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## North Texas Concourse Constitution and By-Laws

### I. PREFACE

The Constitution and By-Laws, Average Speed Race Rules, and the NTF and NTC Nominated Race, 400 Mile Yearling Bond Race and NTC Youngbird Auction Race Rules shall provide the procedures which all North Texas Concourse, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as the Concourse ) meetings and races shall be conducted.

### II. OBJECT

The Concourse is hereby constituted for the purpose of:

- A. Encouraging the breeding, exhibition and competitive racing of Thoroughbred Racing Homers.
- B. Sponsoring races designed to create the strongest possible competition among its members and to administer all of its affairs in the best tradition of sportsmanship and on the highest business and social level.
- C. Recognizing outstanding bird and loft performances through the issuance of awards such as diplomas, plaques and trophies.
- D. Recognizing outstanding contributions by and individual or club to the promotion of the sport of racing Thoroughbred Racing Homers.

### III. MEMBERSHIP

- A. Any racing pigeon club affiliated with the Texas Center, having permanent headquarters in *Bosque, Collin, Cooke, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Fannin, Grayson, Henderson, Hill, Hood, Hunt, Jack, Johnson, Kaufman, Montague, Navarro, Parker, Palo Pinto, Rockwall, Tarrant, Van Zandt* or *Wise* counties, Texas shall be eligible to apply for Membership (*Any county that is within two counties of Dallas and or Tarrant counties*). Any club that fails to fly with the Concourse for any series of races will lose their membership in the Concourse and shall have to reapply for membership. (1-04)
- B. A club may petition the Board of Directors for membership in the Concourse by presenting them their:
  1. Roster which must include loft location of all members if different from their residency.
  2. List of officers and their holders.
  3. Constitution, By-Laws and Race Rules.

- C. Prospective clubs to become members of the Concourse will require their application to be voted on twice, *at two different meetings, (1-07)*
- D. Clubs shall become members by favorable simple majority vote of the Board of Directors.
- E. All members, in good standing, of member clubs that have attained the age of eighteen (18) years, shall be members of the Concourse, when their dues are paid, and can compete in all Concourse Races, those under eighteen (18) can compete in all average speed races, if their loft is located in the counties listed above.

#### IV. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- A. The Board of Directors shall consist of *see C below. (1/05)*
- B. Only those delegates from clubs that actively participate in Concourse average speed races shall be eligible to vote on Race Rules changes.
- C. *Voting delegates will be seated based on the previous Race series of paid flying members. The number of delegates representing each club will be. 5 to 10 flyers..1 delegate. 11 to 15 flyers..2 delegates. 16 to 20 flyers..3 delegates. 21 to 25 flyers..4 delegates. 26 to 30 flyers.. 5 delegates.31 to 35 flyers..6 delegates and so forth. (1/05)*
- D. A member of more than one club will be counted only in the club in which it flies. If it flies in more than one club, one club must be designated for delegate strength.
- E. Each member club shall elect, appoint, or other wise select *there* members to serve as Concourse Directors. The names of the delegates and their alternates, if selected, shall be forwarded to the Concourse Recording Secretary.(1/07)
- F. If member clubs fail to furnish the names of their delegated and/or alternates they will be recognized, at meetings, in this order:
  - 1. Club's President, 2. Other Officers, 3. Members

#### V. OFFICERS

- A. Officers of the Concourse shall be the President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Race Secretary and two Publicity Directors. A Publicity Director – Western Zone – shall be selected from membership of clubs west of an extension of the Dallas/Tarrant County line, and a Publicity Director - Eastern Zone – shall be elected from membership of clubs located east of an extension of the Dallas/Tarrant County line.

- B. Officers shall be elected for a term of one year.
- C. Officer candidates shall be *active* members of member clubs and not more than two members of a club shall be nominated or elected for the same term. (1-07)

## VI. OFFICER'S DUTIES

- A. President: The President shall preside at all meetings and exercise the usual duties of a presiding officer. He shall appoint committees and make working agreements as deemed necessary or desirable for the proper administration of the Concourse. He shall fill vacancies occurring in other offices. *Appoint someone outside of the Concourse membership as Treasurer, if a suitable candidate is unavailable, with full Concourse delegate approval (all delegates in favor of appointment). Make decisions on a temporary basis of items that may come up during the year, that are not covered in the Constitution, By-Laws or any Race Rule that is in the best interest of the sport of pigeon racing. This also would require a full favorable vote of the Concourse delegates and would have to be presented and voted on at the next Concourse Business meeting. (1-07)*
- B. Vice-President: The Vice-President shall, in the absences of the President or his inability to act, assume full charge of the President's duties and be in charge of the NTF band sales and NTF race. He shall purchase and distribute a complete band sale list by July 31 of each year. He shall also be in charge of up-dating the Constitution, By-Laws and Race Rules. Also serve as chairman of Publicity Committee and hold monthly meetings. East and West zone Publicity Directors will serve as Vice-Chairman of this Committee.
- C. Recording Secretary: The Recording Secretary shall conduct the general correspondence; maintain a current roster of members; record and preserve the minutes of all meetings and send copies to all member clubs within two weeks after each meeting; notify each club delegate by written notice two weeks in advance of each meeting listing agenda items; and purchase all diplomas, trophies and plaques necessary for both race series, the winner of the NTF and first out-of-area, and the winner of the NTC races *and any other race or races authorized by the Concourse. (1-07)*
- D. Race Secretary
  - 1. Shall be chairperson of the Race Committee, composed of the race secretaries of each member club, and shall be responsible for all the details in conduction of the races.

2. Shall appoint committees, as necessary or desirable, to perform specific duties under his supervision.
  3. Shall prepare, for distribution to the Race Secretary of each member club, a complete race report consisting of *all* birds clocked in the race with the following information included:(1-07)
    - a. Race station, date of release, number of lofts, total number of birds in the race, and the number of birds each loft shipped.
    - b. Weather conditions (wind direction and velocity, percent cloud cover, rain, etc.) at the release station, enroute and at home during the clocking of the birds.
    - c. The birds complete band inscription, it's color and sex.
    - d. The bird's flying time.
    - e. The loft's airline distance.
    - f. The bird's velocity.
    - g. On second day races, the report shall have the official closing time of the race the first day and the official starting time of the race on the second day.
  4. Shall prepare and present AU diplomas at the rate of one for each twenty birds of fraction thereof competing in a race.
  5. Shall refigure the first three birds from each competing club.
  6. Shall except bids for the hiring of a hauler for each race series. Bids shall be brought before the Board of Directors and voted on.
  7. Shall be paid for each loft participating in a race series. This rate shall be set prior to each race series by the Board of Directors. Said rate shall not be less than five dollars (\$5.00) for each loft participating in a race series.
  8. Prior to starting a new race direction, the Race Secretary shall designate a committee to check out old releases points.
- E. Club Race Secretaries: Each club race secretary is to furnish the Concourse Race Secretary the following information:
1. List of each loft and their airlines *or GPS Longitude and Latitude* at the beginning of each race series.(1-07)

