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## **III INTERNATIONAL CRITERIUM “MODERN PIGEON RACING” YEAR 2025**

### **GRAND PRIX TOPIGEON**

The pigeon-racing sport, due to its special features, should be treated under the formula of “RECORD and comparison of results” when dealing with sports results. The traditional formula of “speed against distance of each participant” should be left aside, as different studies performed by attaching GPS to the pigeons and tracking the routes they follow, have proved that the real distance in the liberations is between a 25% and a 30% higher than the distance obtained by the calculation based on the coordinates.

Therefore, this difference in the real kilometers evidences that the competitions results are absolutely false, and consequently some pigeon-breeders benefit from them, while others are damaged. Some years ago, we based our diverse opinions on our performance in each competition; currently, the latest technology available is providing us with verified facts instead of opinions.

It is about determining liberation sites, selected according to the established competitors’ groups. The distances will be similar, and the results will be compared.

All great competitions occur on the same scenes: in cycling, the Tour the France runs along the same roads; in athletics, the races



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have exactly the same distances everywhere, and the same happens with swimming trials.

Any sports competition must offer equal conditions to all its participants, a circumstance that is not happening in pigeon-racing. It is absolutely necessary that this situation is addressed in order to be adapted to the current reality.

Based on the experience acquired along these two years of competition, we have made some adjustments to these guidelines, while trying that our motto "**EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL**", becomes more real each time.

**1 - PARTICIPATION.** - It will be by express invitation of the Reial Club Columbòfil de Catalunya or of TOPIGEON, as per previous request.

## **2 – PARTICIPATION CONDITIONS. –**

Each Club will freely choose the most convenient route for its members, and will establish its own sports calendar, which must be scrupulously respected. This calendar will include 12 liberations, which will necessarily have to be in 12 different days, and no variations will be allowed, except in cases of duly justified force majeure.

Each Club may participate in the trophies of their choice, taking into account that each one is completely independent of the other.

The only requirement is that for each competition, the participation must be with the same number of liberations, with similar distances, and the same liberation cannot be valid for two different trophies, except for the 'COPA PRESIDENT ENRIC SOS'.

Since a general classification of pigeons will be established for each liberation, the pigeons designated as participants in the Mundial Ranking will be the first to be enrolled in the corresponding cagings.



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The participant Clubs will have to share the details of the participant pigeon breeders to the organizer, together with the coordinates of their lofts, and the caging and final log files of the competition for each liberation.

**The participants using the TOPIGEON clocks will be exempt from sending the caging and checking files, as these will be retrieved on the platform that this company has available for their users.**

**3 – CLASSIFICATIONS PER LIBERATION.** - The participant Clubs, based on their lofts location and the liberation site, will establish the competition areas that they deem necessary, and a general classification for each area.

For the purpose of the different competitions that are held, with the classifications obtained from each liberation, a new classification by points will be established. “1000 points” will be assigned to the first designated pigeon; then, the following designated classified pigeons will be awarded with the points resulting from the comparison of the first pigeon’s speed with each designated pigeon speed.

After each competition, we will have a classification of each trophy in progress, which will be obtained using the “Area merging” (Unión de zonas) system.



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**4 – TROPHIES IN CONTEST.** - There will be 5 trophies in total: “LA LLAVE”, “COLUMBUS”, “PERE MARTI”, “PRESIDENT ENRIC SOS”, “ROBERTO ROCH”.

**4.1 “LA LLAVE”:** To 10 pigeons designated in the 3 scoring liberations.

**4.2 “COLUMBUS”:** To 10 pigeons designated in the 3 scoring liberations.

**4.3 “PERE MARTI”:** To 10 pigeons designated in the 3 scoring liberations.

**4.4 “ROBERTO ROCH”:** To 5 pigeons designated in the 3 scoring liberations.

**4.5 “PRESIDENT ENRIC SOS”:**

***To total security, percentage of the verified pigeons over the caged ones. The same number of designated pigeons necessary for each trophy will be. Scoring In case less pigeons are taken, for calculation purposes, the initially foreseen pigeons for each trophy will be taken into account. The 9 liberations that are part of the “COLUMBUS”, “PERE MARTI” y “ROBERTO ROCH” trophies will be scoring.***

## **ORGANIZING COMMITTEE**



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## **"MODERN PIGEON RACING"** **WORLD RANKING REGULATIONS"**

### **STARTING YEAR 2025**

**LA LLAVE.-** In this category "Trophies", the winner will be assigned 300 points, and depending on the participants number, the following points distribution grid will be applied:

**GROUP 1 UP TO 100 PARTICIPANT PIGEON BREEDERS**  
**THE SCORING WILL DECREASE 30 BY 30 POINTS.**

**GROUP 2 UP TO 200 PARTICIPANT PIGEON BREEDERS**  
**THE SCORING WILL DECREASE 20 BY 20 POINTS.**

**GROUP 3 UP TO 500 PARTICIPANT PIGEON BREEDERS**  
**THE SCORING WILL DECREASE 10 BY 10 POINTS.**

**GROUP 4 UP TO 1000 PARTICIPANT PIGEON BREEDERS**  
**THE SCORING WILL DECREASE 5 BY 5 POINTS.**

**COLUMBUS.-** In this category "Trophies", the winner will be assigned 400 points, and depending on the participants number, the following points distribution grid will be applied:

