

Victoria Falls World Challenge Pigeon Race

2020 intake for 2021 Race Series

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1. Entry and Activation

1.1 Participants may enter one or more teams consisting of 1 eligible pigeon and up to 4 reserve pigeons per team (see entry & payment form). An entrant may opt to send fewer or no reserve pigeons in a team. Right of entry is reserved.

1.2 An **eligible** pigeon is designated as such when the individual bird entry fee of USD \$750 (net after bank charges) has been paid and confirmed as being received. All payments must be made to Victoria Falls World Challenge Pigeon Race Ltd (see entry & payment form).

1.3 LOST PIGEON RULE. Should an entrant lose an **activated pigeon** and **there is no reserve** available to replace it, provided that no prize money has been won for that particular activation, the entrant will receive a credit in their account of the amount paid for that activation at the following percentages:

During quarantine or short races and before basketing of HS3	Approx. 318 km Race	100% credit
Lost before basketing of HS4	Approx. 405 km Race	50% credit
Lost before basketing of HS5	Approx. 470 km Race	25% credit
Lost before basketing of Final Race	Approx. 600 km Race	Nil

Credits can be used to **activate** other “For Sale Birds” in the current race season or **carried over** toward future entries in the following race season. They are not redeemable or transferrable to third parties.

The credit under this rule will expire after one race season and is not carried forward thereafter. Any credits for lost pigeons from a previous year will be applied to pigeons in the current year in order of activation, in other words the credits will be used up first.

1.4 An entry of at least 1 pigeon per team entered must be paid for **prior** to the receipt of pigeons by the VFWCPR designated agents (see designated agents) and proof of payment submitted to the agent and copied to VFWCPR via email (all payments must be net after bank charges). Fancier accounts will be credited with the amount received by VFWCPR. If payment has not been received before or on 31st December 2020 the pigeons may be sold to third parties or removed from the competition.

2. Quarantine and Shipping

2.1 Payment for quarantine and shipping must be made by the entrant on admission to the quarantine facility which will be co-ordinated by the designated agent. All pigeons **must** be vaccinated against **Paramyxovirus** at 21 to 24 days old, preferably with a **herpes PMV** combo vaccine. It would also be desirable to vaccinate against **paratyphoid**.

2.2 There will be **several scheduled intakes** of pigeons for quarantine prior to shipping which must be organised through designated agents. Intakes by agents will be from June to October 2020. Please contact your agent for specific dates. VFWCPR reserves the right to cancel later shipments if it is felt that the *loft capacity will be exceeded*.

2.3 During the period of quarantine and prior to any pigeons being shipped to Zimbabwe an entrant will have the opportunity to send replacement birds should any die or need replacing. Advice of the need to replace must come from your designated VFWCPR agent and onus of liaison about replacements rests with the entrant. No replacements can be shipped from abroad after the last scheduled intake organised by the respective agents. Replacements can be selected from available "For Sale" pigeons.

2.4 For the 2020 year of intake all pigeons must bear **seamless** identification life rings issued by a recognised Racing Pigeon Organisation showing the number, year and particulars of the issuing organisation and must bear 2020 year rings. No pigeon bearing older rings will be accepted.

2.5 Pigeons will be quarantined in batches according to the laws and requirements of the veterinary department of Zimbabwe and then sent to the race loft in Victoria Falls for orientation (see training & race program).

3. Reserves and Eligible Birds

3.1 The entrant must stipulate on the entry form the eligible pigeon and the reserves in order of preference. If the order is not stipulated, then the pigeons will be entered in numerical order from lowest to highest. An entrant has the option to change the order of their pigeons in a team up to **48 hours** prior to the first Hotspot. No further changes will be allowed.

3.2 Reserve pigeons **only** become eligible pigeons if a further USD \$750 is paid for the selected reserve or when an eligible pigeon is lost or unable to participate.

3.3 Reserve pigeons will automatically fill the place of a previously eligible pigeon if it is not present or unable to take part in an up and coming race. This will be done approximately 2 days before the race. The replacement pigeon cannot replace the original pigeon in the Super Ace Competition, Team Competition or the Knock Out Competition.

3.4 Any eligible pigeon which is replaced by a reserve which is subsequently deemed fit enough to continue training and racing in the *absolute discretion VFWCPR*, will continue as a reserve pigeon as the next in line. This pigeon can only re-enter as an eligible pigeon if the fee of USD \$750 is paid or if it takes the place of the eligible pigeon through the normal reserve replacement process.