2. Mail complete race report and the clock tapes for the first three club birds within forty-eight hours after the close of each Concourse race.
  3. *Deleted (1-07)*
  4. *Deleted (1-07)*
  5. All club race secretaries need to check the concourse trailer before each race season.
- F. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall have custody of all Concourse funds. He shall maintain a Bank account in the name of the Concourse and pay all Concourse obligations, including prizes, by check. He shall maintain an auditable set of books and records and shall have *copies of Bank statements, including photo copies of checks that are presented to each member club at each Concourse meeting. The copies of these documents should list the specific names of each payer or payee. The books should be audited, after each old bird series by a committee of one member from each member club. At the end of the year and audit by an accountant or if financially unfeasible a committee of one member from each member club. There reports should be presented at the first meeting after the completion of the old bird series and at the December General meeting. (1-07)*
1. *A separate account should be set up for Concourse money races, including but not limited to the NTF and Auction Race. The President shall appoint this position on a yearly basis. An auditable set of books and records shall be maintained at all times. Permanent records shall be turned over to the Treasurer at the end of each year. (1-08)*
- G. Publicity Directors: The Publicity Directors shall make a joint effort to publicize the activities of the Concourse as well as all other phases of the sport of pigeon racing. The separate responsibilities of each director shall be as follows:
1. Each Publicity Director shall be alert to the activities of the members and the clubs in his zone and shall submit factual information concerning news worthy events to all news media and to the public in general.
  2. Each Publicity Director shall form a Membership Committee including one appointed delegate from each club in his zone and serve as the Chairman of this committee. As the Chairman, he shall direct and aid his committee in a concerted effort to promote new membership and to assist new flyers.
  3. By a joint agreement, one director shall be responsible for the submittal of the Concourse average speed race diploma winners for publication in the weekly national magazine, *in and article form* and the NTF race results for publication in the monthly magazine, *if funds are allocated. (1-07)*

## VII. MEETINGS

- A. The annual business meeting and election of officers shall be in December. Special meetings may be called by the President, or when he is unable to act, by the Vice-President, on a two week written notice
- B. The order of business shall be:
  - 1. Roll call of the officers.
  - 2. Roll call of the Board of Directors.
  - 3. Minutes of previous meetings.
  - 4. Treasurer's report.
  - 5. Report of committees.
  - 6. Communications.
  - 7. Unfinished business.
  - 8. New business (installation of Officers precedes new business).
  - 9. Good of the sport.
  - 10. Adjournment.

## VIII. VOTING

- A. Every member of the Concourse shall have a vote in the selection of each Concourse Officer, but may not vote on any order of business.
- B. The procedure for electing Concourse Officers shall be:
  - 1. Each club shall provide the President of the Concourse at least sixty (60) days prior to the annual business meeting, a list of its club members who are willing to serve as an officer in the Concourse. This notice shall include the club member's name and the office for which he is nominated.
  - 2. Thirty (30) days prior to the annual business meeting the Concourse shall mail a numbered ballot to each club member. This ballot shall include a list of the nominees from each club and the office for which they are nominated.

3. Club members may vote for the nominee of their choice and return the ballot in the stamped return envelope provided, at least ten (10) days prior to the annual business meeting.
  4. The President shall convene a quorum of the Concourse Officers at least three (3) days prior to the annual business meeting to tabulate the results and notify the new officers.
- C. All Concourse meetings shall be conducted in general accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.
  - D. Each delegate shall have one vote on every question presented at business meetings.
  - E. No Concourse Officer may vote on any question presented at business meetings.
  - F. Voting by proxy shall be only by delegates from each club present at North Texas Concourse meetings.
  - G. Each member club shall have equal representation in the conducting of Concourse business by having the number of votes equal to the number of paid young birds flyers the club had the previous year. One delegate shall cast those votes.
  - H. Two votes, at least two weeks apart are required for any change in the Constitution and By-Laws, Average Speed Race Rules of NTF and NTC Race Rules to become effective. The first vote requires a simple favorable majority vote of the quorum present, whereas the second vote requires a two-thirds favorable majority of the quorum present.
  - I. The President shall provide an agenda for the officers and directors before each meeting. The agenda to be used as a guideline to conduct business at that meeting.

## **IX. QUORUM**

- A. Not less than one-half of the members of the Board of Directors and a minimum of three Officers must be present before a business may be officially conducted.

## **X. EXPULSION**

- A. A member or club accused of dishonorable conduct or cheating shall be to appear before the Concourse Officers who shall investigate the charges and subsequently report their findings and recommendations to the Board of Directors, at a regular or special meeting. If suspension or expulsion are recommended, a secret vote after discussion must be taken immediately and, if one more than half of the quorum present favors the recommendation, the accused shall stand suspended or expelled accordingly.
- B. No visitors shall be present during the report, discussion or voting.
- C. The accused member, or if a club, their representatives, shall not be present when the when the present when the Officer's report is presented and discussed, or votes are cast.
- D. In the event a member is found to be cheating, the member forfeits all trophies, diplomas, and prizes and shall be barred for life in the North Texas Concourse. The member has the right of Appeal through the AU.
- E. A member who has been suspended or expelled by a member club shall be expelled automatically from the from the Concourse, even if in ore than one club.

## **XI. DUES**

- A. The operating expenses or fees, as determined by the Board of Directors, shall be paid before a member may enter birds in a Concourse race.
- B. No initiation fee shall be charged for club or individual membership.
- C. Any Futurity Band debt to the Concourse ot a member club must be paid in full before the debtor is eligible to participate in any Concourse race, event or function.
- D. Shipping dues shall be set by the Board of Directors, and are due one month before the first race.

## **XII. INSURANCE AND BONDS**

- A. The Driver contracting to haul races shall have insurance in an amount not less than \$100,000/\$300,000 liability coverage.

### XIII. CONVEYOR

- A. The Concourse will lease or otherwise provide a conveyor for transporting the birds to the liberation stations.
- B. Member clubs will receive crates *assigned by the Race Secretary, based on the number of paid members at the February meeting, for old birds, and at the August meeting for youngbirds. (1-07)*
- C. *Delete (1-07)*
- D. Repair of damages to crates that resulted from abuse (beyond normal wear and tear) will be paid by the club responsible for such damages.
- E. After the shipping crates have been delegated out to the clubs as per the above rules, any remaining crated may be rented by member clubs at a rate of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per crate per race.

