

RULES ONE LOFT RACE PIRATE 2026

Article 1: Presentation

The Pigeon Racing Team association (PIRATE), 2151 Route de Feurs 42130 Saint Etienne Le Molard is organizing his One Loft Race, in other words a race of racing pigeons. You can contact us by post or email to loftpirate@gmail.com

Article 2: Conditions of participation

Registration is open to all pigeons, national and international, provided that they have a 2026 number ring.

Each participant can register an unlimited number of pigeons. One registration is valid for one pigeon.

The One Loft Race is open to all adult participants. The organizers can validly participate.

Adult participants under protective measures must be validly represented.

Participants are not required to be pigeon fanciers. Non-pigeon fanciers can also choose a pigeon, meeting the above-mentioned qualities, from another pigeon fancier.

It is possible to operate as a team, that is to say to register a team of several pigeons under the name of several owners.

Pigeons will only be accepted with the following documents duly completed: registration form, bank details, transfer certificate, pedigree and ownership card and on the condition that their registration is actually paid.

The registration form must include the following information, or be subject to the invalidity of the registration

- First and last name
- Address
- Email address
- Phone number
- Date of birth
- IBAN
- Ring number of the pigeon(s)

Each pigeon must be presented with its ownership card as well as its pedigree (genealogy), which must include 2 complete generations (father, mother and grandparents), if this is not the case, the registration is still authorized but during the auction of the pigeon, the participant will not receive any percentage of the sale price.

The registration of pigeons entails their transfer to the organizer. The latter cannot be held responsible for loss, death, illness or injury.

The organizer may refuse the registration of a pigeon if he considers that its state of health is not compliant.

Pigeons must be at least 40 days old at the time of delivery.

Registrations close on March 31, 2026 at 8 p.m. or when 2000 pigeons have been registered (in total).

Article 3: Registration conditions

Registration is done by email at loftpirate@gmail.com or by post to PIRATE, 2151 Route de Feurs 42130 Saint Etienne Le Molard or by hand delivery on the day of the delivery of the pigeons.

Registration will only be considered valid and effective after receipt of all the documents referred to in article 2 above and receipt of the registration price.

Any registration that is incomplete or does not meet the conditions of participation cannot be taken into account. Pigeons with incomplete registration or not meeting the conditions of participation will not be able to participate in training or races and the sale price will be paid in full to the organizing association.

The registration price is 110 euros per pigeon.

For 5 registered pigeons, the registration of a 6th pigeon is free (550 euros for 6 registered pigeons).

Payment must be made by cheque payable to PIRATE and sent to the address of the organizing association, by credit card on the dedicated area on the loftpirate.com website, by transfer to the following bank details: IBAN FR7614265006000800620075051, or in cash against receipt.

Any bank charges, which would be applied when paying for registration by transfer to the organizer's bank account, will remain the responsibility of the participants.

Article 4: Competition rules

To ensure the health of the pigeons, as well as the quarantine time, vaccination and immunization, the loft will receive the pigeons only on days specified in advance between February 14, 2026 and March 31, 2026. Dates and time schedules for these days will be announced at least 15 days in advance on loftpirate.com and the Loft Pirate Facebook page.

Each participant is required to vaccinate each young pigeon against paramyxovirus and rotavirus at 21 days old. The organizer then undertakes to re-vaccinate the pigeons themselves against paramyxovirus and rotavirus as soon as they are received at the loft, and he will assume financial responsibility for the cost.

The pigeons will be housed in a dovecote, designed to ensure equal living conditions for each pigeon. They will live on perches; the sexes will not be separated and techniques will be used to slow down the onset of moulting as much as possible.

The organizer reserves the right not to basket a pigeon for training, races or the final race due to injury, health concerns, poor form, loss or death. Pigeons not basketed on the day of the final will also be auctioned at the same time as the finalist pigeons if their condition is restored according to the skills of the organizers.

In the event of injury or health problem, at any time, a pigeon can be transferred to the infirmary and will only leave when its state of health allows it according to the skills of the organizers, and if necessary, with the advice of an animal health professional.