3.5 Only eligible pigeons qualify for prize money at the designated Hotspots and Final Race (see prize money). The proof of any payment made to activate a reserve pigeon must be emailed to admin@victoriafallswcpr.com at least **72 hours prior to the basketing** of any prize money race in order to qualify for that race. Any lesser period may be accepted at VFWCPR Ltd.'s sole discretion.

3.6 Entrants will have an opportunity to activate any reserve pigeon up to 72 hours prior to basketing by paying the USD \$750 fee. If any bird is not activated by the original entrant within 5 days **after** Hotspot 5 VFWCPR may sell the rights to prize money to **any third party** who pays the entrance fee. The rights to the share of sale proceeds after conclusion of the final race as defined herein will transfer to the activator / new entrant of the pigeon. The original entrant / breeder therefore loses all rights to the bird if they do not pay the entry fee.

3.7 Only pigeons that have been **activated** will be awarded prize money in the Hotspots and Final Race. If an un-activated pigeon (reserve or venture) is timed in a prize money position **it will not count**. Instead the next activated pigeon in line will earn the prize.

3.8 Venture racers and “For Sale Birds” are eligible to compete in all competitions and Bonus Races provided that they are activated eligible birds.

3.9 Pigeons once entered as a team cannot be transferred to another team or entrant except in the case of reserve pigeons or unpaired pigeons which may be purchased by a third party as defined herein.

4. Training and Racing

4.1 VFWCPR Ltd reserves the right to vary the training and race program to cater for inclement or unfavourable **weather conditions** or for any other reason deemed necessary **for the welfare of the birds** or in the best interests of the events.

4.2 All pigeons upon entry are given over to VFWCPR Ltd for the management and care during racing and training and ownership is vested with VFWCPR Ltd. The rights to the portion of prize money and the net sale proceeds as defined herein will be with the person paying the entry fee. The method of **care, training and racing** will be at the sole discretion of the VFWCPR Ltd management team.

4.3 Loss of some pigeons during quarantine, training and racing whether by hazardous conditions, sickness or injury is **to be expected** and although prudent management will be used to mitigate against losses VFWCPR Ltd will not be held responsible for any losses.

5. Prize Money, Auctions and Pedigrees

5.1 On conclusion of the race season some pigeons will be selected for sale and sold at the sole discretion of VFWCPR Ltd. **50% of the net proceeds** after sale costs will be paid to the activator of the pigeon. The balance of the sale proceeds will be kept by VFWCPR Ltd.

5.2 Entrants are encouraged to **supply pedigrees** showing a minimum of 2 generations to maximise the sale price of the birds. These pedigrees can be supplied with the birds to the agents or scanned and emailed to admin@victoriafallswcpr.com direct. If pigeons are supplied without a pedigree, there will be **no pay-out of sale proceeds**. Pigeons without pedigrees will belong to the VFWCPR and sold or given away in the absolute discretion of VFWCPR. The deadline for the supply of pedigrees is 4 days after the Final Race and must include ring cards where applicable.

5.3 If a syndicate is registering pigeons for participation there must be **one nominated individual** or company for communication purposes and for receipt of prize money and after race sale proceeds. VFWCPR will only take instructions from the *appointed person* about syndicate birds.

6. General

6.1 No shareholder in the company Victoria Falls World Challenge Pigeon Race Ltd or any member of the management or training team or any direct family members of shareholders, managers or trainers **may participate** for prize money in the race.

6.2 The pigeons entered into the final race and the prize money winning pigeons will be verified by **independent auditors**.

6.3 Upon entry to the race it is deemed that the entrant **fully understands and agrees** to the terms and conditions contained herein.

6.4 Any dispute that may arise after any race or the interpretation of these terms and conditions must be referred in the first instance to.

Managing Director,
Victoria Falls World Challenge Pigeon Race Ltd,
Montagu Pavilion,
8-10 Queensway,
GX 111 AA,
Gibraltar.

If the dispute is not amicably resolved, then it will be referred to arbitration for settlement under the laws of Gibraltar.

6.5 In terms of law the English version of these terms and conditions will be used as the official version.

6.6 Force Majeure

In this Clause "Event of Force Majeure" means an event beyond the control of the Authority and the Operator, which prevents a Party from complying with any of its obligations under this Contract, including but not limited to:

- 1.1.1 act of God (such as, but not limited to, fires, explosions, earthquakes, drought, tidal waves and floods);
- 1.1.2 war, hostilities (whether war be declared or not), invasion, act of foreign enemies, mobilisation, requisition, or embargo;
- 1.1.3 rebellion, revolution, insurrection, or military or usurped power, or civil war;
- 1.1.4 riot, commotion, strikes, go slows, lock outs or disorder, unless solely restricted to employees of the Supplier or of his Sub-contractors; or
- 1.1.5 pandemics, widespread or localised disease outbreaks, shutdown of air traffic; or
- 1.1.6 acts or threats of terrorism; or
- 1.1.7 veterinary restrictions

In the event of **Force Majeure** being declared prior to the final race:

1. Entrants shall be given an option to be paid a full refund or to receive a credit for activations for the following race season.
2. Free entries carried forward from the previous season shall be carried forward one year further to the following race season.

