

# *Victoria Falls World Challenge Pigeon Race*

## 2022 intake for 2023 Race Series

### General Terms and Conditions:

1. **Entry and Activation**
2. **Quarantine and Shipping**
3. **Reserves and Eligible Birds**
4. **Training and Racing**
5. **Prize Money, Auctions and Pedigrees**
6. **General**

### Definitions:

**Squad** is 4 pigeons entered by a fancier with 1 activated pigeon and 3 reserve pigeons.

**Activated pigeon (PAID /ACTIVE)** is a pigeon for which the entry fee has been paid.

**Reserve** is a pigeon which will take the place of an activated pigeon if it is lost or unable to participate.

### 1. Entry and Activation

**1.1** Participants may enter one or more squads consisting of 1 activated pigeon and up to 3 reserve pigeons per squad (see entry & payment form). An entrant may opt to send fewer or no reserve pigeons in a squad. The Race has the right to reject entries from individuals or syndicates without explanation.

**1.2** The chosen name of participants as an individual or syndicate cannot be changed after the first Hotspot.

**1.3** An **activated** pigeon is designated as such when the individual bird entry fee of **US\$ 1 000** (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). Short payments will need to be topped up.

**1.4** All activated pigeons before Hotspot 3 are automatically in the Super Ace competition. Super Ace or Team activations are not transferable to any reserve after the entry deadline. Replacements of lost birds, by reserves, are only eligible to compete for the remaining Hotspot races, Grand Averages and Final. Activated birds that are replaced by a reserve, which subsequently return, will have a reserve status but can contribute to the Super Ace or Team competition. If any Super Ace or Team bird under these conditions is not activated by the original entrant, by the deadline before the final, it cannot continue to compete in the Super Ace or Team competition.

**1.5** Pigeons lost **BEFORE** basketing of Hotspot 3 (approximately 300 km) will receive 100% credit for the portion paid for that activation. If a bird is activated from credits it cannot receive further credits. This is provided there is no reserve available to replace it, and provided that no prize money has been won for that activation. **Thereafter no credits will be due for lost pigeons.**

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 other entrants.

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.

**1.6** An entry of at least 1 pigeon per squad sent to the race must be paid for **prior** to the receipt of pigeons by the Race’s designated agents (see designated agents) and proof of payment submitted to the agent and copied to the Race via email (all payments must be net after bank charges). Fancier accounts will be credited with the amount received by VFWCPR. If minimum payment has not been received with shipment as outlined here, the pigeons may be converted to Venture Birds or removed from the competition. If any pigeon is not activated by the original entrant, they will lose all rights to the bird.

## 2. Quarantine and Shipping

**2.1** Payment for pre-quarantine and shipping must be made by the entrant on admission to the pre-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** and Rotavirus.

**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 **July to October 2022**. Please contact your agent for specific dates. The Race 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 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.

**2.4** For the 2022 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 **2022 year rings**.

## 3. Reserves and Activated Birds

**3.1** The entrant must stipulate on the entry form the activated pigeon and the reserves in order of preference. If the order is not stipulated, then the pigeons will be entered randomly. Birds cannot be moved between squads. An entrant has the option to change the order of their pigeons within a squad up to **24 hours** prior to the first Hotspot. This must be done in writing. **Changes in the order of pigeons can only be made once and are not permitted thereafter**.

**3.2** Reserve pigeons **only** become activated pigeons if a further US\$ 1 000 is paid for the selected reserve or when an activated pigeon in the same squad is lost or unable to participate.

**3.3** Reserve pigeons will automatically fill the place of a previously activated pigeon in the same squad if it is not present or unable to take part in an up-and-coming prize paying race. The replacement pigeon cannot replace the original pigeon in individual or team bird competitions.

