



The Pigeon Racing Federation of W.A. (Inc)

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ACCEPTANCE AND INSPECTION OF PIGEONS FOR COMPETITION.

This document is to be displayed prominently in all Basketing Centres

The Pigeon Racing Federation of Western Australia (Inc) Racing Rules and the Code of Practice for keeping and racing pigeons in Western Australia approved under the Animal Welfare Act 2002 and the Animal Welfare (General) Regulations 2003 are very specific in the requirements that must be met before every individual pigeon is accepted for competition.

Basketing must be supervised by either a member who has completed a Health Steward's Course, the appointed Basket Foreman or an appointed Club official.

Every individual pigeon must meet all of the following criteria, or it is to be rejected.

Good Health

The pigeon must be in sound health and have a level of physical fitness suitable to successfully complete the journey set for the event. Any of the following are indicative of poor health and the pigeon must be rejected:

- General lassitude
- Respiratory disease indicated by wheezing, nasal or eye discharge
- Pigeon pox
- Any other signs of sickness

Free From Injury or Impairment

The pigeon must not have any physical problem that is likely to diminish its ability to successfully complete the journey. Examples include:

- Injuries and scarring both old and new which are visible or felt when holding the pigeon
- Insufficient feathering which is likely to inhibit the pigeon from flying competitively
- Insufficient primary wing flights
- A pigeon presented with the 9th flight missing

No Parasites

All pigeons are to be examined for signs of external parasites. Any bird so infested must be rejected. Birds rejected due to a light infestation may be treated with an insecticide approved for use on pigeons and represented. Any pigeon with a heavy external parasite infestation is to be refused and not represented at that basketing session.

All basketing centres should keep a supply of an insecticide approved for use on pigeons available at all times.

Free From Signs Of Neglect

No pigeons presented in a soiled and generally dishevelled condition are to be accepted

Drug Free

Any pigeon apparently under the influence of any performance-enhancing drug is to be rejected and the flyer reported to the Board of Control