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VFWCPR Venture Racers Terms and Conditions

1. Venture Race Birds (Venture Racers) are **donated pigeons** or **selected pigeons** from entrants who have not paid the required entry fee. These are for sale to anyone on the conditions to be announced at the time. On conclusion of the race and upon sale of the Venture Racers 50% of the *net proceeds after sales costs* will go to the **Victoria Falls Wildlife Trust** and other **designated trusts or charities**, 25% to the Activator of the pigeon and 25% to VFWCPR. Breeders of pigeons that were converted to Venture Racers because no entry fee had been paid will not receive any payment for those pigeons sold.

2. If fanciers would like to donate pigeons towards this cause, they should send an email to VFWCPR for **prior approval** as Venture Racers will be restricted. Any venture racers received without approval may not be accepted.

3. The Venture Racers donated will be received by VFWCPR without payment of an entrance fee, but all **transport and quarantine costs** must be covered by the donor and a perch fee of USD 50 will be levied per bird. This will be debited to fanciers' accounts, is non-refundable and goes towards administration and upkeep.

4. The rights to prize money for Venture Racers will be offered for sale on the website to anyone wishing to pay the entrance fee including non-pigeon fanciers, other fanciers or the donor. The date and time will be announced when the pigeons will be offered for sale. These rights will pass to the first person booking the bird in writing by email, stating the specific ring number and paying the entrance fee within 24 hours, upon which the bird becomes an eligible pigeon as defined in point 2 of the terms and conditions.

5. Once a Venture Racer becomes an eligible pigeon, it will qualify in all respects as if it were a normal eligible pigeon as defined herein and any prize money won will accrue to the purchaser of the rights for that bird.

6. Venture Racers which are **not selected** for the auction may be given away or sold after the final race at the sole discretion of VFWCPR.

7. When an entrant selects a Venture Racer which is subsequently lost before Hotspot 3, they may select a replacement from **for sale pigeons** available. If there are no for sale pigeons available or the venture bird is lost after Hotspot 3 then the entrant will be given a credit as per section **1.3** of the General Terms and Conditions.

8. The booking of Venture birds donated from specific fanciers who were invited to donate birds will be made available under different terms and conditions to be announced at a later date.

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Races and Competitions:

Total Prize: *USD \$1,250,000*

	Prize	Entry Fee
1. Super Ace	US\$ 600 000	\$750 Activation plus US\$ 250
2. Final Race	US\$ 440 000	Activation of US\$ 750
3. Hotspot Races	US\$ 136 750	Activation Paid
4. Grand Averages	US\$ 20 000	Activation Paid
5. Team Competition	US\$ 33 250	Activation Paid
6. Knock-Out Competition	US\$ 20 000	Activation Paid
7. Club Competition	Free entries	Nil
8. Bonus Races		

1. SUPERACE 2021

PRIZE:	US\$ \$600,000
PRIZE POSITIONS:	120
COMPETITORS:	All eligible Pigeons
ENTRY FEE:	Additional USD \$250 after main activation fee
PAYOUT DATE:	30 days after the Final Race

Prize Breakdown:

Super Ace (hotspot 3,4,5 and clock final)			US\$	600,000
Place	Prize	No of prizes	Total pay-out	
1 st	US\$ 120,000	1	US\$ 120,000	
2 nd	US\$ 75,000	1	US\$ 75,000	
3 rd	US\$ 60,000	1	US\$ 60,000	
4 th	US\$ 50,000	1	US\$ 50,000	
5 th	US\$ 40,000	1	US\$ 40,000	
6 th	US\$ 30,000	1	US\$ 30,000	
7 th	US\$ 25,000	1	US\$ 25,000	
8 th	US\$ 20,000	1	US\$ 20,000	
9 th	US\$ 15,000	1	US\$ 15,000	
10 th	US\$ 10,000	1	US\$ 10,000	
11 th to 25 th	US\$ 4,000	15	US\$ 60,000	
26 th to 50 th	US\$ 1,500	25	US\$ 37,500	
51 st to 70 th	US\$ 1,000	20	US\$ 20,000	
71 st - 120 th	free entry plus reserves (US\$ 750)	50	Value US\$ 37,500	

Precis: A test of the absolute best birds in the world. Measured over four difficult longer races in the series. The most consistent birds over the longer hotspot races and the final will prove themselves in this tough but fair competition.

