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U.N.C. LIBERATION POLICY GUIDE LINES

1. Release birds ½ hour after sunrise to the next ¼ hour if weather permits and the trailer is at release point in time to give birds at least one hour to settle down and have a drink.
2. If birds can not be released due to bad weather bring all birds back to where the trailer is kept and each club is responsible for their birds to be picked up.
3. If there is a holdover the trailer must stay at scheduled release point at least until the next day providing the weather forecast for the next day is favorable for a safe release.
4. Contact person must talk with drivers before doing the conference call.
5. All 3 liberators to have access to computer weather from Environment Canada.
6. Do a weather print out from the nearest weather station to the race point and keep on file.
7. Visibility must be at least 16 KLMS (10 miles) with a ceiling of not less than 1000 feet.
8. Never release birds in drizzle; rain; fog or when the possibility of rain is greater than 40% at any location on route to the longest loft in the race.
9. Use extreme caution when the temperature is going to be very hot and humid on the longer races.
10. Do not rotate contact person to get in touch with drivers.
11. At least 2 of the liberators must have a minimum of 2 years experience liberating.
12. Birds are not to be released unless the furthest loft in the race has a window of 3 hours to clock a bird.
13. When in doubt of a good race always give benefit to the bird's welfare and either holdover or bring back to a shorter race station.
14. Only in the case of a bring back is a call to the President required.
15. Contact person to get in touch with liberators from other combines to compare notes.
16. On races under 240 KMLS (150 miles) do not release birds until at least 08:00 hours. Let temperature rise and haze burn off.
17. Burks Falls and Point Au Baril will be the shortest release points
18. Anything off the set liberation policy (using 3 liberators) the President is to be notified. A tie vote is a lost vote and the birds will not be released.
19. The 3 liberators and the UNC Race Secretary and the UNC President will be able to cancel or re-schedule races due to weather conditions. A majority vote is required.
20. Notification will be sent to all clubs and Race convoyers by 10:00:00 on the normal shipping day of any cancellation or any race re-schedule. This notification will be on the UNC web site as well.