

Eastern Ontario Combine

Rules and Regulations

List of E.O.C. Rules and Regulations That Do Not Appear In The E.O.C. Constitution.

1) Fees.

- a) Fee Payment; Old Bird flying fees, E.O.C. membership and admission fees must be submitted to the E.O.C. Treasurer 30 days prior to the first scheduled E.O.C. race in the Old Bird series. Young Bird flying fees must be submitted 30 days prior to the first scheduled race in the young bird series. Birdage fees must be submitted within 30 days following the last scheduled race in each series.
- b) Late Payment Penalty Fee:
A fee of \$10 per loft will be charged on all fees received postmarked after the due date. This rule will be enforced.
- c) Junior Members:
Junior members must be 18 years old or under and must be still attending school. Junior members will pay 50% of senior fees in all cases.

2) Basket/Crate Regulations.

- a) Clubs are to tag each crate, showing the race point at which the crate is to be opened for release. Clubs are responsible for placing crates on the correct side of the trailer.
- b) The baskets are the property of the E.O.C. Baskets are to be identified by each club so they may use the same baskets for the entire series. Clubs are responsible for keeping baskets clean.
- c) Clubs are limited to one (1) basket on the trailer for every two flying members per weekend.
- d) Crates are to remain sealed from the time they leave the club houses until they reach the release point.

3) Rental Clubs.

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- 1) All existing E.O.C. rules apply.
- 2) They pay no less shipping cost than the E.O.C.
- 3) Race schedule same as decided by the E.O.C.
- 4) Releases, where applicable, to be after E.O.C. birds or at the same time, depending on the release point.
- 5) Clubs will only be competing in open (national) races.
- 6) Baskets will be allocated by the Truck Co-ordinator.
- 7) There must be a person present at pick-up time.
- 8) Rental clubs must submit fees by the deadlines as listed in the E.O.C. rules.

- 9) The E.O.C. will accept any club that applies under the same conditions as stated, up to a point where we exhaust our facilities.

4) Race Rules

- a) All results must be dated or postmarked no later than 2 working days after the close of the race. If results are dated or postmarked after the required date, they will not be included in the E.O.C. results. Tapes may be requested if required.
- b) Verification of Winning Bird. That upon request in writing or faxed in to the E.O.C. President by at least 5 E.O.C. members competing in the race, asking for the verification of race winner, owner of said winner to comply, if not, bird to be disqualified. Verifying person must check the band number, colour and sex and said winner tossed up at owner's loft.
- c) The birdage limit for each race will be 15 birds per member. This will give a total of 30 birds per week maximum.
- d) That the speed of any bird which appears questionable when received by the E.O.C. Race Secretary be immediately brought to the attention of the E.O.C. President, at which time they will contact two knowledgeable flyers from clubs other than the club of the bird in question.
- e) All races with a distance shorter than Matheson shall have a separate release, East and West.

5) Race Liberator

The Race Liberator must update messages on the answering machine every 2 hours, on days when releases are delayed.

6) Conveyer Instructions

- a) Each crate will hold 40 birds.
- b) In the event of poor weather and the pigeons must be trucked home, the driver will return the pigeons to each club house.
- c) Grain will be sent on all shipments
- d) On races up to and including Temagami, NO FEED will be given, unless the birds are held over. Fresh water will be given on arrival. On Thursday night and Friday morning pick-up, birds will be watered on Friday evening and ½ hour before release on Saturday morning. Birds will be given full feed on Friday evening.
- e) On Wednesday night pick-ups birds are to be given feed and water on arrival at North Bay, Thursday morning. Birds are to be given feed and water again on Thursday evening. On Friday morning the pigeons being released at Longlac will receive water ½ hour before release. The pigeons going to Hearst will be given feed and water on Friday morning and again

Friday evening. On Saturday morning, Hearst pigeons will be watered ½ hour before release.

- f) In all cases birds will be released at specified times. Where a Saturday release is not possible, birds will be held at that station until Sunday and released according to schedule. If poor weather continues Sunday, the trailer will have the option of heading back rather than sit and wait for the latest release time.
- g) The Conveyer will call the Combine Race Liberator prior to all releases for weather check, etc. and birds will be held or released by agreement of both parties.
- h) No feed is to be given less than 8 hours before release.
- i) In the event of a breakdown the Conveyer will contact the E.O.C. Truck Co-ordinator.
- j) On all holdovers pigeons are to be given feed and water in the evening.
- k) Pigeons will not be released after the latest scheduled release time.
- l) On mornings when the trailer arrives at the release point early, birds may be released ahead of schedule providing they have been watered and allowed to sit for 30 minutes.

7) Emergency Committee

An emergency committee, made up of the Executive officers have the power to pass a decision on any item that arises in an emergency situation.

8) Shipping

No young birds are to be shipped with old birds during the old bird series and no old birds are to be shipped with the young birds during the young bird series. This is to be policed by the individual clubs.

9) Average speeds

In order to qualify for average speed awards a loft must ship to all races shipped and clock in all races clocked

10) Health

All E.O.C. birds are to be vaccinated against paramyxovirus.

11) New Clubs To E.O.C.

- 1) There must be at least 5 flying senior members to make a club.
- 2) That any E.O.C. Club that sits out for 2 years or more will have to reapply for membership in the E.O.C.
- 3) That any new club pick up location will have to be approved by the E.O.C. Conveyer, Executive and Directors.