Rules:

1. Open to all eligible activated birds as an **OPTIONAL** extra competition.
2. Entry Fee USD \$250 paid before Hotspot 3. Birds must already be activated by paying the USD\$ 750 main activation fee.
3. Staged from 4 race points as follows.
 - Hotspot 3 from approximately 318 km (197 miles)
 - Hotspot 4 from approximately 405 km (251 miles)
 - Hotspot 5 from approximately 470 km (292 miles)
 - Final from approximately 600 km (372 miles)
4. Points are calculated with a weighting on Distance and Position.
5. Credits for lost pigeons only apply to the entry fee for the original activation and not to the additional entrance fee of USD \$250
6. Credits will apply as outlined in the “Lost Pigeon Rule” outlined in clause 1.3 of the main terms and conditions.
7. Points will be won from positions attained in the 4 races mentioned above. All **Super ACE Birds** must complete all 4 races in race time. In the event of a tie the winner will be the bird finishing ahead of the other in the final race.
8. For the **purposes** of the Super ACE Bird competition race time for the final race will Race time will close at 12:00 noon on the second day or such other time that VFWCPR may announce.

2. *Final Race*

PRIZE:	USD\$ 440 000
PRIZE POSITIONS:	120
COMPETITORS:	All Activated Pigeons
ENTRY FEE:	USD \$750
PAY-OUT DATE:	30 Days after the final

Prize Breakdown:

Final Race		US\$	440,000
Place	Prize	No of prizes	Total pay-out
1 st	US\$ 100,000	1	US\$ 100,000
2nd	US\$ 60,000	1	US\$ 60,000

3 rd	US\$	40,000	1	US\$	40,000
4 th	US\$	30,000	1	US\$	30,000
5 th	US\$	20,000	1	US\$	20,000
6 th	US\$	15,000	1	US\$	15,000
7 th	US\$	12,000	1	US\$	12,000
8 th	US\$	10,000	1	US\$	10,000
9 th	US\$	7,000	1	US\$	7,000
10 th	US\$	6,000	1	US\$	6,000
11 th - 25 th	US\$	3,000	15	US\$	45,000
26 th - 50 th	US\$	1,500	25	US\$	37,500
51 st - 70 th	US\$	1,000	20	US\$	20,000
71 st - 120 th	free entry plus reserves (750)		50	Value US\$	37,500

Precis: A tough race of approximately 600km over semi-arid African conditions starting near Beitbridge in the Limpopo area and racing North-West, passing the city of Bulawayo and Hwange National Park with the thundering spray from the iconic *Victoria Falls* calling the birds home.

Rules:

1. The first activated pigeon through the trap wins!
2. Race time will close at 12:00 noon on the second day or such other time that VFWCPR may announce.

3. *Hotspot Races*

PRIZE: US\$ 136 750

PRIZE POSITIONS: 20 each hotspot

COMPETITORS: All Activated Pigeons

RACE POINTS: HS 1,2,3,4 &5

ENTRY FEE: Included in Main Activation

PAYOUT DATE: Winnings are available to use during the races, balance payout 30 days after the final.

Prize Breakdown:

Hotspot Races				US\$ 136,750
Positions	1st	2nd	3rd	4th-20th
No of prizes	5	5	5	85
Hotspot Race 1	US\$ 2,000	US\$ 1,500	US\$ 1,250	US\$ 950
Hotspot Race 2	US\$ 3,000	US\$ 1,500	US\$ 1,250	US\$ 950
Hotspot Race 3	US\$ 5,000	US\$ 4,000	US\$ 3,000	US\$ 950
Hotspot Race 4	US\$ 6,000	US\$ 5,000	US\$ 4,000	US\$ 950
Hotspot Race 5	US\$ 7,500	US\$ 6,000	US\$ 5,000	US\$ 950
Totals	US\$ 23,500	US\$ 18,000	US\$ 14,500	US\$ 80,750

Precis: Steadily increasing in difficulty and distance these hotspot races are a key ingredient in preparing the pigeons for the final. 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 whilst navigating the heart of Africa.

Rules:

1. The first activated pigeon through the trap wins!
2. Race time will close at 12:00 noon on the second day or such other time that VFWCPR may announce.

