

## *Terms and conditions 2017 entrants to VFWCPR*

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.
2. An eligible pigeon is designated as such when the individual bird entry fee of USD 950 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). Entrants can choose to pay for all 5 pigeons in a team of 5 upon entry for a discounted sum of USD 3 500 for the full team of 5. In which case all 5 pigeons will be activated upon entry and there will be no reserve pigeons for that team.
3. Payment must be made prior to the receipt of pigeons by the VFWCPR Ltd 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). If payment has not been received before Hotspot 1 then the pigeons may become Venture Racers and available for sale to anyone.
4. Payment for quarantine and shipping must be made by the entrant on submission to the quarantine facility which will be co-ordinated by the designated agent. All required vaccinations as stipulated by the designated agent must be done 28 days prior to any pigeon entering into the quarantine facility.
5. There will be a number of scheduled intakes of pigeons for quarantine prior to shipping which must be organised through designated agents. Intakes will be from 15 March to 10 June 2017.
6. 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 before shipping. Advice of replacement must come from your designated VFWCPR agent and onus of liaison about replacements rests with the entrant. No replacements can be sent after the last scheduled intake organised by the respective agents.
7. 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. An entrant has the option to change the eligible pigeon from the list of reserves in that team up to 48 hours prior to the first Hotspot. No further changes will be allowed.
8. Reserve pigeons only become eligible pigeons if a further USD 950 is paid for the selected reserve or when an eligible pigeon is lost or unable to participate.
9. 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 prize money race.
10. Any eligible pigeon which is replaced by a reserve which is subsequently deemed fit enough to continue training and racing in the absolute discretion of the trainer, 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 950 is paid.
11. 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 us 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 if evidence of receipt of payment into VFWCPR Ltd is presented prior to basketing for a particular race.
12. Entrants will have an opportunity to activate any reserve pigeon up to 72 hours prior to basketing by paying the USD 950 fee. If any bird is not activated by the original entrant within 7 days after the last Hotspot 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 remain with the original entrant even if the bird is not paid for by the entrant.

13. All pigeons will be awarded positions from 1st place to the last pigeon arriving in race time for the Final Race, but only pigeons which have been paid for will be entitled to receive prize money for that position. If any reserve bird which remains unpaid by the Final Race wins any prize money position, the prize money for that position will be split 10% to the Victoria Falls Wildlife Trust and other conservation trusts and charities, and 90% to the extension of the prize money positions after the 50th position. In this case position 51 and any subsequent position will be allocated the sum of USD 1 000 each all the way down the line until the surplus funds are used up. Venture Racers which are not paid for will not be eligible to win any prize money or take any position, they will however be shown in the position in which they arrived at the loft. For the 5 Hotspots, only paid for pigeons will be awarded positions and therefore win prize money.

14. Only eligible pigeons are entered into the Ace Bird Competition (see Ace Bird Competition). No Venture Racers who may become eligible as defined herein may enter the ACE Bird Competition

15. For the 2017 year of entry 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 2017 year rings. No pigeon bearing older rings will be accepted.

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

17. Pigeons will be quarantined in batches near the airport in Harare for 30 days and then sent to the race loft in Victoria Falls for orientation (see training & race program).

18. VFWCPR Ltd reserves the right to vary the training 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.

19. 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 sale proceeds as defined herein will remain with the breeder/entrant. The method of care, training and racing will be at the sole discretion of the VFWCPR Ltd management team.

20. Any loss of pigeons during normal racing and quarantine whether by hazardous conditions, sickness or injury is considered normal and although prudent management will be used to mitigate against losses the VFWCPR Ltd will not be held responsible for any losses.

21. Should an entrant lose a paid for pigeon and there is no reserve available to replace it prior to entering in the final race and provided that neither it nor one of its subsequent replacements have won any prize money, the entrant will receive a credit in their account of the amount paid for that pigeon to be used on a new team in the following year. Only one pigeon in the team will be eligible as defined herein. The term for the credit under this rule will expire after one race year and is not carried forward thereafter.