**3.4** Any activated pigeon which is replaced by a reserve which is subsequently deemed fit enough to continue training and racing, in the absolute discretion of the race management, will continue as a reserve pigeon as the next in line. This pigeon can only re-enter as an activated pigeon if the fee of US\$1 000 is paid or if it takes the place of the activated pigeon through the normal reserve replacement process. Other reserves can be activated by paying the US\$ 1 000 fee.

**3.5** Only activated 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 to qualify for that race. Any lesser period may be accepted by the Race at its sole discretion. Payments can be done through fancier logins. Pigeons not activated by the cut-off time for the Final will be hidden.

**3.6** If any bird is not activated by the original entrant within 7 days **after Hotspot 6** VFWC may sell the rights to prize money to **the first** person who pays the entrance fee. There will be no booking of pigeons and payment must be done on the website. All rights to the pigeon will be vested with the activator.

**3.7** Only pigeons that have been **activated** will be awarded prize money. 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 if they are activated birds.

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

## **4. Training and Racing**

**4.1** The race management 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** Training direction, frequency and distance is at the sole discretion of the Race. Training tosses may not necessarily be advertised unless they are live and online, counting towards averages.

**4.3** Minimal interference of returning pigeons will be undertaken by trainers. Pigeons will not be permitted to sit out and will be encouraged to trap by calling in or herding from a distance.

**4.4** The race programme advertised is only given as a guide and will be adjusted when necessary.

**4.5** All pigeons upon entry are given over to the Race for the management and care during racing and training. Ownership of the pigeons **excluding** any breeding rights is vested with the Race for the duration of the training and racing programme. The rights to their portion of prize money, the net sale proceeds as defined herein as well as all breeding rights to the pigeon will belong to the activator of the bird. The method of **care, training and racing** will be at the sole discretion of the management team.

**4.6** Loss of 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, or its appointed agents will not be held responsible for any losses.

## 5. Prize Money, Auctions and Pedigrees

**5.1** In the event that not all prize positions are won then the unwon prizes will be split equally between the winning positions.

**5.2** On conclusion of the race season some pigeons will be selected for sale and sold at the sole discretion of the Race. **50% of the net proceeds** after sale costs will be paid to the activator of the pigeon. This will be paid after the purchase price has been paid by the buyer and when the pigeon has been delivered to the buyer. If something happens to a pigeon before delivery to the buyer, the sale of that pigeon will be cancelled, and the Race will not be held responsible for this. The sale on auction of the pigeons transfers the ownership rights as well as the breeding rights of the pigeon to the buyer thereof.

**5.3** 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. Pedigrees can be uploaded onto the website. If pigeons are supplied without a pedigree, there will be **no pay out of sale proceeds** to the activator. Pigeons without pedigrees will be sold or given away in the absolute discretion of the Race. The deadline for the supply of pedigrees is 4 days after the Final Race and must include ring cards where applicable.

**5.4** 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. The Race will only take instructions from the appointed person about syndicate birds.

**5.5** After all races are finished (including any Enduro series if applicable), an entrant may elect to buy back their own pigeons for US\$ 500 plus shipping and quarantine costs, each under the following conditions.

5.5.1 Only pigeons not selected to go to any auction may be bought back.

5.5.2 Only the activator of the bird may buy it back. This right is not transferable. If there is an Enduro series the activator for the first series will have first option before that of the Enduro series.

5.5.3 The cost of the bird plus shipping and quarantine costs must be paid before shipping.

5.5.4 Approximate costs can be given at the time of booking which must be done by email.

5.5.5 Shipping will only be done to destinations where we can legally, easily and safely transport pigeons. Buyers in other destinations must arrange with the respective shippers in these countries for onward shipping.

5.5.6 There will be no portion of the sale amount of US\$ 500 due to the activator of the bird.

## 6. General

**6.1** No person involved in the racing or training of the pigeons or any of their immediate family members may participate in the race for prize money.

**6.2** The pigeons entered into the final race, and the top 10 prize money winning pigeons will be verified by **independent auditors**.

