

CARNIVAL LOFTS

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OFFICIAL WINTER RACE RULES FOR 2026

Intake 1 September 2025 to 1 March 2026.

Entrance fee to enter a pigeon for the winter 2026 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 $5 \times R2000 = R10\ 000$ 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.

Nomination Race: Entrance fee for the nomination races is R500per pigeon payable after the activation race; no entrance fees will be refunded if the pigeon goes missing. Should less than 600 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 2026, 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	Nom Ave
Edenville	130km	Activation	
Ventersburg	210km	Race 1/ Ace	
Winburg	250km	Race 2/ Ace	
Glen	330km	Race 3/ Ace	
Bloemfontein	360km	Race 4/ Ace	
Trompsburg	460km	Race 5/ Ace	1
Springfontein	500km	Race 6/ Ace	2
Springfontein	500km	Race 7/ Ace	3
Hanover	630km	Final (8) / Ace	4

Prize money race 1, 2, 3 and 4:

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

Prize money race 5, 6 and 7:

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

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 20th R2000each

Ace Pigeons: R50 000, 2nd R30 000, 3rd R20 000, 4th R15 000, 5th R10 000, 6th to 10th R3000each. (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 600 pigeons be nominated and paid for the winner will be paid a cash prize.)

The above prize money is based on 850 paid entries before race 1 in 2026.

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 R1001 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.

Please note any previous rules for the winter 2026 series are hereby retracted due to popular demand for an entrance fee of R2000 per pigeon.