

THE RACE OF CHAMPIONS COMPETITION 2013

The KZN Combine will again run the Champion's Race Competition this year as part of its fundraising programme. Essentially it is an open competition between lofts throughout the Combine where for the cost of R 1000 a loft may nominate 2 birds, one bird flying the North route and the other the North West route. The two races will be on the same race weekend and the two birds producing the highest average velocity between the two races will win their nominator (The person or syndicate who has paid the R1000 and who has nominated the birds in a particular loft) prize money calculated to be 65% of the total takings with 35% going to the Truck fund. The prize money will be on a winner takes all basis but allowing for 10% of the prize money going to the breeder/loft owner. If the winner is the loft owner/breeder then he will receive 100% of the prize money. We are aiming to have sold at least 50 nominations of 2 birds each thus making a total pool of R 50,000 with the prize money being 65% of the total.

This is a great value competition where a person can win a large monetary prize for a reasonable outlay and where any of the participants in the competition has a good chance of winning. The competition is open to anyone prepared to outlay R 1000 as long as the birds racing come from a loft registered in the Combine Race programme. This means that non- fanciers such as family members or friends and even members of the public can become involved with pigeon racing and have their two nominated birds racing for them on the race weekend. This competition is in keeping with the Combine's philosophy of providing exciting racing for our members and at the same time publicizing our sport.

The rules of the competition are as follows:

- 1) Any registered loft in good standing with the Combine will be eligible to participate..
- 2) There are two races on the same weekend one North and one North West. The race points will be Marble Hall and Kimberley Open Races on 27th July 2013. Lofts that may only have registered to fly a one route scheme will be permitted to fly a bird nomination/s on both routes should they purchase a nomination of 2 birds for the Champion's Race competition.
- 3) The average of the velocities between the two races to apply in declaring the winner of the competition.
- 4) The cost of participation is R 1000 per nomination of two birds and a loft may have any number of nominations racing for the loft in the Champion's race but not exceeding the lofts registered scheme. The cost of 5 nominations for example will be R 5000. Each nomination creates a team of two specific birds and it will be that team's average velocity that will count for the result. A team must fly out of the same loft thus you may not have one bird flying from the North from one loft and the other bird flying from the North West from another loft. No mixing of teams will be allowed.
- 5) As long as the loft is registered to fly in the Combine then nominated birds can be verified from Paramyxo lists and race sheets as being eligible for the race. This effectively covers all pigeons registered in the Combine.
- 6) We would aim to provide prize money of the order of R 33,000 on a winner takes all basis with the proviso that the loft owner/breeder is entitled to 10% of the prize money won. The ratio of total revenue to prize money will be 65% prize money and the balance to the Truck fund. Final prize money will be declared a week before the race and will be determined by the number of teams nominated. The winner will be contacted telephonically and the results will be published on the KZNRPU web site. Prize money will be paid out after verification and the tossing of the winning birds and as long as there are no valid objections received in the 7 day window for objections after the announcement of the winner.
- 7) A week prior to the designated races the fancier registered for the "Champion's Competition" must nominate his bird nomination or nominations to the designated Combine race secretary. Nomination must provide full bird details such as ring number, colour and sex of the bird. This will be checked against the lofts registered birds for the season and the race sheet submitted for those races. If there is a late change to the nomination for the Champion's race this must be firstly reflected in the Race sheet by designating CH NOM,

secondly shown as a changed nomination by a signature of the fancier and counter signed by the Club Secretary or an appropriate alternative such as the Club Chairman and thirdly is advised to the Race Secretary by phone call followed up by an e mail, fax or SMS before the race is liberated. Failure to do so will result in the Combine disqualifying any changed nomination from the nomination submitted a week before the race. We cannot emphasize enough the importance of advising any change to the bird nominations to the appropriate parties and also to check that your race sheet reflects the correct birds. This will avoid the disappointment and heartbreak that comes with the disqualification of lofts for not either filling in the correct information or not advising the Race Committee of changes made prior to the start of the race. Winners will be checked that the birds are registered to that loft, were properly nominated and will be tossed from the winning loft by designated witnesses.

- 8) Each participating loft is required to phone in their clocking time for both their North and North West bird nominations within 60 minutes of clocking birds. Calls must be made to Dave Gilbert on 0824531316 or Reg Zammit on 0826553559. An SMS will be accepted. Failure to report your clocking time within the stipulated time will result in disqualification unless a form of force majeure can be proven as to the reason why the clock report was not made in time.
- 9) All registration money must be paid before any fancier or nominator can submit his nomination for his team of birds. This effectively means that the moneys must be paid at least 8 days before the basketing night of the Champion's race which this year will be before the 20th July 2013. No one will be permitted to fly on credit.
- 10) The Competition lends itself to syndication and can also permit non flyers/General public/Clubs to participate by allowing them to pay for a team registered to a specific loft and this nominated team will be recorded and registered to the individual or syndicate/club that has paid the registration fee.
- 11) The Competition committee will be made up of the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary of the KZN Combine and any disputes arising from these rules will be adjudicated by this committee and their decision in any adjudication will be final. Any objection to the result must be submitted in writing to the Combine Secretary no more than 7 days after the results have been published.
- 12) In the event that one or other of the races making up the competition cannot take place due to inclement weather or other reasons the competition will be suspended and will be rescheduled for a later date.
- 13) The Combine reserves the right to cancel the competition if it does not receive sufficient support or for any unforeseen reason. In such an event anyone who has paid in money to the Combine for this competition will receive full money back within 30 days of the decision to cancel the competition.
- 14) Moneys deposited into the Combine Account for this competition must identify the depositor by referencing the word CHAMPIONS and the name of the fancier or syndicate participating in the competition. Deposits of R 1000 per team to be made to : KZN Racing Pigeon Combine First National Bank Branch code 221626 Acc no 62044464577

Reg Zammit
Competition Convenor
27th May 2013