

## 2026 FVCF Rules

**Warning:** Please register all Out-Of-Area birds as early as possible. Do **NOT** attempt to settle these birds to avoid rejection.

### Entry Fees

- **\$125 per Bird or \$600 for 5 Birds**
- **Payment MUST accompany birds**
- **Every 5 birds or every 5 FVCF bands purchased = 1 Replacement Bird**
- **FVCF Handlers** will be issued **one extra FVCF replacement band** for every 5 purchased.
- **Out-of-Area Handlers** must **send the replacement bird**.
- Replacement birds/bands If all five original birds are still present and not lost, and a replacement bird is also present, the replacement bird must be activated for \$125. Any replacement birds or bands arriving after the first race must also be activated for \$125

### General Rules

- **Handlers are required to use Benzing Live.**
- **MUST be a 2026 AU or GVC Member and in good standing.**
- **Enter a minimum of 5 birds. (Handlers)**
- Event is **OPEN to all Greater Valley Combine members.**  
(Final shipping will take place at FVC.)
- Out-of-Area breeders may use **their own bands** and choose their handlers.
- **FVC handlers must use official FVCF Bands.**  
(GVC handlers also must use FVCF bands.)
- **Handlers may handle up to \_\_\_\_\_ birds per location. (Address)**
- Handlers may fly their own birds.
- Out-of-Area birds must be **shipped directly to the Race Committee — No Exceptions.**
- Download, sign, and ship the official entry form together with your birds.
- Make Checks payable to **Fernando Valley Club.**
- Accepting birds **Feb 15, 2025 – June 30, 2025.**

## Race Structure

- Final race: **400 miles** (Northern California).  
Only **Futurity Birds** are shipped.
- An **optional second 400-mile race** will follow the Futurity for an additional fee.
- If all prizes are not filled after knockoff, the remaining prizes will be **split equally among clocked birds**.
- Race remains **open until all prizes are filled or up to 2 days**.  
**Knock-Off Time:** Day 2 at **3:00 PM**.

## Awards & Payouts

- **50% Breeder / 50% Handler split**
- Birds belong to the **breeder**, unless a prior agreement exists.
- Breeder pays all shipping costs.
- Unclaimed birds **7 days after the final race** become property of the handler.
- **Top 3 birds must be brought to Knockoff**.
- **Trophy** to Handler, **Plaque** to Breeder of overall winner.
- Payouts are issued within **14 days after race becomes official**.
- **15%** of funds retained by FVC Committee for expenses.

## Verification, Compliance & Banding

- Committee may request winning birds be released at the handler's loft for verification.
- All birds are subject to inspection; suspicious or altered bands will result in disqualification.
- Bands must be AU-sanctioned (AU, IF, CU, ATB, NBRC, IPB, or approved personal bands).
- Committee reserves the right to approve or refuse any participant.

- Any unforeseen issues will be resolved by the Race Committee and FVC Board. Race Committee and FVC Board have the right to add or adjust rules because of unforeseen issues.
  - **FVCF Race Committee WILL follow FVC and AU Rules — NO EXCEPTIONS.**
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### **Acknowledgment and Agreement**

All **handlers and out-of-area breeders**, by sending birds, acknowledge, accept, and agree to fully comply with every rule, process, and procedure of the **2026 FVC Futurity Race**.