**6.3** The racing of pigeons prior to sending to Victoria Falls is no longer permitted. Many pre-raced pigeons get lost and often lead other pigeons astray resulting in some of them also getting lost. Pigeons could be checked, particularly prize winners. Offenders could face disqualification with no refund or prize pay-out.

**6.4** For the purposes of all Hotspots and the Final, race time will close at 18:00 on the day after the 1<sup>st</sup> bird arrival or such other time that the Race may announce. For online training flights the flight will close at 10:00 on the day after the 1<sup>st</sup> bird arrival or such other time that may be decided by management.

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

**6.6** 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,  
Suite 4, 2nd Floor,  
The West Wing,  
Montarik House,  
Gibraltar,  
GX11 1AA

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

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

#### **6.8 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:

6.8.1 act of God (such as, but not limited to, fires, explosions, earthquakes, drought, tidal waves, and floods).

6.8.2 war, hostilities (whether war be declared or not), invasion, act of foreign enemies, mobilisation, requisition, or embargo.

6.8.3 rebellion, revolution, insurrection, or military or usurped power, or civil war.

6.8.4 riot, commotion, strikes, go slows, lock outs or disorder, unless solely restricted to employees of the Supplier or of his Sub-contractors: or

6.8.5 pandemics, widespread or localised disease outbreaks, restrictions of air traffic; or

6.8.6 acts or threats of terrorism; or

6.8.7 veterinary restrictions

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

Entrants shall be given an option to be paid a full refund for any money paid to VFWCPR for the current season or to receive a credit for use in a later race programme.

Every reasonable effort will be made to safeguard the welfare of the pigeons and any actions taken by the Race will be at the sole discretion of management who cannot be held liable.

# *Victoria Falls World Challenge Pigeon Race*

## 2022 intake for 2023 Race Series

### 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 from an appointed date and time.
2. The entry fee for “Donor” birds is US\$ 1 050 of which US\$ 50 will be paid over to the Victoria Falls Wildlife Trust. The entry fee for other For Sale birds (not Donor birds) is US\$ 1 000. If activated before Hotspot 3 the pigeons will be in the Super Ace. After Hotspot 3 the birds will only be in the remaining Hotspots, Grand Averages and Final.
3. 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 the Race. Breeders of Venture Racers will not receive any payment for those pigeons.
4. If fanciers would like to donate pigeons towards this cause, they should send an email to the Race for **prior approval** as Venture Racers will be restricted. Any venture racers received without approval may not be accepted.
5. The Venture Racers donated will be received without payment of an entrance fee, but all **transport and quarantine costs** must be covered by the donor and a perch fee of US\$ 100 will be levied per bird. This will be debited to fanciers’ accounts, is non-refundable and goes towards administration and upkeep.
6. The rights for Venture Racers will be offered for sale on the website to anyone wishing to pay the activation fee. This includes non-pigeon fanciers, other fanciers, or the donor/breeder. All rights will pass to the first person paying for the pigeon. No bookings will be taken, and payment will be done through the website.
7. Once a Venture Racer becomes an activated pigeon, it will qualify in all respects as if it were a normal activated pigeon as defined herein.
8. It is possible that we may not convert some unpaid birds to Venture Racers, in which case they may be given away or sold at the sole discretion of the Race.
9. When an entrant selects a Venture Racer which is subsequently lost before Hotspot 3, they may select a replacement from **for sale pigeons** available to the same value. If there are no for sale pigeons available, then the entrant will be given a credit as per section **1.5** of the General Terms and Conditions. Pigeons lost after basketing of Hotspot 3 will not receive a credit or replacements.

