

Amendments for Consideration for 2025 Constitution changes

Amendment Change request #1 (North Wings RPC)

Purpose of Amendment: To expand on the presented Champion awards in order to recognize more top performances of UNC members. Recommendation is 1st place trophy, 2nd place Plaque, 3rd place Medal.

Section: CORPORATION AWARDS (page 18) and subsequent Schedule 'A' and Appendix 1 dealing with awards.

Current entry:

11. Corporation awards shall be presented to the winner of each category as noted in Schedule A

Proposed Change:

11. Corporation awards shall be presented to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners of each Championship category as noted on Schedule A and Appendix 1.

Amendment Change request #2 (Tony Alves, Lakeport RPC)

Purpose of Amendment: To add to the awards or replace the current Champion loft Award with a new Master Flyer Award in the Champion award category. The Master Flyer Award will calculate points the same way the Current Champion Loft Award does but divides that number by the birds entered by the fancier. The subsequent calculated number would accumulate weekly just like the other Championship awards to determine a Master Flyer winner. This award would be a fair indicator as there is no advantage to how many birds a fancier ships.

Section: Appendix 1 Schedule 'A' (page 24)

Current entry:

POINT AWARDS

Trophies will be awarded to the following point winners for overall combine only using the following formula: The winning bird in each race will receive points based on 20% of the total entries with the race distance factored in, declining for every bird in the top 20% in the results. For the calculation of all Champion Bird and Champion Loft Awards.

Proposed Change: (Replace the Champion Loft Award with Master Flyer Award or add as a separate award)

Master Flyer Award

Trophies will be awarded to the following point winners for overall combine category winners using the following formula: The winning bird in each race will receive points based on 20% of the total entries with the race distance factored in, declining for every bird in the top 20% in the results. This formula will be used for all Champion Bird and loft Awards. For Master Flyer awards the formula used to accumulate loft points each week will be divided by the total birds shipped by each flyer.

Amendment Change request #3 (Oshawa RPC)

Purpose of Amendment: Delegates who oversee UNC race rules and finances should be active flyers in the UNC

Section: BOARD OF DIRECTORS (page 8)

Current entry:

4. An active flyer is defined as a member who is expected to race in the next Old or Young Bird series and has participated in at least one of the two previous series.
Individual Directors shall be duly elected by the members of their respective racing pigeon clubs to represent the interest of the Corporation. The Combine executive for the upcoming year will be elected at the first Directors meeting following the race season, therefore clubs should elect their Combine Representatives as soon as possible following the flying season.

Proposed Change:

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All elected Board of Directors must be an 'Active Flyer' by UNC definition and must therefore have flown in at least one of the previous year's race series and are expected to fly in at least one of the current year's race series.

Amendment Change request #4 (Oshawa RPC)

Purpose of Amendment: Delegates who oversee UNC race rules should only be able to vote on the series they plan to fly in.

Section: VOTING BOARD OF DIRECTORS (page 8)

Current entry:

6. (No change to the current rules of voting by the directors but an addition at the end).

Proposed Change:

6. **Board of Directors may only vote on issues for the series they intend or are committed to fly.**

Amendment Change request #5 (Oshawa RPC)

Purpose of Amendment: Since there is no current UNC boundary on the west side of the UNC the current boundary on the east side of the UNC should be removed. The north boundary to stay intact as is.

Section: CORPORATION RACE BOUNDARIES (page 21)

Current entry:

The boundaries of the Up North Pigeon Racing Combine Inc shall be. All lofts located south LATITUDE N 44 48 18.0 and west of LONGITUDE W 78 35 00.0 . The BOD may exempt specific open races from these boundary restrictions by a majority vote of the BOD. Where a member in good standing of an UNC club resides outside of the UNC boundaries, the BOD may on a case by case basis consider the member. This membership can be reviewed annually

Proposed Change:

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Amendment Change request #6 (Derek Tavares, Orillia RPC)

Purpose of Amendment: To increase shipping limits for single team entries per property to 30 birds for the C series. Members who wish to fly more than one team per property are limited to the current limit of 20 birds each for both teams. This will simplify flying more birds in one series without having to fly two teams. It could help in increasing birdage and therefore competition and it will also help minimize the advantage of people shipping multiple teams per property. The proposed cost to fly a 30-bird team would need to be increased from the current 20 bird fees. To keep ongoing support for the D short series, it is mandatory to purchase a short D series team should you wish to partake in the 30 bird long series team.

