

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
OF THE
TACOMA RACING PIGEON CLUB

CONSTITUTION

Article 1 NAME

Section 1 The name shall be: THE TACOMA RACING PIGEON CLUB, INC

Article 2 OBJECTIVES

Section 1 To conduct club activities for racing pigeons. To promote the sport of racing pigeons and their breeding and conduct programs and /or join in worthy efforts of others to elevate the sport to the highest plane of sportsmanship and competition and of honor and fair dealing.

Section 2 All activities are to be conducted in accordance with the current Constitution and By-Laws of the American Racing Pigeon Union (The AU).

Article 3 MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 Active membership: Any homing pigeon fancier of good character whose loft is located within the following boundaries shall be eligible for active membership. The boundaries of the club are the same as **the Puget Sound Concourse**.

Section 2 Honorary membership: Honorary membership may be granted to any person not eligible for active membership upon a two-thirds majority vote of the club.

Section 3 Right to vote, hold office, serve on committees, and to participate in the club's regular races shall be the privilege of active members only.

Section 4 New members: Proposals for new members may be made by any active member. All active members shall be given notice of the names that have been submitted for membership, prior to a vote. A secret ballot will be taken on each prospective new member. A 75% majority vote of all members present is required for acceptance into the club.

Section 5 Prospective member's loft or lofts shall be inspected for cleanliness and health of the pigeons by a team of at least two club members prior to the vote.

Section 6 Membership in the club is non-assignable.

Section 7 Holding membership in any other racing pigeon club within the Puget Sound Concourse is not allowed while a member of the Tacoma Racing Pigeon Club.

Article 4 RESIGNATION

Section 1 Any member wishing to resign from the club must tender his resignation in writing to the Secretary/Treasurer and must pay all indebtedness which may be due the club and forfeits all rights and claims to club property.

Article 5 OFFICERS

Section 1 The affairs of the club shall be administered by its officers: consisting of a President, a Vice President, a Secretary/Treasurer, a Race Secretary and a Race Preparer.

Section 2 Nomination of officers: nomination of officers shall be conducted at the October meeting each calendar year. Nominations may be made from the floor and upon being made and seconded the President shall order that the nominations are listed as nominees. Names of nominees shall be given to all members present at the November meeting.

Section 3 Election of Officers: election of officer positions shall be held at the November meeting. All officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the membership present at the meeting and shall serve for a period of one year.

Article 6 COMMITTEES

Section 1 Regular and temporary committees shall be appointed by the President; who shall designate a chairperson of each committee.

Article 7 MEETINGS

Section 1 Regular meetings shall be held each month except during racing schedules.

Section 2 Special meetings may be held at the call of the President or by written request to the President; signed by one-fourth of the active members.

Article 8 QUORUM

Section 1 One third of the active members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting. No club business of any kind may be conducted without a full quorum present.

Article 9 AMENDMENTS

Section 1 Proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be submitted to the membership in writing not less than thirty days before the date upon which he proposed changes are to be voted upon.

Section 2 All proposed amendments for adoption shall require a two-thirds majority vote of the active members in attendance.

BY-LAWS

Article 1 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Section 1 Membership dues shall include American Racing Pigeon Union, State, Concourse, Combine and Tacoma Racing Pigeon Club dues.

Section 2 Dues for each year are due and payable to the Secretary/Treasurer on or before March 31st of the year for which they are assessed. There is a \$15.00 initiation fee for all new members.

Section 3 Any new members joining TRPC after July 1st shall pay all AU, State, Concourse, Combine fees and one-half the annual Club dues.

Section 4 Any member three months in arrears of any dues or fees shall be notified by the Secretary/Treasurer. Non-payment will result in loss of membership and privileges and the party's name removed from current year Club records.

Article 2 VOTING

Section 1 Every active member shall be entitled to one vote on every question coming before the club. No voting by proxy shall be permitted.

Article 3 EXPULSION

Section 1 Every member accused of dishonorable conduct shall be cited to appear before the officers of the Club; who shall investigate the charges. Officer findings and recommendation for action shall be reported to the membership. Should the officers recommend the accused member be expelled; a special meeting shall be called and a ballot taken. Upon a two-thirds or more vote in favor of expulsion, the accused member shall be declared expelled and shall forfeit all claims against the Club.

Article 4 FILLING VACANCIES

Section 1 Should an officer vacancy occur; a special election shall be called to fill the vacancy. The exception is the office of President, which is automatically filled by the Vice President. The special shall be held at the next meeting of the Club. Nominations for filling vacancies shall be made from the floor.

Article 5 OFFICER DUTIES

Section 1 The President shall preside over all meetings when present; and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

Section 2 The Vice President shall assume and perform all duties of the President in case of absence or inability to serve.

Section 3 The Secretary/Treasurer shall conduct general correspondence of the Club; keep the minutes of all meetings, have charge of the books and keep record of sale. An officer shall issue all bands and keep record of sale. The Treasurer shall be custodian of club funds and keep records of all transactions. Club records shall be open for inspection upon request. The financial records shall be audited each year.

Section 4 The Race Secretary shall have charge of all details of every race and shall conduct policy according to these by-laws and such race rules as the Club may adopt. A race committee may be appointed by the Club President to assist the Race Secretary with race procedures.

Article 6 RACE RULES

Section 1 The Club shall accept and follow the current race rules as established by the American Racing Pigeon Union.

Article 7 ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR CLUB MEETINGS

Section 1 All regular monthly club meetings shall follow order of business and agenda rules:

1. Roll Call
2. Reading of Minutes (previous meeting)
3. Financial Report
4. Proposals for New Members (if any)
5. Committee Reports
6. Communications
7. Old Business
8. Combine Business (combine representative)
9. Concourse Business (concourse representative)
10. New Business
11. Election of Officers (only when required)
12. Payment of Dues and Fees and Bands (after adjournment)
13. For the Good of the Order
14. Adjournment

Section 2 The date and time of the next scheduled Club meeting will be made available on the Club phone announcement.

Article 8 MOTIONS

Section 1 Various motions may be passed and become laws of the Club; with a two-thirds majority vote of those present at a scheduled Club meeting. Such motions shall not conflict with this constitution and by-laws. Such motions must be entered in the permanent records of the Club.