# Victoria Falls World Challenge Pigeon Race

2022 intake for 2023 Race Series

**Races and Competitions:**  
**Activation US\$ 1 000**

SUMMARY	Total Prize	Prizes	Entry Fee
1. Super Ace	US\$ 800,000	350	Included in activation
2. Final Race	US\$ 400,000	200	Included in activation
3. Team Competition	US\$ 200,000	5	Included in activation
4. Hotspot Races	US\$ 75,000	60	Included in activation
5. Grand Averages	US\$ 12,000	3	Included in activation
6. Knock Out Competition	US\$ 10,000	1	Included in activation
7. Club Competition	US\$ 3,000	3	Nil
	<b>US\$ 1,500,000</b>	<b>622</b>	
8. Bonus Races	85% of BR entry fees	various	

## 1. SUPERACE 2023

**PRIZE:** US\$ 800,000  
**PRIZE POSITIONS:** 350  
**COMPETITORS:** All activated pigeons before Hotspot 3  
**ENTRY FEE:** **Included in activation**  
**PAYOUT DATE:** 30 days after the Final Race

Prize Breakdown			US\$ 800,000	
Place	Prize Value	No of prizes	Total	
1st	US\$ 100,000	1	US\$ 100,000	Trophy + Certificate
2nd	US\$ 60,000	1	US\$ 60,000	Trophy + Certificate
3rd	US\$ 40,000	1	US\$ 40,000	Trophy + Certificate
4th	US\$ 30,000	1	US\$ 30,000	Trophy + Certificate
5th	US\$ 25,000	1	US\$ 25,000	Trophy + Certificate
6th	US\$ 20,000	1	US\$ 20,000	Trophy + Certificate
7th	US\$ 18,000	1	US\$ 18,000	Trophy + Certificate
8th	US\$ 15,000	1	US\$ 15,000	Trophy + Certificate
9th	US\$ 12,000	1	US\$ 12,000	Trophy + Certificate
10th	US\$ 10,000	1	US\$ 10,000	Trophy + Certificate
11 to 20	US\$ 4,000	10	US\$ 40,000	Certificate
21 to 30	US\$ 3,000	10	US\$ 30,000	Certificate
31 to 60	US\$ 2,500	30	US\$ 75,000	Certificate
61 to 130	US\$ 1,500	70	US\$ 105,000	Certificate

131 to 290	US\$ 1,000	160	US\$ 160,000	Certificate
291 to 350	Free entry value 1000	60	US\$ 60,000	Certificate
	<b>Total</b>	<b>350</b>		

**Summary:** A test of the absolute best birds in the world. Measured over five 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 activated pigeons 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

3. Points are calculated with a weighting on Distance and Position.

4. Points will be won from positions attained in the 5 races mentioned above. **Super Ace birds which do not clock in race time will not be removed from the competition but will not be awarded any points for that race.** Super Ace pigeons must however complete the final race in race time as defined in the rules. In the event of a tie the winner will be the bird finishing ahead of the other in the final race.

## 2. Final Race

<b>PRIZE:</b>	US\$ 400,000
<b>PRIZE POSITIONS:</b>	200
<b>COMPETITORS:</b>	All Activated Pigeons
<b>ENTRY FEE:</b>	Included in activation
<b>PAY-OUT DATE:</b>	30 days after the Final Race

### Prize Breakdown

**US\$ 400,000**

Place	Prize Value	No of prizes	Total	
1st	US\$ 70,000	1	US\$ 70,000	Trophy + Certificate
2nd	US\$ 40,000	1	US\$ 40,000	Trophy + Certificate
3rd	US\$ 20,000	1	US\$ 20,000	Trophy + Certificate
4th	US\$ 15,000	1	US\$ 15,000	Certificate
5th	US\$ 10,000	1	US\$ 10,000	Certificate
6th	US\$ 7,000	1	US\$ 7,000	Certificate
7th	US\$ 6,000	1	US\$ 6,000	Certificate
8th	US\$ 5,000	1	US\$ 5,000	Certificate
9th	US\$ 4,000	1	US\$ 4,000	Certificate
10th	US\$ 3,000	1	US\$ 3,000	Certificate