To ensure that training takes place in optimal conditions, the organizer can decide to release the pigeons in several groups.

For races however, the release will obviously happen all together.

The duration of the races, that is to say the end of the evaluation, ends the day before the next basketing at 8 p.m.

The pigeon basketing and evaluation system is an electronic system called Benzing approved by the French Pigeon Federation. All pigeons will be fitted with a chip ring from the first training. In the event of a failure of the electronic system or a power failure / outage, the race in progress will be canceled.

All basketings and evaluations will be visible and accessible live on the oneloftrace.live website, and projected at the finish location, at the address of the organizing association, on the day of the final.

Visits to the loft must be justified and requested from the organizer at least 7 days in advance. The organizer will meet the applicant on days and times that do not interfere with the organization of the loft. Under no circumstances may participants ask (the organizers) to handle the pigeons, nor to enter the pigeons' living space.

Article 5: Races and trainings calendar

All trainings and races planned in the flight line may be modified, postponed or canceled, their distances shortened for weather reasons, due to the physical conditions of the pigeons or exceptional circumstances.

The organizer cannot be held responsible if, for weather reasons, the physical conditions of the pigeons, or in the event of force majeure, the training and races planned in the flight line have to be modified, postponed or canceled, and if the date, release location or distance of the final race have to be changed.

The five races of the One Loft Race will take place as follows:

- 15/08/2026 Finale Roye 453 kms
- 01/08/2026 Demi-Finale Fay aux Loges 285 kms
- 22/07/2026 Course 2 Gien 245 kms
- 15/07/2026 Course 1 Gien 245 kms

Trainings will take place as follows:

- 08/07/2026 100 kms
- 01/07/2026 100 kms
- 24/06/2026 80 kms
- 17/06/2026 45 kms
- 10/06/2026 45 kms
- 03/06/2026 45 kms
- 30/05/2026 30 kms
- 27/05/2026 10 kms

Article 6: ACE Pigeon

For a pigeon to be classified in the ACE Pigeon ranking, it must have been classified in the four races of the One Loft Race.

The calculation is done based on the average speed of the pigeon over the five races, the classification is then done by decreasing speed. It means that the pigeon with the greatest average speed is the 1st ACE Pigeon.

In the final race, the ACE Pigeon ranking ends 24 hours after the arrival of the first pigeon.

During the 4 races preceding the final, the ACE Pigeon classification ends 8 hours after the arrival of the first pigeon.

In the event of draw after the ACE Pigeon ranking, the pigeon with the best ranking in the final race will be the winner of the ACE Pigeon.

The results will be visible live on the oneloftrace.live website and projected at the place of arrival, at the address of the organizing association, on the day of the final.

Article 7: Awarding of prizes

All values announced for the overall prize giving of €50,000 are based on the registration of 1200 pigeons on April 1, 2024. If this quota is not reached, the organization reserves the right to modify the amount of the prize giving and its distribution downwards as follows:

- Registrations of 1 to 300 pigeons: overall prize award of €2,000
- Registrations of 300 to 400 pigeons: overall prize award of €5,000
- Registrations of 400 to 500 pigeons: overall prize award of €15,000
- Registrations of 500 to 600 pigeons: overall prize award of €20,000
- Registrations of 600 to 700 pigeons: overall prize award of €25,000
- Registrations of 700 to 800 pigeons: overall prize award of €30,000
- Registrations of 800 to 900 pigeons: overall prize award of €40,000
- Registrations of 900 to 1500 pigeons: overall prize award of €50,000
- Registrations of 1500 and more pigeons : overall prize award of €55,000

The organization agrees to pay the prize winnings to the winning participants within 60 days following the auction of the pigeon by bank transfer to the bank details provided by the participant at the time of registration. It is the responsibility of each winner to declare this to the tax authorities of their country.

