

CALIFORNIA STATE RACE RULES

With amendments as of 02-2022

1. Entries are open to paid-up members of CSRPO over the age of 18 years. Each member can request one perch (**\$200**) or two perches (**\$400**). Perches will be awarded one per member through February 28th or until all available perches are filled, whichever comes first. A maximum of 250 birds will be accepted.

The \$200 perch fee will be divided in half. \$100 (minus 15% for expenses) will go toward prizes for two 100-mile+ tosses 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 all three 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 5th-30th places**

All prizes are paid by the drop.

After February 28th if all available perches have not been filled with one per member, second perches will be awarded via a drawing of members who have submitted two perch fees. Those who are unsuccessful in the drawing will have their second perch fee refunded. If all requests for second perches can be accommodated there will be no drawing and no refunds. Entries will continue to be accepted (one or two 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 two birds in the loft on shipping day and they are race-ready as determined by the loft manager, both \$200 fees must be paid; otherwise both 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. 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 15th and June 1st. If an entrant fails to get their bird to the loft by June 1st, 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 July 1st, the loft manager will call the entrant to see if they can send a replacement by July 1st. 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. Birds will be shipped to the main race on Thursday and released on Friday, 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 3rd 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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