

CARNIVAL LOFTS

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OFFICIAL WINTER RACE RULES FOR 2025

Intake 1 October 2024 to 1 March 2025.

Entrance fee to enter a pigeon for the winter 2025 series will be R2000each.

A 50% deposit (R1000) per pigeon must be paid when the pigeon arrives at the loft. The sum of ALL your pigeons back from the 130km training flight minus the deposit paid is payable within 5 days after the 130km training flight. (Enter 8 birds – deposit R8,000) payable the day the pigeons arrive at the loft. After the 130km training only 5 birds are left then the remaining amount payable 5 x R2000 = R10 000 minus the deposit already paid of R8 000 you only pay the balance of R2000. Deposits of lost birds roll over to the birds still in the loft after the 130km trainer. All the pigeons not making it back from the 130km training flight are FREE.

Car race nominations: Entrance fee for the car race is R300per pigeon payable the day the pigeon arrives at the loft; no entrance fees will be refunded if the pigeon goes missing. Should less than 500 pigeons be nominated the car ace pigeon will win the cash prize and not a car.

If any pigeon/s from a fancier is not activated within 5 days after the 130km training flight these pigeons can be sold to a 3rd party and all further rights and prize money of the pigeon will then go to the 3rd party, the original entrant/breeder will forfeit any further rights to the pigeon.

The pigeons will partake in at least 7 races leading up to the final race in 2025, planned final race point will be Hanover 630km (subject to change depending on the weather the day of the final). All liberation points as well as the date of the races will be solely at management's discretion and can be changed or amended by management as they see fit in the best interest of the pigeons.

Proposed race program for 2025:

Liberation point	Distance	Description	Car Ace
Edenville	130km	Activation	
Winburg	260km	Race 1/ Ace	
Verkeerdevlei	300km	Race 2/ Ace	
Bloemfontein	360km	Race 3/ Ace	
Bloemfontein	360km	Race 4/ Ace	
Trompsburg	460km	Race 5/ Ace	1
Gariep Area	510km	Race 6/ Ace	2
Gariep Area	510km	Race 7/ Ace	3
Hanover	630km	Final (8) / Ace	4

Ace Pigeon competition		20 prizes
Grand Averages Winner	1 prize	R5 000

Prize money race 1, 2, 3 and 4:

1st place R5 000, 2nd to 10th R2000each. 11th to 20th R500each.

Prize money race 5, 6 and 7:

1st place R10 000, 2nd to 10th R2000each, 11th to 20th R500each.

Final Race: 1st R100 000, 2nd R75 000, 3rd R50 000, 4th R40 000, 5th R30 000, 6th R25 000, 7th R20 000, 8th R15 000, 9th R10 000, 10th R7 500each. 11th to 30th R3000each. 31st to 50th R1000each

Ace Pigeons: R50 000, 2nd R40 000, 3rd R30 000, 4th R20 000, 5th R10 000, 6th to 10th R3000each. 11th – 20th R2000each. (Ace pigeon will be determined on the shortest flying time of the combined distances of the 8 races in 2025.)

Car Race: The pigeon with the shortest flying time on races 5,6,7 and 8 will win a new car (should less than 500 pigeons be nominated and paid for the winner will be paid a cash prize.)

Grand averages winner: R5000

The pigeon with the shortest flying time on all trainings and race further than 150km will be the grand averages winner.

The above prize money is based on 900 paid entries before race 1 in 2025.

Thank you for your continuous support!

After the final race we auction all the pigeons; breeder gets 50% of net proceeds. If a pigeon is sold for less than R601 all will be offset against costs with no kickback to the breeder this rule will apply to all pigeons without a pedigree as well. No refund of any of the entrance fees.

Please note no pigeons previously entered in any other competition at Carnival Loft will be accepted for this event.