

Victoria Falls World Challenge Pigeon Race

2022 intake for 2023 Super Ace Race Series

SUMMARY – see full terms and conditions on the website

US\$ 1 500 000 over 12 competitions, 622 prizes with certificates, 26 Trophies. Plus Bonus Races.

Main Competition SUPER ACE, US\$ 800 000

ENTRY US\$ 1 000 for 1 activated pigeon & 3 reserves. Entry into all competitions after activation.

RULES

1. One or more squads of **1 paid** pigeon on intake and up to **3 reserve** pigeons.
2. Activations **before Hotspot 3 are in Super Ace. Late activations are Not in Super Ace** but are in some other competitions.
3. *LOST PIGEON CREDIT for paid activations without reserves*

Lost before basketing of Hotspot 3 (approx. 300km)	100% credit
Lost after basketing of Hotspot 3	Nil
4. All pigeons **must** be vaccinated against **Paramyxovirus** at 21 to 24 days old (14 days before mixing with other flocks of pigeons).
5. Intakes by agents will be from **July to October 2022.**
6. If any bird is **not activated** by the original entrant 7 days **after Hotspot 6** VFWC may **sell the rights** to the pigeon, to the first person who pays the entrance fee.
7. At the end of the races series some pigeons will be selected for sale. **50% of the net proceeds** after sale costs for normal entries and **25% for “For Sale”** birds, will be paid to the **activator** of the pigeon.
8. Birds not selected for sale after all races including an Enduro series if applicable, may be bought by the activator for US\$ 500 plus shipping and quarantine costs. This right is not transferable.
9. **No previously raced pigeons can enter the race series.**

COMPETITIONS

1. *SUPER ACE 2023 (highest points accumulated)*

PRIZE: US\$ 800 000 (350 positions)
COMPETITORS: All Activated Pigeons by Hotspot 3

1. Open to all activated birds before Hotspot 3.
2. Staged from 5 race points as follows:
 - Hotspot 3 from approximately 300 km
 - Hotspot 4 from approximately 375 km
 - Hotspot 5 from approximately 440 km
 - Hotspot 6 from approximately 300 km
 - Final from approximately 600 km (372 miles)
3. Super Ace pigeons don't have to clock in race time in every race except for the final race.

2. *Final Race*

PRIZE: US\$ 400 000 over 200 places
COMPETITORS: All Activated Pigeons

Summary: A tough race of approximately 600 km over semi-arid African conditions starting in the South-East area and racing North-West, passing Hwange National Park wildlife reserve, which is 14,600 square kilometres in extent, with the thundering spray from the iconic *Victoria Falls* calling the birds home.

3. *Team Competition (total points of 3 Team birds in each race from HS2)*

PRIZE: US\$ 200,000 over 5 places

1. Each fancier or syndicate can enter **one team only** and must select a maximum of **7 activated birds** before Hotspot 2. The birds can be selected from all the pigeons racing in the same name. **No changes** to these birds will be permitted thereafter.
2. The **same fancier name or syndicate name cannot be used in more than one team** for the purposes of this competition. The chosen name of participants as an individual or syndicate cannot be changed after the first Hotspot.
3. Entrants with 7 activated pigeons or less will be entered automatically.
4. Points from first 3 team pigeons on HS 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and Final to be added together.
5. At least **1 Team pigeon per race must be timed in race time** for entrant to remain in the competition.

4. *Hotspot Races*

PRIZE: US\$ 75 000 over 60 places
COMPETITORS: All Activated Pigeons
RACE POINTS: HS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6

Summary: Steadily increasing in difficulty and distance these hotspot races are a key ingredient in gaining fitness and accumulating points in the Super Ace. Birds must become fit and strong while they build endurance and learn to find their route home from longer and longer distances, dealing with predators and finding water whilst navigating the heart of Africa.

5. *Grand Averages (points accumulated for all online flights except pre-training)*

PRIZE: US\$ 12 000 over 3 places

All pigeons will be included in the Grand Averages competition up to and including the 5th Hotspot result. Only pigeons activated before the 6th Hotspot will remain in the Grand Averages thereafter.

6. *Knock Out Competition*

PRIZE: US\$ 10,000 to winner

1. Pigeons activated and basketed for Hotspot 2 will be entered into the knock out competition.
2. The 1st 50% of these pigeons basketed and returning on Hotspots 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6.
3. The first remaining knock out pigeon returning in the final race will be the winner.

7. *Club Competition (See full terms and conditions)*

8. *Bonus Races (See full terms and conditions)*

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