### XIV. AWARDS

- A. One diploma per each twenty birds or fraction thereof competing in each Concourse average speed race.
- B. Best bird performance award (based on points), best loft performance (based on points), and best average speed loft performance shall be figured using the AU updated computer program. There will be three diplomas for the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> positions in all categories (high point bird, high point loft, and average speed)
- C. The overall winner and the first out-of-area winner of the NTF will receive trophies or plaques.
- D. The old bird average speed races, up to and including 300, will be designated as short average speed. 100-600 mile races shall be designated as long average speed. 100-600 shall be designated as overall average speed. Special races are excluded from average speed consideration. Young bird average speed shall be computed on those races set as Concourse races from 100-300 miles at the annual meeting in December. Futurity or special races are excluded.
- E. All trophies, plaques and diplomas for each series of races and special for the current year shall be presented *prior to the next series of races after which they were earned unless a banquet, previous to the next race series is planned. (1-07)*

**XV. AMENDMENTS**

- A. These laws may be altered or amended only at the annual business meeting by following the rules herein.
- B. If amendments or alterations to the Constitution and By-Laws, Average Speed Race Rules, North Texas Futurity Race Rules, or the North Texas Concourse Nominated Championship 500 Race Rules are to be considered, the club suggesting such changes shall notify the Concourse President, Vice-President and Recording Secretary in writing at least sixty (60) days in advance of the annual business meeting. This notice shall specifically list the existing rule as written and the text of the proposed change.
- C. At least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the meeting in which the changes are to be considered, the Recording Secretary shall notify each member club of the proposed changes.
- D. Two favorable votes, at least two weeks apart, are required for any change in the Constitution and By-Laws. The first vote requires a simple favorable majority of the quorum present, whereas the second vote requires a two-thirds favorable majority of the quorum present.
- E. Amendments or alterations shall become immediately affective upon the second favorable vote of the Board of Directors, but they are not retroactive or apply to a race series in progress.

## AVERAGE SPEED RACE RULES

### I. PREFACE

- A. Interpretations of these rules and decisions on questions that may not be incorporated herein shall be made by the Race Committee, which is composed of the club' race secretaries with the Concourse race secretary as a chairperson, and their decisions shall be final.
- B. Official time of arrival for disqualified timers, timer port holes, timer tapes, etc., if no fraud or cheating is found, is the official closing time of the Concourse race or when the timer is delivered to the race secretary or his deputy. This, time is determined by the competitor signing a piece of paper, putting the piece of paper in a capsule, placing the capsule in an official timer and kicking same.
- C. *AU Race Rules #1 thru #18 are used. They may be found by going to the AU website [www.pigeon.org](http://www.pigeon.org) or in the AU Convention Yearbook. (1-07)*

### II. DIRECTIONS AND DATES

- A. The directions and dates for old bird and young bird releases shall be set at the December annual meeting. All Concourse races are to be flown on or near as possible on and East, West, North and South axis. Each cycle of race series begins with the North course and ends with the East Course. Request for change to this "around the Clock" system will not be considered until Cycle is complete. (end of Old Birds East Course)
- B. The race schedule including dates for the Concourse average speed races shall be set by the Board of Directors between the young bird and old bird race series but no later than the February meeting. No race will be released on Sunday, except in the event of a holdover. In case of bad weather, after the Concourse Race Secretary has complied with the rules herein, the race birds may be moved to a different release point at his discretion.

### III. AIRLINES AND LOFT LOCATIONS

- A. All airline data and loft locations shall be computed by Bowen's Surveys, P.O. Box 5466, Eugene Oregon 97405, (503) 343-8772, or other Concourse approved Surveys. GPS unit will be used, new loft cost \$5.00.
- B. The original or an original copy of the airline data sheet shall be furnished the race secretary upon his request. Failure to furnish correct airline data will disqualify the competitor in that race.
- C. Only persons listed on the airline data sheet may enter birds from that loft location.

- D. The release station from 100 to 600 miles shall be voted on after the old bird series and prior to the young bird series.

#### IV. ENTRY AND LIMIT

- A. The maximum number of birds ("bird limit") that may be entered in a Concourse sponsored race by one loft location and/or member shall be determined by the Board of Directors *prior to each race series. The bird limit will be calculated by the trailer capacity (which is 2000 birds per side) divided by the # of paid flyers. Example: 100 flyers divided by 2000= 20 birds. (1-07)*
- B. Each loft of a senior member may have one member of his or her immediate family (son, daughter, spouse, grson, grdau, grfather, grmother, niece or nephew) compete in the NTC races. Each member must submit a list of Band # prior to the race series to the club secretary. Birds cannot count toward any awards except by the declared owner, each member will be allowed to ship one team of birds based on Concourse limits.
- C. A partnership or individual member may clock all birds per race. Using the same timer is desired.
- D. A junior member would reside under rules of a partnership but would only be required to pay 1/2 of shipping fees. Junior member may not participate in the NTF or NTC races.
- E. Two full memberships with separate lofts on the same property are allowed. If two or more lofts are on the same property each flyer must turn in a list of each bird number, color, sex, of each bird to be flown from each loft to their club Race Secretary. The birds are not to be transferable to another loft on the same property.
- F. No bird may be entered in a race if the member entering the bird cannot show written proof of ownership, if requested.
- G. No young bird may be entered in an old bird race and no old bird may be entered in a young bird race.
- H. All birds in a race must home to the loft location of the member entering them.
- I. Only birds with seamless unaltered Racing Homer size AU bands, or with bands issued by a recognized racing pigeon organization may be entered in a race.

## V. COUNTERMARKING AND CRATES

- A. Days of the week for countermarking Concourse sponsored races are as follows, unless otherwise noted on the race schedule.
1. 100, 150, 200 mile races – Friday
  2. 250, 300 mile races (including NTF) – Friday
  3. 400, 500, 600 mile races (including NTC) – Thursday
  4. Other race distances as noted by the Race Secretary.
- B. No birds may be carried on the Concourse conveyor except member club's countermarked race birds and birds allowed by two favorable majority votes of the Board of Directors may be carried on the Concourse conveyor. The Race Secretary shall instruct the hauler/liberator to release these birds to where they will not interfere with a Concourse Average Speed Race.
1. *If the Concourse enters into any other competitive arrangements, such as but not limited to Federation, Association and or Open, and the Concourse trailer is the primary conveyor unit, it therefore is allowable to release other birds with Concourse Average Speed Races if joint results are to be used or not. (1-07)*
- C. All club's crates must be sealed including all entrance or exit door or openings with an approved seal that will insure the integrity of the race before being transported from the point of countermarking and being placed on the conveyor. This includes crates in which birds are being loaded directly on the conveyor.
- D. All club's crated birds must be at the designated location for placing on the conveyor at the time set by the Race Secretary, or they may be barred from competition in the race.
- E. Each member club's crates shall be spaced apart as equally as possible on the conveyor as specified by the Race Secretary.
- F. After the crates are placed on the conveyor and the conveyor is locked, a crate may not be opened or removed therefrom without first consulting the Race Secretary.
- G. Each club's crates shall be marked with the initials of the club, show the number of birds contained therein, and be designated as race A or B with large letters.