22. On conclusion of the race season all pigeons will be exported and sold to best advantage. 50% of the net proceeds after sale costs will be paid to the registered entrant. The balance of the sale proceeds will be split between VFWCPR Ltd and to nominated trusts or charities at the sole discretion of VFWCPR Ltd.

23. Entrants are encouraged to supply pedigrees to maximise the sale price of the birds. These pedigrees can be supplied with the birds to the agents or scanned and emailed to us direct.

24. It is expected that all surviving pigeons after the race will be exported to maximise sale prices.

25. 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.

26. VFWCPR Ltd will donate to the Victoria Falls Wildlife Trust (see Victoria Falls Wildlife Trust website) and other designated trusts or charities through the Venture Racer concept (see Venture Racers).

27. No shareholder in the company Victoria Falls World Challenge Pigeon Race Ltd or any member of the management and training team or their family members may participate for prize money in the race.

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

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

30. 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.

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

## *VFWCPR Venture Racers*

1. Venture Race Birds (Venture Racers) are donated pigeons for sale to anyone. On conclusion of the race and upon sale of the Venture Racers a minimum of 75% of the net proceeds after sales costs will go to the Victoria Falls Wildlife Trust and other designated trusts or charities and 25% to the donor. The donor may elect when submitting the pigeons to donate 100% to the causes described herein.

2. If fanciers would like to donate pigeons towards this cause they should send an email to VFWCPR in order to give VFWCPR Ltd indicative numbers. This will be without obligation.

3. Please note that loft space may be limited and intakes from donors of Venture Racers may be restricted. The maximum number of Venture Racers that an individual or syndicate may enter in their capacity is 10 birds.

4. The Venture Racers donated will be received by VFWCPR without payment of an entrance fee but the quarantine and shipping costs will be paid for by the donor to their agent.

5. Donated pigeons may participate under the name of the donor or remain anonymous. The preference to remain anonymous or not must be declared on the entry form for Venture Racers. The VFWCPR will issue rings for Venture Racers if requested. Otherwise any 2017 ring as defined in the rules can be used.

6. Anonymous pigeons will remain so for the entire period including when sold at conclusion of the season where no pedigree or breeder details will be published. Their identification will only

be known to the owners and race administration through the timing system. A breeder/ donor may however at any point in time choose to change the bird from anonymous to show their details. This request must be made in writing to [admin@victoriafallswcpr.com](mailto:admin@victoriafallswcpr.com)

7. 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. These rights will pass to the first person booking the bird and paying the entrance fee within 48 hours upon which the bird becomes an eligible pigeon as defined in point 2 of the terms and conditions.

8. 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. The exception to this is that no Venture Racer may enter the ACE Bird competition. Lost Venture Racers and Venture reserves will not be entitled to a credit in the following year of the amount paid.

9. All Venture Racers whether paid for or not will be sold after the final race to the best advantage for wildlife conservation, anti-poaching and communities.

10. When an entrant selects a Venture Racer before Hotspot 3 they may select 3 other Venture Racers as Reserve birds from those available at that time. Reserve Venture Racers become activated when the original Venture Racer is lost or is unable to participate or if they are paid for. Any entrant who selects a Venture Racer after Hotspot 3 and before Hotspot 5 will only be able to select 2 reserves. Any Venture Racer selected after Hotspot 5 will not be entitled to any reserves. 7 days after Hotspot 5 any un-activated Reserve Venture Racers will automatically be withdrawn from the entrant and become available for sale to anyone else.

## *VFWCPR Ace Bird Competition \$50 000*

*1<sup>st</sup> \$25 000, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$15 000, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$10 000*

1. To qualify for the ACE Bird Competition the bird must be activated before Hotspot 1 and be an eligible pigeon as defined herein. Note that no Venture Racers can enter the ACE Bird Competition.

2. The ACE Bird will be the pigeon that has the highest average velocity over the 5 Hotspots and the final race. The ACE Bird must complete the final race in race time. In the event of a tie the ACE Bird will be the bird finishing ahead of the other in the final race.

3. For the purposes of the ACE Bird 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.

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