Management
- 5.3 Birds that are not auctioned at the main auction, will undergo a further 2 races as decided by Loft Management, after which the remaining birds will be auctioned on line or dealt with to the discretion of Loft Management in conjunction with its original entrant.
- 5.4 A minimum of R1000.00 will be accepted for each of the birds sold at our main auction. Proceeds of all auctioned birds will be divided as follows:
  - 5.4.1 10% to development, donations
  - 5.4.2 Remainder: 45% to person who entered the bird (paid activation)  
45% to Diaz One Loft Management  
10% to Admin and Auction Fees
- 5.5 Birds bought at any of the auctions, will not be removed by buyers or sent to buyers, unless proof of payment is provided by the buyer.
- 5.6 All payouts (Winning and Auction) will only be made after the conclusion of all the auctions.
- 6. General
  - 6.1. All birds will be quarantined for 14 days on arrival at the Loft, after which they will receive their booster inoculation and will be fitted with electronic rings before moving into the main Loft.
  - 6.2. Stock lists, Newsletters and Results will be published regularly.
  - 6.3. Nobody but the Loft Manager, Trainer or his assistant will be allowed inside the Loft, or will be allowed to handle any bird at any stage. The Loft Manager is, however, free to appoint additional assistance in the event of specific tasks to be performed on the pigeons or the Loft.
  - 6.4. Basketing of pigeons will only be performed by Loft Manager and/or appointed assistant. Any fancier is, however, free to observe the basketing in silence.
  - 6.5. In the event of a total or partial failure of the clocking system, that race will be cancelled and all prize money for that specific race, will be carried forward to the next race. Should the 10<sup>th</sup> (final) race be cancelled for this reason, the race will be repeated within 14 days. Should, however, the clocking system fail after 50% of birds in the race have been clocked and the data of the clocked birds can be recovered, that race will be considered to be completed. All races will be stopped at the discretion of Loft Management, with consideration of the Velocity Competitions in mind.
  - 6.6. The Loft Management will ensure that all allocated e rings are in working condition at basketing. There will be no catching, chasing or dragging birds over the system once a race is in progress. Should for any reason the clocking system fail to register a specific bird, that bird will be considered not to be clocked.
  - 6.7. In the event of a dead heat or a tie, where two or more birds have clocked the exact same time, the position and prize money will be allocated according to the position given by the Benzing Clocking System.
  - 6.8. Liberation time, dates and release points are to the discretion of the Loft Management, with the welfare of the birds being the only consideration. Loft Management will, however, keep as close to the published program as possible. A window period for each race is set to either a day before or a day after the published program. Should racing during this 3-day period be impossible, to the discretion of Loft Management,

such race will be cancelled and prize monies carried forward to the next race. Should the 10<sup>th</sup> (final) race be impossible during this 3-day window period, the race will be flown at the first opportunity thereafter.

- 6.9. All baskets will be sealed and checked by the Loft Manager and confirmed by the driver and assistant.
- 6.10. Feeding, medication, exercise and training are done at the discretion of Loft Management. Treatment for injury or illness is decided by Loft Management in conjunction with the local veterinarian, Dr Thys Potgieter. A bird will only be withdrawn from a race if declared unfit by the Loft Management. The entrant of such bird will be notified but will have no say in the decision.
- 6.11. No birds owned by any member of the Loft Management, or their immediate families will be allowed to enter. Management can, however, allocate any inactivated bird, be it in all the competitions or in race in race challenges, to any charity or organization of their choice.
- 6.12. The Loft Management is indemnified against any claims as a result of injuries, death or loss of pigeons, during the care, training, racing, transporting or clocking of pigeons.
- 6.13. Any person visiting the Loft will do so at their own risk and will not be able to claim any loss or damage to property or injuries against the Loft Management or owners of the property.  
Right of admission onto the property and vicinity of the Loft is reserved.
- 6.14. The Loft Management consists of:
  - 6.14.1. Dr Luiz Pedro – Loft Director 082 890 9821
  - 6.14.2. Errol Vertue – Operational Director 084 693 1758
  - 6.14.3. Boeta Pietersen – Loft Manager and Trainer
  - 6.14.4. Piet Steenkamp – Consultant

Program 2025 Season

<b>Pre-Racing</b>			
<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>		
1.10.2024	Loft Opens for intake		
15.10.14 - 30.3.2025	Intake settled, exercised and tossed weekly up to 30km.		
31.03.25	Loft closes for intake.		
1.04.25 - 9.05.25	Final intake settled, exercised and tossed up to 30km with older birds.		
13.05.25	First Official Toss 50km.		
16.05.25	Second Official Toss 80km		
20.05.25	Third Official Toss 80km.		
23.05.25	Fourth Official Toss 100km.		
27.05.25	Fifth Official Toss 130km.		
30.05.25	Sixth Official Toss 150km (Activation Toss).		
<b>Racing</b>			
<b>DATE</b>	<b>RACE</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>Distance</b>
03.06.2025	First Race	Butterworth I	205 km
10.06.2025	Second Race	Mthatha	307 km
17.06.2025	Third Race	Qumbu I	352 km
3/4.06.2025	Fourth Race	Kokstad	440 km
01.07.2025	Fifth Race	Mount Frere	380 km
08.07.2025	Sixth Race (Car Race)	Ixopo I	525 km
15.07.2025	Seventh Race	Qumbu II	352 km
22.07.2025	Eighth Race (Car Race)	Ixopo II	525 km
29.07.2025	Ninth Race	Butterworth II	205 km
05.08.2025	Tenth Race (Final)	Greytown	635 km
30.08.2025	Main Auction		

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