

RACE RULES OF THE FERNANDO VALLEY PIGEON CLUB AND GREATER VALLEY COMBINE

It is the responsibility of all club officers and the Board of Directors to ensure that the AU race rules and the **Fernando Valley Pigeon Club** and **Greater Valley Combine** race rules are followed and enforced. It is the responsibility of the clubs to elect officers that will accept these responsibilities.

ARTICLE I - RACE SECRETARY DUTIES

SECTION A. Responsibility

Shall be responsible for supervising and ensuring the integrity of each combine race.

SECTION B. Race Reports

Shall make all race arrangements. He/She shall keep full records of all races flown and instruct and supervise any person, if other than Race Secretary, as to how reports and all other pertinent information are to be presented and recorded. He/She shall prepare or have prepared a race report after each race and make available an electronic copy to the racing members.

SECTION C. Compliance - Race Rules

Shall conduct races in compliance with the official race rules and the **Fernando Valley Pigeon Club** and **Greater Valley Combine** race rules.

SECTION D. Communications

Shall keep Race Secretaries fully informed as to schedules, details of shipping, release time, and weather conditions at the release point.

SECTION E. Clocks

Shall inspect any and all clocks used for timing combine races whenever he/she deems it necessary or it is requested to do so by a member club Race Secretary.

SECTION F. Liberator

Shall instruct the liberator on release of birds for all races. Liberator shall call Race Secretary before the race to determine release time. If bad weather is determined, liberator should contact Race Secretary for new time or new scheduled release point. No other person may communicate with the liberator on race day without specific authorization from the **Fernando Valley Pigeon Club** and **Greater Valley Combine** Race Secretary.

SECTION G. Race Changes or Cancellations

The race schedule may not be changed in any way while a race series is in progress EXCEPT if it is deemed necessary by the MAJORITY of the RACE COMMITTEE (Consisting of: **Fernando Valley Pigeon Club** and **Greater Valley Combine** Race Secretaries ONLY!). Considerations should include the safety and welfare of the birds and are not necessarily limited to heat, winds, or rain for either the young or old bird seasons. The combine race secretary will contact all club race secretaries 2 days prior to the scheduled shipping date. The club secretaries

will then caucus their members and report their club's decision to the combine race secretary by 6 pm on the day prior to the scheduled shipping. (Thursday)

SECTION H. Liberation Time

All race birds shall go to the scheduled race points. Race birds are to be released when the sun is fully up. The **Fernando Valley Pigeon Club** and **Greater Valley Combine** Race Secretary shall receive the exact time of liberation from the liberator.