Final Race* :

1st 10 000€ + Trophy

2nd 5 000€

3rd 4 000€

4th 3 000€

5th 2 000€

6th to 10th 1 000€

11th to 20th 500€

21st to 50th 250€

51st to 100th 100€

Semi Final* :

1st 1 000€ + Trophy

2nd 600€

3rd 400€

4th 300€

5th 200€

ACE Pigeon* :

1st 3 000€ + Trophy

2nd 2 000€

3rd 1 000€

* subject to 1500 registrations

Article 8: Sale of pigeons

All other pigeons returning from the final race, will automatically be put up for auction online before December 30, 2026.

The sum resulting from the auction of the pigeon will be distributed as follows: 50% to the organizer and 50% to the participant, once applicable taxes and sales fees charged by the website organizing the sale have been deducted from the overall price

When registering, as previously mentioned, all pigeons must be presented with their ownership card and pedigree. If a pigeon does not have a complete pedigree (father, mother and grandparents), during its auction, the participant will not receive any percentage of the sale price.

If a pigeon is not sold during its first auction, the participant loses his right to 50% of the amount during subsequent / following auctions which then goes to the organizer.

If a pigeon is sold and not paid for by the buyer during the first auction, the pigeon is auctioned a second time and the participant retains the right to 50% of the amount of the afore said sale, once applicable taxes and sales fees charged by the website organizing the sale have been deducted from the overall price, provided that it is paid by the buyer.

If a pigeon is sold and not paid for by the buyer during the second auction, the participant loses his right to 50% of the amount of the aforesaid sale and the pigeon returns to the organizer.

The 50% of the auction amount of the pigeons will be paid to the participant, once all auctions have ended, i.e. no later than December 30, 2025 and once the pigeons have been paid for by the buyers.

All pigeons (which were) not purchased during the two sales return to the organizer

It is agreed that the buyers of pigeons at auctions will bear the cost of transport and will ensure the organization of transport. For any pigeon, sold and paid for, the buyer must collect it and organize its transport within 30 days after the auction closure. After this period, the organizer will apply pigeon care costs of €5 per day chargeable to the buyer.

Article 9: Authorizations relating to personal data

Each participant, by virtue of their registration, authorizes in advance and free of charge the organizer to publish their last surnames, first names, and photographs in all advertising or promotional operations linked to this one loft race, without this publication being able to give other rights than the prize received.

The personal information collected as part of this one loft race is processed in accordance with the law of January 6, 1978, known as “information technology and freedom”. In application of this law, participants have the right to access, modify, rectify and delete data concerning them which they can exercise by contacting the organizers at loftpirate@gmail.com.

Article 10: Special conditions

In the event of exceptional circumstances, such as epidemics, impositions by higher entities, natural disasters, technical incidents, failures of the evaluation system, power outages / cuts, acts of sabotage, viruses, force majeure or any other phenomenon external to the organization, if it is not possible to organize or evaluate all or part of the training and races with the right to reward, after the pigeons have been registered in the One Loft Race and paid, the pigeons will be sold at auction, no later than December 30, 2024, online. 50% of the total amount will go to the organizer and 50% will go to the participant. In the event that any of the above occurs after certain races have already taken place, the respective prizes for the races that could be completed will be won.

In the event of a dispute or difficulty, arbitration is given to the organizer, under the control of the Loire Auvergne Colombophile Federation.

No disputes will be accepted after the announcement of the results.

Participation in the One Loft Race Pirate entails for participants unreserved acceptance of the provisions of these regulations and constitutes a waiver of any recourse. If an amendment occurs after this participation, the participant who wishes to refuse this modification renounces his participation.

Article 11: Election of domicile – Information

Participants take up residence at the address indicated on the registration form. In the event of a change of address or bank details (GNI), the participant must inform the organizer of the new address and/or new bank details, by registered letter with acknowledgment of receipt sent to the address of the organizing association.

The rules and regulations of the One Loft Race can be sent free of charge to anyone who requests them by email to loftpirate@gmail.com

These regulations as well as all the information and news relating to the One Loft Race Pirate can be found on the Loft Pirate Facebook page and the loftpirate.com website.

Done in St Etienne le Molard on September 10,2026