- H. First release race crates shall be placed on the driver's side of the conveyer. The second release race crates shall be placed on the side opposite the first release race crates.
- I. Each slot on the trailer shall contain a crate.
- J. A competitor shall not countermark their own birds.
- K. A competitor shall not write countermark numbers for his own race entries.
- L. A competitor shall not operate the countermarking machine for his own race entries.
- M. A competitor shall not remove any bird from a shipping crate, without first consulting the race secretary or an authorized representative who must supervise such removal.
- N. Each club shall maintain a sealed box for each race. Immediately following the countermarking of the competitors last bird, his race sheet and countermark paper slips shall be placed in the sealed box. At no time from countermarking until the race has been figured shall the competitor handle his race or sheet countermark slips.
- O. All entries must be at the designated place by the time appointed by the Race Secretary or they may be barred from competition from that particular race.
- P. The bird's complete band number listed numerically, color, and sex must be listed on the entry form.
- Q. *Deleted (1-07)*
- R. After each competitor's birds have been countermarked and the countermark numbers recorded properly on the entry form, a line is drawn immediately under the last bird on the entry form and signed by the person writing down the countermark numbers.
- S. If a countermark number is changed, the old number must be "scratched" and the new number recorded properly on the entry form and initialed by the person writing down the countermark numbers.

- T. After the final bird of a competitor's race entry has been countermarked, any scratched birds" (listed but not countermarked) must be crossed out on the official race entry form, including the countermark space, and initialed by the race committee person and the competitor or his representative. The race committee person should underline the last bird shown on the form, verify and make a notation of the number of birds entered, initial same and give form to the race secretary or and authorized representative.
- U. From the time the birds are delivered to the club until they have been liberated, it is the responsibility of the club to do the best it can to provide security and safety for the birds. However, all birds shall, as between member and organization, be handled and shipped at owner's risk.
- V. In the event a club transports birds to the trailer, two (2) senior competing members must remain with that club's birds until they are placed on the trailer, two (2) senior competing members must remain with that club's birds until they are placed on the trailer.
- W. *Any club may countermark and figure there races at there own facility on any average speed race. If a special race is shipped with an average speed race, then shipping will have to be done from the location of shipping of the special race. If a club does not wish to ship the special race it must transport its birds to the designated shipping location prior to the trailer having departed for the race station. (1-07)*

## VI. TIMERS AND TAPES

- A. Only approved continuous timers, equipped with a working tape punch and dolometer or shaking device shall be acceptable. Electric and/or Quartz timers are acceptable after approval by the Board of Directors.
- B. The race secretary, or his authorized representative, should check all clocks to insure that they are properly sealed, running, and that the number one hole is up, unless their clocks are kicked twice. Each competitor should check his own seal number and make sure it matches the number on the seal list.
- C. Each competitor is responsible for winding and properly setting his timer. The day hand should be set on 7 for day races and 6 for races shipped two days before release.
- D. All tapes shall be signed by the owner and a club race committee person, be dated, and contain the name or the distance of the race station before the timer is sealed.

- E. All timers shall be sealed with numbered lead-headed security seals in the following manner:  
First pass the seal wire through the sealing eyes of the timer twice, forming a tight loop with the seal head pulled as close to the sealing eyes as possible. Then pass the seal wire through the lead head, from the same side that the wire is attached, and pull it to take out any slack. Then pass the seal wire back through the lead head and pull it tight so that the wire of this loop is embedded in the slot of the seal head. Finally clamp the seal firmly by applying the club's crimper (seal press) to its maximum pressure and then cut off the excess of the wire seal. If the sealing eyes of the timer are not large enough to allow the wire to pass through twice, such timers may be properly sealed by following the above procedure but eliminating the second time the wire is passed through the sealing eyes.
- F. No timer shall be considered as sealed if the tape can be stamped without moving the corresponding port ole to a closed position, or if the latch (or lock) can be tripped to open the timer without breaking the seal or seal wire.
- G. Timers that are not sealed or that are improperly sealed shall be disqualified.
- H. Evidence of a time having been tampered with such as alterations to its working parts shall be sufficient cause to forfeit all claims for records or prizes in any race where the timer was used.
- I. Timers in which birds have been timed that have stopped after the starting kick, or failed to start, stopped and started again shall be disqualified.
- J. The race secretary has the authority to impound any competitor's timer for 72 hours for observations.
- K. A timer that is found to be malfunctioning must be repaired and certified as such before being acceptable for Concourse competition.
- L. Tapes that tear, fail to wind properly, overprint or malfunction and thereby prevent arrival times from being accurately and positively read shall be disqualified.
- M. All eligible holes are computed *for* Concourse awards.
- N. Any member may time in any other member's official timer that is officially sealed for a given Concourse race.
- O. All timers must be synchronized with Greenwich Mean Time using the time tone *or atomic clock, GPS, etc. (1-07)*

- P. Club's master timers must be set by Greenwich Mean Time before kicking of the members clocks, *using the time tone, atomic clock or GPS.* (1-07)
- Q. All timers shall be opened and countermarks checked by two committee persons, neither one being the timer's owner (competitor). In addition, for all birds clocked. They shall verify the second (inside) countermark number with the inside number on the countermark slip.
- R. During the countermarking and race figuring procedure, there must be *three (3)* senior competing members present. In the event there is less than *three (3)* senior competing members present during the countermarking and, or race figuring, it must be done at another competing club. (1-07)
- S. The club race secretary's entry form and countermark paper clips shall be placed in a sealed envelope immediately following countermarking and kept by some other competing member during the race. Also, one copy of the club seal list must be with the club race secretary and one copy with a competing club member.
- T. All timers will remain on the timer table after the first dick with the number one hole up. Then every timer must be kicked to the number two hole, inspected, and released by the race secretary.
- U. A clock, which varies more than five (5) seconds per hour of running time will be penalized. Clocks fast more than five seconds per hour shall have each bird timing read and calculated without any adjustment! Clocks slow more than five seconds per running hour shall have the variation, without adjustment, (entire amount slow) added to the clock's time of each bird's arrival as a penalty, before calculating.