4. *VFWCPR Grand Averages Competition*

Prize Breakdown:

Grand averages (all online flights)			US\$	20,000
Place	Prize	No of prizes	Total pay-out	
1st	US\$ 10,000	1	US\$	10,000
2nd	US\$ 7,000	1	US\$	7,000
3rd	US\$ 3,000	1	US\$	3,000

Rules:

1. All pigeons will be included in the Grand Averages competition up to and including the 4th Hotspot result. Only pigeons activated before the basketing for the 5th Hotspot will remain in the competition thereafter.
2. All online Training Flights and Races will count toward the Grand Averages except pre-training live tosses.
3. The Grand Averages will be determined by accumulating points allocated for each Training Flight and Race point. If a bird is not timed in a particular flight it will not win points but will not be eliminated but it must complete the final race in race time. In the event of a tie the winner will be the bird finishing ahead of the other in the final race.
4. For the purposes of this competition race time for the final race will close at 12:00 noon on the second day or at such other time that VFWCPR Ltd may announce.

5. *VFWCPR Team Competition*

Prize Breakdown:

Team Competition			US\$	33,250
Place	Prize	No of prizes	Total pay-out	
1st	US\$ 10,000	1	US\$	10,000
2nd	US\$ 7,500	1	US\$	7,500
3rd	US\$ 5,000	1	US\$	5,000

4th	US\$	3,500	1	US\$	3,500
5th	US\$	2,000	1	US\$	2,000
6th	US\$	1,250	1	US\$	1,250
7th	US\$	1,000	1	US\$	1,000
8th	US\$	1,000	1	US\$	1,000
9th	US\$	1,000	1	US\$	1,000
10th	US\$	1,000	1	US\$	1,000

Rules:

1. Entrants who have 5 or more activated birds basketed for Hotspot 2 may enter the team competition.
2. An entrant can enter one team only and must select which 5 activated birds will be in this competition before Hotspot 2. The birds can be selected from all the entrant's pigeons which can include activated "For Sale" pigeons. No changes to these birds will be permitted thereafter.
3. The total points of the 5 Team pigeons in each race from Hotspot 2 including the final will be added together. Only timed birds in each race will receive points for that race. If a bird is not timed in a particular race it will get zero points but will not be eliminated.
4. The team with the highest total points after the final will be the team competition winner.

6. *VFWCPR Knock-Out Competition*

Prize - US\$ 20 000

Rules:

1. Only pigeons that have been activated by Hotspot 2 can enter the knock-out competition.
2. The 1st 50% of basketed activated pigeons returning on Hotspots 2, 3, 4 & 5 will remain in the knock-out.
3. The first remaining knock-out pigeon returning in the final race will be declared the knock-out winner.

7. *VFWCPR Club Competition*

1. Registered pigeon clubs with 5 members or more are invited to send 1 team of 5 birds to Victoria Falls to compete in the club competition.
2. Prizes are determined by the Grand Average Club Bird (as per the points system used) up to and including Hotspot 5.

3. The first bird from 5 different Clubs in the Grand Averages calculation will be awarded 1 free entry with reserves for the following season for the club it raced under.
4. Clubs from all countries worldwide can compete.
5. Teams must be entered and raced in the Club Name with 1 nominated contact person and a signed entry form must be provided.
6. Birds cannot be moved from individuals to Clubs and vice versa.
7. There is no entrance fee for the club competition. Note however that normal shipping costs payable to agents apply.
8. In order for a bird to be eligible for any prize money pay-outs it must be paid for and activated in terms of the rules. If activated, it will enjoy full rights as a normal activated bird and will still partake in the club competition.
9. The club competition ends with Hotspot 5 after which birds not activated will be sold to third parties or hidden.

8. *VFWCPR Bonus Races*

PRIZE: 85% of all Entry fees

PRIZE POSITIONS: As per pay-out ratio

COMPETITORS: Any Pigeon in a fancier's name

RACE POINTS: All online races

ENTRY FEE: As per each Bonus race

PAYOUT DATE: Winnings are available to use during the races, balance pay-out 30 days after the final.

Rules:

1. Any bird that is racing under your name may be entered into a bonus race (activated birds as well as reserve birds)
2. A particular bird may be entered into more than one event.
3. VFWCPR takes a commission of 15% of the bonus races entry fee.
4. You may only enter a bonus race if your account has a positive balance in it.
5. If your bird is not basketed for the bonus race your entry fee for that bonus race will be refunded automatically.
6. Bonus races cannot be entered or cancelled after the closing date which is 30 minutes before the race liberation time, except for the final race where they remain open for an announced period of time after liberation.

7. If there are not enough entrants and or results for the bonus race your entry fee for that bonus race will be refunded automatically.
8. Bonus race results will only be published 24 hours after the race has been stopped.
9. Bonus race prize money will be credited to your VFWCPR account automatically.

*For all other information please visit our website
www.victoriafallswcpr.com*