

# CALIFORNIA STATE RACE RULES

With amendments as of 02-10-2019

1. Entries are open to paid-up members of CSRPO over the age of 18 years. Each member can request **up to 4 perches** (\$200 each). Perches will be awarded one per member through **January 31<sup>st</sup>** or until all available perches are filled, whichever comes first. A maximum of **475** birds will be accepted.

Each \$200 perch fee will be divided in half. \$100 (minus 15% for expenses) will go toward prizes for **a 150-mile+ preliminary race** during the training period. The other \$100 (minus 20% for expenses) will go toward prizes for the main California State Race. The prize structure for **both** races will be:

- 17.5% to first place
- 12.5% to second place
- 5.5% to third place
- 2.5% to fourth place
- 2.385% each to 5<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> places

All prizes are paid by the drop.

After **January 31<sup>st</sup>** if all available perches have not been filled with one per member, remaining perches will be awarded via drawing of members who have submitted more than one perch fee. **The first drawing will be among those who paid for 2 or more perches; the next drawing will be among those who paid for 3 or more perches; the final drawing will be among those who paid for 4 perches.** Those who are unsuccessful in the drawings will have their remaining perch fees refunded. If all requests for second, **third and fourth** perches can be accommodated there will be no drawing and no refunds. Entries will continue to be accepted (maximum 4 per member, first come first served) until all perches are filled.

The loft manager and his convoyer are not allowed to enter the race they handle. They are guaranteed entries in the following year's race, if they wish. However, they must pay the required entry fees by the due dates.

2. All revenues will be received by the CSRPO Secretary-Treasurer on behalf of the convention host organization. There are two entry fees for the State Race. The initial entry (perch) fee is \$200 per bird and is not refundable unless there is a drawing. 85% of each perch fee will be impounded for prizes, 5% is retained by CSRPO to cover expenses, and 10% is retained for the convention host organization to cover expenses. This initial fee will be accepted for next year's race starting on the first day of the Annual CSRPO Convention.
3. The second (final) entry fee of \$200 per bird must be paid prior to crating of birds during shipping night. 80% of this fee will be impounded for prizes, 15% will be retained for the host organization to help defray convention expenses, and 5% is retained by CSRPO for expenses. If any entrant is unable to attend the shipping night event, they have the right to mail in their entry fee to the Secretary-Treasurer in time to reach her by the day before shipping. The entrant may delegate a fellow member with a signed note to act on their behalf. Only the entrant or a member with a note signed by the entrant will be allowed to handle the entrant's bird during shipping night.

If the \$200 fee per bird is not paid before shipping begins, the bird is disqualified and will not be shipped to the race. In the event that this fee is pre-paid and the bird is lost prior to shipping the race or is unable to go to the race, the \$200 fee will be returned to the entrant.

If an entrant has more than one bird in the loft on shipping day and they are race-ready as determined by the loft manager, the \$200 fee must be paid for each race-ready bird; otherwise all that entrant's birds will be disqualified.

4. All birds in the race remain the property of the entrants. After the race, any bird not claimed by the entrant within 14 days becomes the property of the host club.
5. When the loft is picked up by the next State Race sponsor, the previous loft manager will provide a complete inventory list to the new loft manager and will send a copy to the CSRPO Secretary-Treasurer. CSRPO will provide the new loft manager \$2000 for feed/medication/training of the race birds (**plus \$8 per bird if more than 250 birds are accepted**). Additionally, CSRPO will reimburse the host club for actual repairs approved by the Board and made to the loft.

Upon the birds' return from the State Race and before the birds are returned to their owners, the loft manager will remove the electronic bands and place them with the State Race Loft Inventory to be passed along to the next loft manager. When the loft and its inventory are delivered to the next loft manager he will purchase more electronic bands sufficient to band all birds prior to road training.

6. All prize money will be paid no later than 1 week after each race, pending receipt of a W9 form from each entrant who won more than \$600. (\$3000 guaranteed for a single first place bird in the final California State Race.)
7. Birds must be shipped or brought to the state loft between April 15<sup>th</sup> and **May 15<sup>th</sup>**. If an entrant fails to get their bird to the loft by May 15th the loft manager will contact people on the reserve list (in the order listed) until a reservist is found who can send a bird immediately. The reserve list will be composed of those who sought to enter the race after it was filled (in the order of contact).

If a bird is lost before **June 1<sup>st</sup>**, the loft manager will call the entrant to see if they can send a replacement. Replacement birds invalidate the bird they replaced. If the original bird returns to the loft after the replacement has been received, the original bird cannot be reactivated.

The birds will be trained to at least 150-200 air miles by one week prior to the race, weather permitting. The host committee's Loft Manager will be required to provide entrants the following information.

- A list of birds no later than 30 days after the last receiving date.
- A list of birds prior to training which should commence no later than 60 days before the scheduled race date.
- A report on each training toss exceeding 50 miles.
- A list of all available birds 35 days prior to the scheduled race date.
- A list of birds 3 days prior to the scheduled shipping date.

The lists and reports shall be provided in WinCompanion or Benzing-Live or otherwise transmitted electronically to the CSRPO Secretary-Treasurer who will email them to all entrants with an email address on file.

If any lists or reports cannot be provided on schedule, a written explanation must be sent to the CSRPO Secretary-Treasurer for dissemination to the entrants.

8. **The host organization sponsoring the annual CSRPO Convention and State Race (at the discretion of the state race loft manager) shall be allowed to enter up to 25 pigeons (or 10% of maximum birds allowed in the race) in the State Race as potential replacement birds for those flyers whose pigeons were lost prior to basketing for the final race. These 25 replacement birds are in addition to the normal entries and are not intended to reduce the standard 250 bird limit. In addition, these designated pigeons shall be treated and trained with the state birds with all training results noted. They shall be recorded as replacement entries and their training results showed along with all state birds.**

**On the night of basketing, any flyer whose bird has been lost and their prior perch fee paid is eligible for a raffle of the trained replacement birds under the following conditions:**

- A. **Purchase a replacement ticket for \$25 (up to the number of original entries from this person) from the Race Chairman or designated individual. Only people who have registered for at least one convention event, attend the convention, and are present at the drawing may purchase a raffle ticket. The \$25 will be designated to the Ladies Scholarship Committee.**
  - B. **A drawing will then be held to select the Flyers eligible to blind draw a replacement pigeon.**
  - C. **Pay the final \$200 race entry fee for the replacement bird and have the bird scanned, entered under his or her name, and basketed for the race.**
  - D. **All prize money won by the bird in the State Race will be paid out at 80% to the flyer who paid the final race entry fee and 20% to the Convention Committee.**
  - E. **All replacement birds become the property of the raffle winner and do not compete for prizes in the 100 mile toss.**
  - F. **If people who lost birds don't take all available replacements the remaining replacement birds will be DQ'd and not go to the race.**
9. **Birds will be shipped to the main race on Thursday and released on Friday (or shipped Friday and released on Saturday for an abbreviated schedule convention), weather permitting. The race will be 325 miles or less. It is the responsibility of the Race Committee to assure that the birds are not released in inclement weather. The Race Committee, chaired by the Vice President in charge of the convention city Section, shall consist of the three CSRPO Vice Presidents plus the Loft Manager. The CSRPO President can appoint replacements. Race Committee decisions are final. The CSRPO Vice President of the area hosting the convention will be responsible to make sure the birds are being handled and trained properly. He should receive a training schedule and witness a return of any training toss.**

If all prizes have not been won by 30 minutes after sunset on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of each race, the remaining prizes will be divided among the birds that have homed, in a proportion equal to their share of the prizes already awarded.

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