## VII. CAPSULES AND COUNTERMARKS

- A. Each countermark shall be in a regulation capsule to be eligible for Concourse records or prizes.
- B. If two or more countermarks are in the same capsule, only one, at the competitors discretion, will be eligible for Concourse records and prizes.
- C. Presence of an unofficial race countermark in a timer port hole results in the that being disqualified, unless an official countermark is also in the hole.

- D. A hinge-type capsule placed in the timer with the hinge down, or an opened end capsule placed in the timer with the open end up, or a countermark placed in a timer port hole but not enclosed in a capsule, shall disqualify that timer port hole.
- E. All countermarks and seals should be secured by the club race secretary at his home. Race Secretary will bring only the countermarks and seals needed for that week's race.

## VIII. CONVEYING AND LIBERATING

- A. The Race Secretary shall instruct the hauler-liberator to:
  1. Arrive, if possible, at the release station at least one hour before the race release time on one day races and before sunset on two day races.
  2. Water the birds on all races thirty minutes before liberation, and on two day races on Friday after being fed and at least one hour before sunset.
  3. Feed the birds on all races shipped two day prior to the release between 11 am and 1 pm, and on all races that are held over at a time designated by the Race Secretary.
  4. Carry an appropriate amount of corn to be able to feed the race birds even if there is a holdover.
  5. Obtain weather information in the vicinity of the release area before calling the Race Secretary.
  6. Call the Race Secretary collect 15 to 30 minutes before the designated release time of the birds. At this time he will synchronize his time piece with the master timer.
  7. Check to be sure seals have not been tampered with, unlock, and make ready crates for release five minutes before release time.
  8. Release the birds into the wind and away from obstructions and dangers including wires and motor vehicles.
  9. Release the birds from each race at one time.
  10. If possible, obtain the services of at least one other person to help in liberation of the birds.

- B. No race will be liberated if there is rain in the release area, or if stormy rainy weather conditions prevail over a minimum of 100 miles depth enroute, or if head winds are consistently over 25 mph.
- C. If the weather conditions appear to be questionable for a release, the Race Secretary will confer with each club's race secretary concerning the advisability of releasing the birds, holding them over or hauling them back. The final decision on the welfare and release of the birds rest with the Concourse Race Secretary.
- D. Should one or more birds escape while in transit or before the race release, and should an inventory of the remaining birds transported by the conveyor be impractical, the race shall be declared "No Contest".
- E. On a race that is declared "no contest" the Race Secretary shall confer with each club's race secretary to determine if they want their club's birds released or hauled back.
- F. A and B races from 100 to 300 shall be released an hour apart, weather permitting. A and B 400 mile races shall be released 30 minutes apart, weather permitting. 500 and 600 mile races on the same day shall be released at the same time, weather permitting. If held up and hour or more, the Race Secretary, if the weather dictates, may instruct the hauler to liberate the races thirty minutes apart. (On hot days it is permissible to release the birds 30 minutes apart)
- G. No first release on any one day race shall be liberated later than 10:00 am Central Time.
- H. Two day races may be liberated at any time on the first day, at the Race Secretary's discretion, but, if homing on the day appears doubtful, on later than 8:00 am Central Time on the second day.
- I. No race will be released before official sunrise at the liberation point, which must be the official point used in computations of the airlines.
- J. Any race over 200 miles in distance will be considered as a two day race.
- K. Any Concourse average speed race that is declares "No Contest" shall not be rescheduled.
- L. On any race hauled back, each member club will be responsible for securing their race birds upon the return of the conveyor.
- M. No non-concourse race may be released prior to, in between or earlier than 30 minutes after a Concourse race from Concourse trailer or release point.
- N. *If the Race Secretary deems a race unreleaseable before the race has been shipped he may declare a push (moving the race forward a week). Two pushes are permissible per race series. If a race is scheduled that has a set date, the push will occur the following week.*(1-08)

## IX. RACE TIME

- A. Closing of races the first day:
1. For one day races it is  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour after official sunset or one-half hour after the last loft to clock its first bird, if clocked before midnight.
  2. For two day races it is  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour after official sunset on  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour after the last loft to clock its first bird, if clocked before midnight and if all race participants clocked.
  3. Each club race secretary must notify the Concourse Race Secretary the time of the last club bird clocked, if after sunset on the first day. This notification should take place as soon as possible.
- B. Opening of second day races:
1. The race is started on the second day  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour before official sunrise or  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour before the first loft that did not clock the previous day to clock its first bird, if it is clocked before official sunrise.
- C. Closing of second day races:
1. The race is closed on the second day  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour after official sunset or  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour after the last loft to clock its first bird, if clocked after sunset but before midnight.
- D. Time out for darkness:
1. For figuring loft average speed, the time out for darkness shall be  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour after official sunset, or  $\frac{7}{2}$  hour after the last loft to clock its first bird if it is clocked after official sunset but before midnight. The race shall open  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour before official sunrise or  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour before the first loft clocking that did not clock the day before.
- E. Official sunrise and sunset for the lofts in the Concourse boundaries shall be obtained from the Dallas-Fort Worth regional airport.

## X. RACE VELOCITY COMPUTATIONS

### A. Timers:

1. All timers shall be started (kicked off) and operated on a continuous running basis. When timers are opened for computing the race results, any variation from the master timer shall be adjusted to the nearest whole second in proportion to the time elapsed between the starting of the timer, the timing of each bird, and the opening of the timer. The proportion of the time must be based on minutes.
2. The second hand for all stampings in a clock that is fast relative to the master timer is read back.
3. The second hand for all stampings in a clock that is slow relative to the master timer is read forward.
4. For clocks slow relative to the master timer, the variation is added; for clocks fast relative to the master timer, the variation is subtracted

### B. Speed of and individual bird will be computed with a calculator or a computer and reported in yards per minute (ypm) of the following:

1. The distance in miles is reduced to 60ths of yards by multiplying by 105,600 (1760 x 60). The time consumed in flight is reduced to total seconds. The hours and minutes are converted to seconds by either reading a chart or by multiplying the hours by 3600 (60 x 60) and the minutes by 60. The total seconds are obtained from the hour and minute computation. The first result divided by the second result gives the velocity of the bird in ypm.
2. The distance in miles is converted to yards by multiplying by 1760. the time consumed in flight shall be reduced to minutes by multiplying the hours by 60, dividing the corrected seconds by 60, and adding the results of these computations to the minutes to arrive at the total minutes. The distance in yards, divided by the total minutes, gives the velocity of the bird in ypm.

## XI. TOSSING OF RACE BIRDS

- A. Any member may request that any race bird be "tossed".
- B. Request for tossing a race bird must be made in writing to the Race Secretary within twenty-four hours after the club receives official computation of race results

- C. The Race Secretary shall require, in the presence of the member making the request, any race participant to toss a race bird.
- D. The race bird shall not be tossed less than two-hundred feet or more than one mile from its loft location by the Race Secretary.
- E. Any bird not returning to its loft location within one hour after it is tossed shall be disqualified, subject to review for extenuating circumstances.