11 to 20	US\$ 2,500	10	US\$ 25,000	Certificate
21 to 50	US\$ 1,500	30	US\$ 45,000	Certificate
51 to 140	US\$ 1,000	90	US\$ 90,000	Certificate
141 to 200	Free entry value 1000	60	US\$ 60,000	Certificate
	<b>Total</b>	<b>200</b>		

**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

Prize Breakdown			US\$ 200,000	
Place	Prize Value	No of prizes	Total	
1st	US\$ 100,000	1	US\$ 100,000	Trophy + Certificate
2nd	US\$ 50,000	1	US\$ 50,000	Trophy + Certificate
3rd	US\$ 25,000	1	US\$ 25,000	Trophy + Certificate
4th	US\$ 15,000	1	US\$ 15,000	Certificate
5th	US\$ 10,000	1	US\$ 10,000	Certificate
	<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>		

#### Rules:

- 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 which can include activated "For Sale" pigeons. No changes to these birds will be permitted thereafter.
- 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.
- The entry has no extra charge but only activated birds can enter. If an entrant has more than 7 activated birds, they must nominate the team before Hotspot 2. If no nomination is submitted, then 7 pigeons will be selected and entered randomly. Entrants with 7 activated pigeons or less will be entered automatically.
- The total points of the first 3 Team pigeons in Hotspot 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and the final will be added together. At least 1 of an entrant's team pigeons per race must be timed in race time for the entrant to remain in the competition.
- If a team pigeon goes missing it cannot be replaced by another bird but if it subsequently returns it can continue to win points for the team. The exception to this is it must be activated by the original activator to participate in the team competition for the final race.
- The team with the highest total points after the final will be the team competition winner.

## 4. Hotspot Races

<b>PRIZE:</b>	US\$ 75,000
<b>PRIZE POSITIONS:</b>	60 in total over 6 races
<b>COMPETITORS:</b>	All Activated Pigeons
<b>RACE POINTS:</b>	Hotspot 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6
<b>ENTRY FEE:</b>	Included in activation
<b>PAYOUT DATE:</b>	Winnings are available to use during the races, balance pay out 30 days after the Final Race

### Prize Breakdown Total **US\$ 75,000**

#### Hotspot 1

Place	Prize Value	No of prizes	Total	
1st	US\$ 2,000	1	US\$ 2,000	Trophy + Certificate
2nd	US\$ 1,500	1	US\$ 1,500	Certificate
3rd	US\$ 1,000	1	US\$ 1,000	Certificate
4 to 10	US\$ 500	7	US\$ 3,500	Certificate
	<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>US\$ 8,000</b>	

#### Hotspot 2

Place	Prize Value	No of prizes	Total	
1st	US\$ 2,500	1	US\$ 2,500	Trophy + Certificate
2nd	US\$ 2,000	1	US\$ 2,000	Certificate
3rd	US\$ 1,500	1	US\$ 1,500	Certificate
4 to 10	US\$ 500	7	US\$ 3,500	Certificate
	<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>US\$ 9,500</b>	

#### Hotspot 3

Place	Prize Value	No of prizes	Total	
1st	US\$ 3,000	1	US\$ 3,000	Trophy + Certificate
2nd	US\$ 2,500	1	US\$ 2,500	Certificate
3rd	US\$ 1,500	1	US\$ 1,500	Certificate
4 to 10	US\$ 750	7	US\$ 5,250	Certificate
	<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>US\$ 12,250</b>	

#### Hotspot 4

Place	Prize Value	No of prizes	Total	
1st	US\$ 3,500	1	US\$ 3,500	Trophy + Certificate
2nd	US\$ 3,000	1	US\$ 3,000	Certificate
3rd	US\$ 2,000	1	US\$ 2,000	Certificate
4 to 10	US\$ 1,000	7	US\$ 7,000	Certificate
	<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>US\$ 15,500</b>	