**GROUP 1 UP TO 100 PARTICIPANT PIGEON BREEDERS**  
**THE SCORING WILL DECREASE 40 BY 40 POINTS.**

**GROUP 2 UP TO 200 PARTICIPANT PIGEON BREEDERS**  
**THE SCORING WILL DECREASE 25 BY 25 POINTS.**



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**GROUP 3 UP TO 500 PARTICIPANT PIGEON BREEDERS  
THE SCORING WILL DECREASE 10 BY 10 POINTS.**

**GROUP 4 UP TO 1000 PARTICIPANT PIGEON BREEDERS  
THE SCORING WILL DECREASE 5 BY 5 POINTS.**

**PERE MARTI.-** In this category "Trophies", the winner will be assigned 500 points, and depending on the participants number, the following points distribution grid will be applied:

**GROUP 1 UP TO 100 PARTICIPANT PIGEON BREEDERS  
THE SCORING WILL DECREASE 50 BY 50 POINTS.**

**GROUP 2 UP TO 200 PARTICIPANT PIGEON BREEDERS  
THE SCORING WILL DECREASE 25 BY 25 POINTS.**

**GROUP 3 UP TO 500 PARTICIPANT PIGEON BREEDERS  
THE SCORING WILL DECREASE 10 BY 10 POINTS.**

**GROUP 4 UP TO 1000 PARTICIPANT PIGEON BREEDERS  
THE SCORING WILL DECREASE 5 BY 5 POINTS.**

**ROBERTO ROCH.-** In this category "Trophies", the winner will be assigned 600 points, and depending on the participants number, the following points distribution grid will be applied:

**GROUP 1 UP TO 100 PARTICIPANT PIGEON BREEDERS  
THE SCORING WILL DECREASE 60 BY 60 POINTS.**

**GROUP 2 UP TO 200 PARTICIPANT PIGEON BREEDERS  
THE SCORING WILL DECREASE 30 BY 30 POINTS.**

**GROUP 3 UP TO 500 PARTICIPANT PIGEON BREEDERS  
THE SCORING WILL DECREASE 12 BY 12 POINTS.**





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**GROUP 4 UP TO 1000 PARTICIPANT PIGEON BREEDERS**  
**THE SCORING WILL DECREASE 6 BY 6 POINTS**

**COPA PRESIDENT ENRIC SOS.-** In this category "Trophies", the winner will be assigned 1000 points, and depending on the participants number, the following points distribution grid will be applied:

**GROUP 1 UP TO 100 PARTICIPANT PIGEON BREEDERS**  
**THE SCORING WILL DECREASE 100 BY 100 POINTS.**

**GROUP 2 UP TO 200 PARTICIPANT PIGEON BREEDERS**  
**THE SCORING WILL DECREASE 50 BY 50 POINTS.**

**GROUP 3 UP TO 500 PARTICIPANT PIGEON BREEDERS**  
**THE SCORING WILL DECREASE 20 BY 20 POINTS.**

**GROUP 4 UP TO 1000 PARTICIPANT PIGEON BREEDERS**  
**THE SCORING WILL DECREASE 10 BY 10 POINTS.**

## **2).-CATEGORIES**

**LA LLAVE.-** Refers to the "Trophies" with 3 liberations between 150 and 300 km to 10 designated pigeons, which equal approximately 700 km altogether.

**COLUMBUS.-** Refers to the "Trophies" with 3 liberations between 275 and 400 km to 10 designated pigeons, which equal approximately 950 km altogether.

**PERE MARTI.-** Refers to the "Trophies" with 3 liberations between 375 and 500 km to 10 designated pigeons, which equal approximately 1200 km altogether.



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**ROBERTO ROCH.-** Refers to the “Trophies” with 3 liberations, of which one is longer than 500 km, one is longer than 600 km, and a third one is longer than 700 km, to 5 designated pigeons, which equal approximately 1900 km altogether.

**COPA PRESIDENT ENRIC SOS.-** The same 9 liberations integrated in the trophies “Columbus”, “Pere Martí” and “Roberto Roch”, with the same designated pigeons will be scoring; an accumulated percentage of all liberations will be set between the designated caged pigeons and the verified ones. The winner will be the loft with the higher percentage of verifications. In case a lower number of designated pigeons were caged, for percentage calculation purposes, the number of designated pigeons for each trophy will always be considered.

## **2).- CLASSIFICATION PERCENTAGES**

Within the established control period, 100% of the pigeons enrolled in each competition will be classified.

***The participant Clubs or pigeon breeders, whose flying line crosses over the sea and is a 50% longer than the total distance of a “Trophy”, will be able to reduce the total established distance in a 40%.***

## **FURTHER DETAILS ABOUT THE FREE PRIZES FOR ALL THE PARTICIPANTS.-**

Information will be shared in the “COMPETITIONS” section in the web [www.columbusmr.com](http://www.columbusmr.com)





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### **3.- PERMANENT RANKING**

The goal is to have an updated Ranking, similar to the one existing in tennis.

With this purpose, we will always have 2 seasons in line.

When a "Trophy", already disputed in the previous season, takes place in the current season, the points obtained in the current campaign will replace the total amount accumulated by each pigeon breeder.

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