## NORTH TEXAS FUTURITY (NTF) RACE RULES

### I. PREFACE

- A. Interpretations of these rules and decisions on questions that may not be incorporated herein shall be made by the Race Committee, which is composed of the club's race secretaries with the Concourse Race Secretary as chairperson, and their decision shall be final.
- B. Official time of arrival for disqualified timers, timer port holes, timer tapes, etc., if no fraud or cheating is found, is the official time of opening the timers or when the timer is delivered to the Race Secretary or his authorized deputy. This time is determined by the competitor signing a piece of paper, putting it in a capsule, placing capsule in an official timer and kicking same.
- C. *AU Race Rules #1 thru #18 are used. They may be found by going to the AU website [www.pigeon.org](http://www.pigeon.org) or in the AU Convention Yearbook. (1/07)*

### II. DIRECTIONS AND DATES

- A. The NTF shall be from the same direction as the Concourse Average Speed races.
- B. The release stations for the NTF race shall be the same 300 mile race station as the Concourse average speed races for that year.
- C. The countermarking for the NTF shall be on Friday *prior* to the scheduled liberation date of the NTF race. (1/05)
- D. The liberation date for the NTF shall be *the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in November each year.* (1/05)

### III. AIRLINES AND LOFT LOCATIONS

Same as the Concourse average speed race rules. *All handlers must fly a minimum distance of 260 miles to be eligible for same.* (1/05)

### IV. ENTRY AND LIMIT

- A. NTF bands are *twenty-five dollars (\$25) each or five (5) for One hundred dollars (\$100)* and may be *purchased* by eligible buyers. *Bands will not be issued until payment for bands are received. Bands must be paid in full in order to fly in the NTF race.* (1/05)
- B. *Blank* (1/05)

- C. There is no limit on the number of NTF banded birds a handler may have or enter in the race.
- D. No local breeder may place birds in another local loft and have these birds designated as Out-of-Area birds.
- E. A fee of \$20.00 *shipping will be paid prior to the birds being accepted for countermarking, by each loft participating.* (1/05)
- F. Only young birds with seamless unaltered NTF *designated* band may be entered in the race. (1/05)
- G. No old bird may be entered in an NTF race.
- H. All birds in a NTF race must home to the loft location of the competitor entering them.
- I. No bird may be entered in a NTF race if the competitor entering the bird cannot show written proof of ownership, if requested.

#### V. COUNTERMARKING AND CRATES

- A. All entries must be at the designated place by the time appointed by the Race Secretary or they may be barred from competition.
- B. A competitor shall not countermark their own birds *or place on conveyer.* (1/05)
- C. Only completed entry forms, issued by the Concourse or Club are acceptable.
- D. The bird's band number, color, and sex must be listed on the entry form.
- E. The birds must be listed in numerical order with the out-of-area entries designated. The out-of-area entries should be identified by the breeder's name and address following the band number.
- F. Band numbers of each bird countermarked shall be recorded upon the "countermark slip" and these slips grouped by lofts shall be retained by the Race Secretary until the race has been *calculated* and settled *in an official capacity.* (1/05)
- G. After each competitor's birds have been countermarked and the countermark numbers recorded properly on the entry form, a line is drawn immediately under the last bird on the entry form and signed by the person writing down the countermark numbers.

- H. *Blank (1/05)*
- I. The hens and cocks will be placed in separate crates.
- J. No competitor's birds will be placed in only one crate *and should* be distributed *evenly as much* as possible among *the crates*. (1/05)
- K. All birds showing evidence of disease *will not be eligible to fly*. (1/05)
- L. All birds, as between competitor and Concourse, shall be at the owner's risk at all times.
- M. Once a bird is placed on the conveyor it shall not be removed without first consulting the Race Secretary. (1/5)
- N. No birds may be carried on the NTF conveyor except birds *designated for a separate release on the conveyor*. (1/05)
- O. The number of birds in each crate shall be marked on the outside of the crate with the number of birds being as evenly distributed as possible in all crates.
- N. All openings and exits on the crates will be sealed. Each crate slot on the trailer shall contain a crate. (1/05)
- Q. *Blank (1/05)*
- R. All other rules same as those for the Concourse average speed race rules.

## VI. TIMERS AND TAPES

- A. Same as average speed race rules.
- B. Same as average speed race rules.
- C. Same as average speed race rules.
- D. Same as average speed race rules.
- E. Timers that are not sealed or that are improperly sealed shall be disqualified.
- F. All timers must be synchronized with *an atomic clock*. (1/05)
- G. The number one port hole must be up after kicking off the clocks.

- H. The race or clock committee shall make a complete list of all timers used in the NTF race that accurately reflect the following:
  - 1. Name of the competitor.
  - 2. Make and serial number of the timer.
  - 3. Serial number of the seal used.
- I. Should a seal have to be changed, the old seal number must be “scratched” and the new seal number written beside it and initialed by the timer committee.
- J. The timer seal record is to be carefully checked against the timers at timer opening; failure to match results in automatic disqualification of that timer.
- K. Timers that fail to operate during or after timing of one or more birds shall be disqualified.
- L. If more than one timer is used for an airline location each timer must be plainly labeled #1, #2, etc. If operable, the #1 timer must be used before the #2 timer is used, etc. Alternating from one timer to another shall disqualify those timers.
- M. Timers that have stopped after the starting “kick”, or failed to start stopped and started again, or that show a variation of more than ten seconds per hour running time shall be disqualified.
- N. Tapes that tear, fail to wind properly, overprint or malfunction and thereby, prevent arrival times from being accurately and positively read shall be disqualified.
- O. *Any* evidence of a timer having been tampered with or discovery that it has been altered shall forfeit *any and* all claims to prizes. (1/05)
- P. Any competitor may time in any other competitor’s sealed timer.
- Q. *Blank* (1/05)
- R. All other rules same as those for the Concourse average speed race rules.

## VII. CAPSULES AND COUNTERMARKS

- A. Each countermark must be in a regulation capsule to be eligible for NTF records and prizes.

- B. If two or more countermarks are in the same *porthole*, *both will be counted*. (1/05)
- C. Hinge-type capsules must be in the porthole with the hinge end up.
- D. Cartridge or shell-type capsules must be placed in the timer porthole with the open end down.
- E. A hinge-type capsule placed in the timer with the hinge down, a countermark placed in a timer port hole but not enclosed in a capsule shall disqualify that timer port hole.
- F. The inside countermark number of the first *three* race positions *shall be verified*. (1/05)
- G. All other rules same as those for the Concourse average speed race rules.

