# **CARNIVAL LOFTS**

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## **OFFICIAL WINTER RACE RULES FOR 2026**

### Intake 1 September 2025 to 1 March 2026. 1st prize on the final R200 000 Guaranteed!

Entrance fee to enter a pigeon for the winter 2026 series will be R3000each. A deposit of R1500.00 per bird <u>must</u> be paid on or before the date of entering. This deposit will then be considered a down payment on the entry fee of R3000.00 to be paid by no later than 26 May 2026 for birds remaining in the loft. The deposit on fatalities and lost birds will automatically go towards your entry fee for your birds still in the lofts by 26 May 2026. Should your deposits exceed your entry fees by 26 May 2026, your account will be credited accordingly.

If any pigeon/s from a fancier is not activated by 26 May 2026 these pigeons can be sold to a 3<sup>rd</sup> party and all further rights and prize money of the pigeon will then go to the 3<sup>rd</sup> party, the original entrant/breeder will forfeit any further rights to the pigeon.

The pigeons will partake in a 10 race series in 2026, planned final race point will be Hanover 630km.

#### Proposed race program for 2026:

Date:	Liberation point	Distance	Description
19-May	Edenville	130km	Training
22-May	Edenville	130km	Training
29-May	Ventersburg	210km	Race 1
05-Jun	Winburg	250km	Race 2
12-Jun	Winburg	250km	Race 3
19-Jun	Glen	335km	Race 4
26-Jun	Bloemfontein	360km	Race 5
03-Jul	Winburg	250km	Race 6
10-Jul	Meadows Farm	435km	Race 7
21-Jul	Springfontein	490km	Race 8
31-Jul	Gariep	530km	Race 9
14-Aug	Hanover	630km	Race 10

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.

#### **Prize money races 1 to 9:**

1st place R10 000, 2nd to 10th position will each win R3000.

<u>Final Race:</u>  $1^{st}$  R200 000 (Guaranteed),  $2^{nd}$  R125 000,  $3^{rd}$  R100 000,  $4^{th}$  R50 000,  $5^{th}$  R40 000,  $6^{th}$  R25 000,  $7^{th}$  R20 000,  $8^{th}$  R20 000,  $9^{th}$  R15 000,  $10^{th}$  R15 000.  $11^{th}$  to  $15^{th}$  R5000each.  $16^{th}$  to  $50^{th}$  R3000each.

#### **Ace Pigeons:**

1st New car, 2nd R50 000, 3rd R30 000, 4th R20 000, 5th R10 000, 6th to 10th R5000each. (Ace pigeon will be determined on the shortest flying time of the combined distances of the 10 races in 2026.)

The above prize money is based on 900 paid entries before race 1 in 2026. However, the final race winner will win a guaranteed R200 000 no matter how many entries are received.

#### Thank you for your continuous support!

After the final race we auction all the pigeons; breeder gets 50% of <u>net</u> proceeds. If a pigeon is sold for less than R1000 all will be offset against costs with no kickback to the breeder. Every entrant must supply a pedigree of his pigeons on auction in order to be entitled to this kickback.

There will be 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. Once a pigeon is entered here at the loft the pigeon/s become the property of the loft.