**Hotspot 5**

Place	Prize Value	No of prizes	Total	
1st	US\$ 4,000	1	US\$ 4,000	Trophy + Certificate
2nd	US\$ 3,500	1	US\$ 3,500	Certificate
3rd	US\$ 3,000	1	US\$ 3,000	Certificate
4 to 10	US\$ 1,000	7	US\$ 7,000	Certificate
	<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>US\$ 17,500</b>	

**Hotspot 6**

Place	Prize Value	No of prizes	Total	
1st	US\$ 3,000	1	US\$ 3,000	Trophy + Certificate
2nd	US\$ 2,500	1	US\$ 2,500	Certificate
3rd	US\$ 1,500	1	US\$ 1,500	Certificate
4 to 10	US\$ 750	7	US\$ 5,250	Certificate
	<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>US\$ 12,250</b>	

**Summary:** Steadily increasing in difficulty and distance these hotspot races are a key ingredient in preparing the pigeons to compete well in the Super Ace competition. 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 Competition*

**Prize Breakdown****US\$ 12,000**

Place	Prize Value	No of prizes	Total	
1st	US\$ 6,000	1	US\$ 6,000	Trophy + Certificate
2nd	US\$ 4,000	1	US\$ 4,000	Trophy + Certificate
3rd	US\$ 2,000	1	US\$ 2,000	Trophy + Certificate
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>		

**Rules:**

1. 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 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. Birds must however 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 all Hotspots and the Final, race time will close at 18:00 on the day after the 1<sup>st</sup> bird arrival or such other time that may be announced. For online training flights the flight will close at 10:00 on the day after the 1<sup>st</sup> bird arrival or such other time that may be decided by management.

## 6. *Knock Out Competition*

Prize Breakdown			US\$ 10,000	
Place	Prize Value	No of prizes	Total	
1st	US\$ 10,000	1	US\$ 10,000	Trophy + Certificate

### Rules:

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 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. *Club Competition*

1. Registered pigeon clubs with 5 members or more are invited to send 1 squad of 4 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 6.
3. The first bird from 3 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. Squads 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 mandatory entrance fee but there is a non-refundable perch fee of US\$ 100 per bird for club birds. This fee can be used towards an activation in the name of the club in the season entered. Normal shipping costs payable to shippers apply.
8. 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 6 after which birds not activated will be sold to third parties or hidden.

## 8. Bonus Races

<b>PRIZE:</b>	85% of all Bonus Race Entry Fees 1st overall individual fancier Global wins by value - Certificate + 5 Nights Bed and Breakfast in Victoria Falls for 1 person with 2024 race week activities. Expires Dec 2024. 2nd and 3rd overall individual Global wins - Certificate
<b>PRIZE POSITIONS:</b>	As per pay-out ratio
<b>COMPETITORS:</b>	Any pigeon in a fancier's name
<b>RACE POINTS:</b>	All online races
<b>ENTRY FEE:</b>	As per each Bonus Race
<b>PAYOUT DATE:</b>	Winnings are available to use during the races, balance pay out 30 days after the Final Race

### 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. VFWC takes a commission of 15% of all the bonus races entry fees.
4. You can enter Bonus Races up to your total available balance, being the combination of your Bonus Races Account plus your Main Account. The system uses funds in your Bonus Races Account first. If you do not have sufficient funds in this account, the system will automatically move the shortfall from your Main Account into your Bonus Races Account.
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 published closing time.
7. If there are not enough entrants for the bonus race your entry fee for that bonus race will be refunded automatically.
8. If there are not enough results for the bonus race, prize money which cannot be allocated for that bonus race will be split between all entries.
9. Bonus race results may only be confirmed 24 hours after the race has been stopped.
10. Bonus race prize money will be credited to your VFWC Bonus race account automatically.

*For all other information please visit our website [www.victoriafallswcpr.com](http://www.victoriafallswcpr.com)*