### VIII. CONVEYING AND LIBERATING

- A. The Concourse race secretary shall instruct the hauler-liberator to:
  - 1. Arrive at least one hour before release time, if possible. (1/05)
  - 2. Water the birds thirty minutes before liberation.
  - 3. Feed the birds on all races held over at a time specified by the Race Secretary.
  - 4. Carry at least 100 pounds of corn.
  - 5. Obtain *local* weather information in the vicinity of the release area. (1/05)
  - 6. Call the Race Secretary 15 to 30 minutes before the release time. of the birds. (1/05)
  - 7. *Blank* (1/05)
  - 8. Release the birds into the wind and away from obstructions including wires.
  - 9. *Blank* (1/05)
  - 10. *Blank* (1/05)
- B. No race shall be liberated if there is rain in the release area, if stormy rainy weather conditions prevail over a minimum of 100 miles depth *in route* or if head winds are consistently over 25 mph. (1/05)
- C. If the weather conditions appear to be questionable for *the* release, the Race Secretary will confer with the race committee concerning the advisability of releasing the birds, holding them over, *moving to a different location* or hauling them back. The final decision on the welfare and release of the birds rests with the Race Secretary. (1/05)

- D. Should one or more birds escape while in transit, or before the race release and should an inventory of the remaining birds transported by the conveyor be impractical the race shall be declared “no contest”. (1/05)
- E. A “no contest” race may not be rescheduled by the Board of Directors earlier than two weeks after the original liberation date. (1/05)
- F. Normally the NTF race shall be liberated by 8:00 am *cst on* the first day. (1/05)
- G. No race shall e liberated before official sunrise at the liberation station.
- H. If *the* weather or other factors prevent liberation on the scheduled date by 8:00 am, the Race Secretary shall *wait until 10:00 am to see if the conditions change before holding the birds over to the next day.* (1/05)

#### IX. RACE TIME

- A. The NTF race shall be closed at the end of the day on which all of the prizes are taken *but* not later than the seventh day. (1/05)
- B. If there is not a sufficient number of NTF birds clocked by the close of the seventh day after liberation to take all the prizes, the remaining prizes will be prorated equally to the birds that were clocked.
- C. In the event that no birds are clocked in race time, the net prize fund shall be used as prizes in the following year but only after a complete revision of the prize schedule, which may or may not include a change of date, has been approved by the Board of Directors.
- D. Time out for darkness shall be the same as for the average speed race rules.
- E. Official sunrise and sunset for the lofts located in the NTF boundaries shall be obtained from the Dallas-Fort Worth Regional Airport *or other reliable source.* (1/05)
- F. Each club race secretary must notify the Concourse Race Secretary the time of the last bird clocked, if after sunset the first day. This notification should tale place as soon as possible. (1/05)

#### X. RACE VELOCITY COMPUTATIONS

- A. Same as the *Concourse Average Speed* race rules. (1/05)

#### XI. TOSSING OF RACE BIRDS

- A. The *winning* bird credited with the highest velocity in the NTF race shall be tossed by members of the Race Committee, or by a special committee of three members appointed by the Race Secretary, at approximately one mile from the lofts at which they were clocked. (1/05)

- B. Upon request by a competitor, made to the Race Secretary in writing within twenty-four hours after the speeds are figured, any other prize winner shall be tossed in the same manner. (1/05)
- C. Any “tossed” bird that does not return to the loft from which it was tossed, within one hour, shall be disqualified. (1/05)
- D. Prizes shall not be awarded until *the winning bird has been tossed* and *it’s* action properly certified by the Race Committee. (1/05)

**XII. PRIZES AND AWARDS**

A. Payout for the NTF race is :

1 <sup>st</sup> - 25%	7 <sup>th</sup> -	3%
2 <sup>nd</sup> - 15%	8 <sup>th</sup> - 10 <sup>th</sup>	2%
3 <sup>rd</sup> - 10%	11 <sup>th</sup> - 30 <sup>th</sup>	1%
4 <sup>th</sup> - 7%	1 <sup>st</sup> out-of-area	5% (1/05)
5 <sup>th</sup> - 5%		
6 <sup>th</sup> - 4%		

- B. The NTF shall be open to out- of –area breeders by invitation with all prizes to out-of-area birds on a 50-50 basis between the breeder and the handler. The bird becomes the property of the handler after the race *unless the breeder requests it’s return.* (1/05)
- C. The breeder’s share of *the* prizes together with a copy of the official NTF race report shall be sent directly *to the out-of-area winner by the Treasurer* within thirty days. (1/05)
- D. A suitable trophy or plaque will be awarded to the overall winner and the first out-of –area winner of the NTF race
- E. *The NTF shall be open to all flyers whose loft location is within the NTC boundaries.* (1/05)
- F. *Only flyers in good standing with the North Texas Concourse will be able to participate.* (1/05)

**XIII. AMENDAMENTS**

- A. Same as Concourse average speed race rules.



**NORTH TEXAS CONCOURSE NOMINATED CHAMPIONSHIP 500 MILE (NTC)  
RACE RULES**

**I. PREFACE**

- A. Same as the NTF race rules.

**II. DIRECTIONS AND DATES**

- A. The NTC race shall be from the 500 mile station on the course over which the Concourse average speed races are flown.
- B. The NTC race shall be on the first *scheduled 500 mile race. (1-07)*
- C. The NTC race shall be a nominated race.

**III. AIRLINES AND LOFT LOCATIONS**

- A. Same as the concourse Average Speed race rules.

**IV. ENTRY AND LIMIT**

- A. An individual member or a partnership may clock as many nominated birds as they wish and all are eligible for nominated race awards.
- B. In order to be eligible to ship the NTC race a competitor must have paid that years old bird Concourse average speed race dues.
- C. A fee of *five dollars* (\$5.00) per loft shall be paid.
- D. Entry fee per bird is *ten dollars* (\$10.00). (1-03)
- E. The limit is fifteen birds. (*limited to Concourse bird limit*)
- F. All other rules are the same as those for the Concourse average speed race rules.

**V. COUNTERMARKING AND CRATES**

- A. The NTC Race shall be shipped at a central location.
- B. Nominated birds must be so designated on the official race entry form.
- C. All other rules are the same as those for the Concourse average speed race rules.

**VI. TIMERS AND TAPES**

- A. Same as Concourse average speed race rules.

**VII. CAPSULES AND COUNTERMARK**

- A. Same as Concourse average speed race rules.

**VIII. CONVEYING AND LIBERATION**

- A. Same as Concourse average speed race rules.

