**General Rules**

1. This organisation shall be known as the South Coast North Road Combine and shall consist of the Dorset Federation, Solent Federation, Southampton North Road Federation, and the Sussex North Road Federation. The headquarters shall be that of the presiding secretary. All competing lofts must be situated within the boundaries of the member organisations.
2. To 96 as per standard R.P.R.A. Rules 146/242

97. The committee of management shall consist of one officer from each organisation who shall be entitled to one vote. In the event of a tied vote then the subject of said vote will remain unchanged.

98. The date of the AGM shall be agreed upon by the member organisations.

99. The working expenses of the combine shall be defrayed a sum of £1 per member loft of the affiliated federations membership. Each affiliated organisation must account for combine fees regardless of whether they are collected or not from individual members. Any junior member (not having attained his/her 18th birthday before the first race of the season) shall be exempt from combine membership fees. Each organisation shall hold a record of members details, with fees to be paid on or before 1st March each year

100. All races shall be self sufficient based on the full costs of the race, divided by the number of birds entered and shall be borne by all competing organisations on a per bird basis. All affiliated federation accounts must be settled within 14 days of receipt and should be paid by cheque or direct bank transfer only (no cash). Any account outstanding after 14 days shall be subjected to a penalty of £10 per week thereafter.

101. The Combine Secretary shall email copies all minutes to every affiliated organisation, and to all flying members who submit to the secretary their email address.

102. The Combine bank account shall be held at Lloyds bank. Cheques to be signed by any one of the committee members but confirmation of any cheques paid out must be signed off by way of an email from any one other committee member. Confirmation emails must be kept for a period of no less than two years.

103. The honorariums of the Combine Secretary shall amount to no more than receipted expenses, to be agreed by the committee. Any amendment to this shall be reviewed and confirmed at the Annual General Meeting .

104. The senior race controller shall be that of the convoying organisation who, following consultation with the other organisation race controllers, shall consult directly with the (senior) convoyer with regards to liberation. The (senior) convoyer shall be responsible for all aspects of the liberation under Appenix C of the R.P.P.R. "Code of Conduct".

**RACING RULES**

1. Birds entered in Combine races will be accepted on any official race entry form/ETS basketing list print outs. A copy of race entry forms must be received by the Combine secretary or his/her nominated agent on before liberation. In the event that a form/forms are not received within this timescale then the competing loft will be disqualified. The forms/print outs must be signed and contain a declaration of vaccination. All birds timed in shall be eligible to take combine positions.
2. Affiliated organisations shall have the management of marking of its club members’ birds and shall pay the cost of their birds and returned empties to and from the collection centre. Each container to be sealed in accordance with RPRA rules. Failure to comply with correct sealing will entail the whole consignment being disqualified. Affiliated organisations shall be responsible for ensuring that their birds are delivered to the point of collection stipulated by the Secretary of the Combine. The Combine will not be responsible for non delivery, loss or damage. The birds and property being entirely at the owners risk.
3. All relevant RPRA racing rules apply
4. The convoyer, who shall be an experienced pigeon fancier, will accompany and be responsible for race birds at all liberations.
5. All Combine races shall be flown on the system of velocity proper. All races up to 250 miles from Combine HQ close on the second day of liberation at 2200hrs OB, and 2030hrs YB. Races above 250 miles from Combine HQ to close on the third day after liberation. The hours of darkness shall be 2200hrs to 0500hrs for old bird races and 2030hrs to 0600hrs young bird races.
6. The bird making the highest velocity shall be declared the winner, except when in the opinion of the committee, after having given full consideration to the circumstances and conditions prevailing at the time, a pigeon returns an improbably velocity. Then that pigeon be disqualified from the race.
7. All birds sent to Combine old and young bird races by affiliated organisations shall be fully competitive. The birds are deemed to be entered for competition as soon as they are loaded on to the transporter. The race containers to be lined with clean, new corrugated cardboard cut to size for the containers, corrugation facing upwards with a sprinkling of sawdust/kiln dried sand or a mixture of both. Label on drinker end with name of club, number of birds and whether cocks or hens. Race containers not conforming to this standard will not be accepted on to the transporter. The management committee shall decide the number of birds per crate for racing. organisation not abiding by their decision may be disqualified from the race in question. Combine officials have the right to open any container. Birdage numbers per crate to be dictated by the convoying organisation.
8. The Combine will not compete for prize money. However, in the event of a sponsorship either the donor or committee will decide the number of prizes and distribution.
9. Affiliated organisations shall forward to the Combine Secretary their result within five days of the close of the race. Failure to comply with these requirements may entail disqualification.
10. Details of liberation time or holdover will be advised to affiliated organisations designated representative as possible after confirmation from the race controller as possible, who will be responsible for providing the details to their members. The Combine will not be responsible for any non-receipt of the liberation advice/message.
11. The management committee of the Combine shall have the power to visit any affiliated club on race marking night.
12. The convoyer will liberate the pigeons as early as practicable at all race points Old and Young bird races. Affiliated organisations shall be liberated simultaneously at all times. The longest old bird race will be scheduled for Friday liberation.
13. Combine birds will be fed a propriety mixture to be supplied by the convoying organisation. Any costs in this respect to be added to birdage costs.
14. Pick up points to be arranged by Combine Secretary or Committee.
15. A crate seal sheet must be submitted by all affiliated organisations for all races. This sheet must accompany the basketing list/entry forms and be handed to the Combine Secretary or nominated agent at the loading station.
16. Claims for Combine averages must be made to the Combine secretary within 28 days of the final combine race. All claims to be made through the affiliated organisations secretary, with full workings of velocity/ies, and submitted signed by the organisations secretary.
17. The Combine Committee have the power to instruct that Drug testing be carried out on any winning pigeons.
18. In all races or training organised by the Combine birds must be vaccinated against paramyxo virus during the last 12 months previous to the date of entry.
19. The Combine committee shall be empowered to change a race point, basketing night or cancel any race in exceptional circumstances.
20. A minimum of four fully paid up members must be present at marking and clock strike on/off.
21. The Combine will provide trophies for race/average winners which will remain the property of the winner. Costs of trophies to be decided by the Combine committee. Prize certificates will be awarded to the first 20 places.
22. Affiliated organisation secretaries shall report to the Combine secretary by text, email or telephone the first five positions of their result before 10.30 am the day after any race. The Combine secretary shall compile a provisional result which will be advised to affiliated organisation secretaries not later than 10.00 pm on that day.