Section: SHIPPING LIMIT (page 20)

Current entry:

The shipping limit shall be a maximum of two (2) – 20 bird teams per loft for each series. Clubs must strictly enforce shipping limits - failure to do so will lead to certain disqualification of the entire club and possible further discipline as deemed by the exe. of the U.N.C. All birds entered in the basket must be legitimately countermarked or registered in an e-clocking system for participation in that race.

Proposed Change:

The shipping limit shall be a maximum of two (2) – 20 bird teams per loft for each ***Old bird*** series. ***In the Young bird long series, members have an option of a single 30 bird team per property or a shipping limit of a maximum of two (2) – 20 bird teams per loft for each series. If a member partakes in the 30***

bird limit option a short series flying dues must also be purchased. Clubs must strictly enforce shipping limits - failure to do so will lead to certain disqualification of the entire club and possible further discipline as deemed by the exe. of the U.N.C. All birds entered in the basket must be legitimately countermarked or registered in an e-clocking system for participation in that race.

Although not an official Constitution entry, the Liberation Guidelines are an Executive document and therefore I am including this review/update of the Liberation guidelines for consideration of adoption. It can be adopted in whole or in part after a line-by-line review.

Request for change #7 (Bruce Bidon, President UNC)

Purpose of Amendment: To update the Liberation guidelines to document current practices and increase transparency for the members.

U.N.C. LIBERATION POLICY GUIDELINES

1. Liberation team to consist of 3 Liberators chosen from a list of volunteers.
2. The UNC Executive will determine the 3 liberators and choose a Head Liberator to lead the team. The basis of their decision will be to try and accommodate Short-end, Long-end, West-side and East-side considerations.
3. At least 2 Liberators should have a minimum of 2 years' experience (if possible).
4. A fourth (non-voting) liberator may be added for gaining experience purposes.
5. Head Liberator should talk with the driver(s) before holding the liberation conference call. Truckers may be asked to provide a photo or video of the release point conditions for the liberation team to review.
6. All liberators are to have access to a wide range of internet weather forecasting tools to make informed decisions. Such as but not limited to, Windy, Ventusky, Environment Canada, the Weather Network, Accuweather, Planetary K-Index and local Airport Webcams.
7. Liberators using extreme caution may deviate from these guidelines if they feel the conditions are warranted to achieve a fair and good race. Anything off the set liberation guidelines (using 3 liberators) the President is to be notified. A tie vote is considered a lost vote, and the birds will not be released.
8. The 3 liberators, 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.
9. If there is a holdover, the trailer must stay at the scheduled release point at least until the next day providing the weather forecast for the next day is favorable for a safe release. If the next day does not look favourable, the liberators have the option to bring the birds closer to the next viable race Station upon consultation with the President. Any race brought back short of the shortest scheduled race point of that series will not be considered an official UNC race.
10. Release conditions
 - a. Visibility must be at least 16 KLMS (10 miles) with a ceiling of not less than 1000 feet.
 - b. 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.
 - c. Use extreme caution when the temperature is going to be very hot and humid which may require an earlier release.
 - d. Birds are not to be released unless the furthest loft in the race has a window of 3 hours to clock a bird on races under 600kms.

- e. When in doubt of a good race, always give the benefit to the bird's welfare.
11. For 1-day shipping races - Release birds 1 hour after sunrise to the next ¼ hour if weather permits and the trailer is at the release point in time to give birds at least one hour to settle down and have a drink.
 12. For 2-day shipping races - Release birds no less than 30 min after sunrise to the next ¼ hour if weather permits and the trailer is at the release point in time to give birds at least one hour to settle down and have a drink.
 13. If birds cannot be released and the race is cancelled, bring all birds back to where the trailer is kept. Each club is responsible for their birds to be promptly picked up.
 14. Notification will be posted on the UNC Website and Facebook page and communicated to the convoyers by 10:00 am on the scheduled shipping day of any cancellations or re-scheduling.
 15. Notification will be posted on the UNC Website and Facebook page of Release information at the earliest convenience of the Race Secretary or their duly assigned assistant.