**IX. RACE TIME**

- A. The NTC race shall be closed at the end of the day on which all of the prizes and diplomas are taken or not later than at the close of the second day after liberation.
- B. If there is not a sufficient number of NTC birds clocked by the close of the second day to take all the prizes, the remaining fund shall be prorated equally to the birds that are clocked.
- C. In the event that no birds are clocked in race time, the net prize fund shall be used as prizes in the following year but only after a complete revision of the prize schedule, which may or may not include a change of date, has been approved by the Board of Directors.
- D. Each club race secretary must notify the Concourse Race Secretary the time of the last club bird clocked, if after sunset on the first day. This notification should take place as soon as possible.

**X. RACE VELOCITY COMPUTATIONS**

- A. Same as Concourse average speed race rules.

**XI. TOSSING OF RACE BIRDS**

- A. Same as Concourse average speed race rules.

**XII. PRIZES AND AWARDS**

- A. Prizes in the NTC shall be, based on the net amount to be distributed, as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> – 40%; 2<sup>nd</sup> – 20%; 3<sup>rd</sup> – 10%; 4<sup>th</sup> – 5%; or \$20, whichever is greater. The remaining prize fund is paid at \$20 for each position until the funds are depleted.

**XIII. Amendments**

- A. Same as Concourse Average Speed Race Rules.

## North Texas Concourse 400 Mile Yearling Nominated Race

### I. PREFACE

- A. Same as the NTF race rules.

### III. DIRECTIONS AND DATES

- A. The NTC 400 Mile Yearling Nominated Race shall be from the 400 mile station on the Course over which the Concourse average speed races are flown.
- B. The NTC 400 Mile Yearling Nominated Race shall be on the first *scheduled 400 mile race*.
- C. The NTC 400 Mile Yearling Nominated Race shall be a nominated race.

### III. AIRLINES AND LOFT LOCATIONS

- A. Same as the concourse Average Speed race rules.

### IV. ENTRY AND LIMIT

- A. An individual member or a partnership may clock as many nominated birds as they wish and all are eligible for nominated race awards.
- B. In order to be eligible to ship the NTC 400 Mile Nominated Race a competitor must have paid that years old bird Concourse average speed race dues.
- C. A fee of *five dollars* (\$5.00) per loft shall be paid.
- D. Entry fee per bird is *twenty-five dollars (\$25) or five (5) birds for one hundred dollars (\$100.00)*. ?
- E. The limit is fifteen birds. (*same as Concourse bird limit*) ?
- F. All other rules are the same as those for the Concourse average speed race rules.

### V. COUNTERMARKING AND CRATES

- A. The NTC 400 Mile Yearling Nominated Race shall be shipped at a central location.
- B. Nominated birds must be so designated on the official race entry form.
- C. All other rules are the same as those for the Concourse average speed race rule

**VI. TIMERS AND TAPES**

- A. Same as Concourse average speed race rules.

**VII. CAPSULES AND COUNTERMARK**

- A. Same as Concourse average speed race rules.

**VIII. CONVEYING AND LIBERATION**

- A. Same as Concourse average speed race rules.

**IX. RACE TIME**

- A. The NTC 400 Mile Yearling Nominated Race shall be closed at the end of the day on which all of the prizes and diplomas are taken or not later than at the close of the second day after liberation.
- B. If there is not a sufficient number of NTC 400 Mile Yearling Bond Race birds clocked by the close of the second day to take all the prizes, the remaining fund shall be prorated equally to the birds that are clocked.
- C. In the event that no birds are clocked in race time, the net prize fund shall be used as prizes in the following year but only after a complete revision of the prize schedule, which may or may not include a change of date, has been approved by the Board of Directors.
- D. Each club race secretary must notify the Concourse Race Secretary the time of the last club bird clocked, if after sunset on the first day. This notification should take place as soon as possible.

**X. RACE VELOCITY COMPUTATIONS**

- A. Same as Concourse average speed race rules.

**XI. TOSSING OF RACE BIRDS**

- A. Same as Concourse average speed race rules.

**XII. PRIZES AND AWARDS**

- A. Prizes in the NTC 400 Mile Yearling Nominated Race shall be, based on the net amount to be distributed, as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> – 40%; 2<sup>nd</sup> – 20%; 3<sup>rd</sup> – 10%; 4<sup>th</sup> – 5%; or \$20, whichever is greater. The remaining prize fund is paid at \$20 for each position until the funds are depleted.

**XIII. Amendments**

- A. Same as Concourse Average Speed Race Rules.

## **North Texas Concourse Youngbird Auction Race Rules**

### **I. PREFACE**

The NTC Auction Race is to in courage competition and earns income for the NTC. The Concourse will retain 10% of the auction price of each bird and 15% of any pools and or Calcutta.

### **II. DIRECTIONS AND DATES**

A. Same as the NTF.

### **III. AIRLINES AND LOFT LOCATIONS**

A. Same as the NTF.

### **IV. ENTRY AND LIMIT**

- A. The NTC Auction Race entry fee is determined by the Highest bid at the auctions in which the bird was purchased. The opening bid of \$20 is held by the person entering the bird in the auction and increases. Eligible buyers and entrants must be members of the NTC.
- B. *Blank* (1/05)
- C. There is no limit on the number of NTC Auction Race birds a handler may have or enter in the race.
- D. Youngbirds accepted in the auction must be dry under the wing and cannot have dropped their first flight feathers.
- E. Auctions will be conducted at the shipping and clock opening of both the Nominated 400 and Nominated 500 old bird races.
- F. *Blank*
- G. No old bird may be entered in an NTC Auction race.
- H. All birds in a NTC Auction Race must home to the loft location of the competitor entering them.
- J. No bird may be entered in a NTC Auction Race if the competitor entering the bird cannot show written proof of ownership, if requested.

### **V. COUNTERMARKING AND CRATES**

A. Same as NTF.

**VI. TIMERS AND TAPES**

A. Same as NTF.

**VII. CAPSULES AND COUNTERMARK**

A. Same as NTF.

**VIII. CONVEYING AND LIBERATION**

A. Same as NTF

**IX. RACE TIME**

A. Same as NTF

**X. RACE VELOCITY COMPUTATIONS**

A. Same as Concourse Average Speed Race Rules.

**XI. TOSSING OF RACE BIRDS**

A. Same as Concourse Average Speed Race Rules.

**XII. PRIZES AND AWARDS**

A. The number of prize positions is determined by multiplying the number of birds auctioned by 10%.

B. Prize money split 50/50 handler/breeder.

C. Payout as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> - 25%	5 <sup>th</sup> - 8%
2 <sup>nd</sup> - 20%	6 <sup>th</sup> - 7%
3 <sup>rd</sup> - 15%	7 <sup>th</sup> - 5%
4 <sup>th</sup> - 10%	8 <sup>th</sup> and above split 10% based on number of birds in auction.

**XIII. Amendments**

A. Same as Concourse Average Speed Race Rules.