

Derby Riachos 2026

Regulations

1. Organisation

This competition will be organised by: Derby Riachos Associação Columbófila

2. Participants / Who can participate

National and international pigeon fanciers may participate in this Derby.

Participants must be members of Derby Riachos "DRAC".

3. Conditions and cost of entries

The participation price for each team will be 600 €, of which:

- 300 € is the membership fee (VAT exempt)
 - 300 € is the race entry fee (VAT included at 23%)
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4. Composition

Each team is composed of 8 athletes (6 + 2 reserves).

2nd team – 5% discount

3rd team or more – 10% discount

5. NOTE

To benefit from this discount, the ownership certificates of the pigeons must accompany them.

6. Reserve pigeons

Reserve pigeons will be activated free of charge if the team has fewer than 6 pigeons, or will be automatically and obligatorily activated for the amount of 100 €, after the last training session, if the team has more than 6 pigeons at that time.

Unpaid reserves will not be eligible for prizes.

Teams of 6 pigeons (6 + 2 reserves) = 600 €

Minimum pigeons per participant:

3 = 375 €

Value per pigeon:

125 €

Activation of reserve after the last training = 100 € (mandatory and automatic)

If the activation has not been paid after the 1st race (the day following the race), the pigeon may be activated by any participant.

7. Bonus

For every 5 paid teams of 6 pigeons, the participant will benefit from one additional team free of charge.

Registrations will only be considered after payment of the corresponding entry fee.

All teams not paid up to 8 days before the 1st Ace Pigeon race, the participant may be excluded from the competition and, if their team wins any prize including auctions, the amounts will be donated to institutions to be defined by the organisation.

8. Registration

To register, simply access our website, correctly fill in the form and submit it.

Only registrations paid within 15 days after submission will be considered valid.

In case of withdrawal, this amount is non-refundable.

All participants must be competing members/participants; the membership fee (VAT exempt) and race entry fee (VAT included at 23%) apply.

The initial amount to be paid (6 active pigeons) is 600 €.

Bank transfer fees to Derby Riachos are the responsibility of the sender.

Beneficiary: Derby Riachos Associação Columbófila

Bank: Caixa de Crédito Agrícola Ribatejo Norte

Transfers in Portugal (NIB):

0045 5432 4036 7850 4454 2

International transfers (IBAN):

PT50 0045 5432 4036 7850 4454 2

BIC / Swift: CCCMPTPL

The transfer must include the team name as reference and proof of transfer must be sent by email with reference to the team name.

9. Reception of Young Pigeons / Housing / Treatment / Means

1. The reception of young pigeons takes place from 15 March to 15 May 2026 inclusive, and must be accompanied by a duly completed registration form, ownership certificate (mandatory) and pedigree.
2. All pigeons are required by the Federation to have an ownership card/certificate in order to participate in the race. All pigeons that do not have it must request duplicate copies from the Federation, and the cost will be the responsibility of the participant (2 € each), as originals were not sent.
3. The young pigeons for training must be between 35 and 45 days old and must be vaccinated against Paramyxovirus (PMV) within the 10 days prior to shipment to the loft, and will be housed in the Derby Riachos loft, with their treatment, training and preparation being the responsibility of Derby Riachos Associação Columbófila “DRAC”.
4. Pigeons that are not accompanied by pedigree and ownership certificate will cause the owner to lose the right to receive the percentage of the auction value. The pedigree must be in possession of the organisation 15 days before the final race; after that, the participant loses the right to the percentage of the sale.
5. Health certification – Regulation of lofts, Article 17 – Health Certification: Only pigeons from EU countries or third countries are admitted, provided they comply with the rules established by the Direção Geral de Alimentação e Veterinária, namely regarding the issuance of health certificates of origin.
6. The entity owning the loft archives the documents referred to above, which may be requested at any time by the F.P.C. or by the Direção Geral de Alimentação e Veterinária.
7. After entering the loft, the young pigeons remain under the care of the Derby Riachos organisation and only become its property after the organisation has paid the owners the amounts stipulated according to the classification order.
8. Due to the date of the event, the “Daylight” system will be used to control the moulting of pigeon feathers.
9. Delivery will be arranged on a case-by-case basis with the Organisation, through our contacts and through companies specialised for this purpose:

(EX. GP Loft) – (+351 910 031 388) – National mobile network
Central Mensageiro – Courier Service
Email: pet@centralmensageiro.pt
Mobile: 914 282 364 – National mobile network

(Mr. João) (when calling Mr. João, you must inform that it is for Derby Riachos)
10. Reception contacts:

João Ferreira – tel.: 917528135 – National mobile network
Armando Delgado – tel.: 915546313 – National mobile network
José Fialho – tel.: 913217742 – National mobile network

10. International Contacts

Agent Germany:

Daniel Mestre – dfilipemestre@gmail.com – tel.: 0049 15259189394
Markus Soellner – soellner.markus@unitybox.de – tel.: 004966206243
Marian Immeln – m.immeln@gmx.de – tel.: +49 1522 9367243

Agent Switzerland:

Alexandre Peixoto – info@peixoto.ch – tel.: 0041 796273141

Agent Netherlands:

Michiel Aversch – averesch-pigeons@hotmail.com – tel.: 0031 620971673

Agent Poland:

Arkadiusz Maziarz – info@maziarz-pigeons.pl – tel.: 0048 692468569

Agent Hungary:

Agoston Viglidan – viglidan96@gmail.com – tel.: 0036 306392408

Agent Norway:

Jon Magnussen – magnusj@slb.com – tel.: 0047 97592881

11. Training / Losses – Replacement

In case of death, disability, accident or loss of the young pigeon, it may be replaced until 31 May without additional cost (except shipping costs).

The organisation assumes no responsibility for loss of pigeons, accident or illness preventing participation in training or the final race.

There will be no refund of entry fees.

12. Training Calendar and Transport

The training calendar and race day will be announced in due course.

Transport to release points will be carried out in suitable transport equipped with a georeferencing system controlled by the Portuguese Federation of Pigeon Racing.

All scheduled training sessions and races may be altered due to weather conditions or other reasons beyond the organisation's control.

The decision of the organisation is final.

13. Final Race

The final competition will be carried out as a middle-distance race of approximately 400 km.

14. Classifications

For classification purposes, 50% of the pigeons sent in each race will be counted, and the score will be calculated based on the number of pigeons sent in the first race (e.g. 1000 pigeons = 500 points).

The Ace Pigeon will be the pigeon that obtains the highest total sum of points across all races and must obligatorily be classified in the final race.

The winning team is the team that obtains the highest total sum of points from the first 2 pigeons of the team in all races.

In the event of a tie, the winning team will be the one that obtains the highest number of points from its best 2 pigeons in the final race; if the tie persists, the best classified pigeon will decide.

In the final race, classifications will close when 50% of the pigeons have arrived or at 20:00 on the day following the release, unless otherwise indicated by the FCI.

15. Auctions

The owner will receive 35% of the sale value of all pigeons reaching at least 100 € at auction.

The remaining amount goes to the Derby.

Payments relating to auction percentages will be made by the auction companies after all auctions have finished and the pigeons have been paid by buyers.

If a pigeon is sold but not paid for, it will be auctioned again.

If the pigeon is not paid for a second time, it will not be offered at auction again.

All pigeons will be auctioned in the name of the participant.

The Derby Riachos organisation may coordinate the sale of pigeons with auction companies after the final race.

If a pigeon does not receive a bid the first time it goes to auction, the owner loses the right to a percentage in any future sale.

16. Prizes (EUR)

15 years of Dedication and Glory

Prizes 2026

1300
Pigeons

Pos.	Final Race	Semi-final	Ace Pigeon	Teams	1st Race	2nd Race	3rd Race
1.	15 000,00 €	1 500,00 €	1 500,00 €	1 500,00 €	500,00 €	500,00 €	500,00 €
2.	7 500,00 €	850,00 €	850,00 €	850,00 €	250,00 €	250,00 €	250,00 €
3.	5 000,00 €	600,00 €	600,00 €	600,00 €	150,00 €	150,00 €	150,00 €
4.	2 500,00 €	400,00 €	400,00 €	400,00 €	100,00 €	100,00 €	100,00 €
5.	1 500,00 €	350,00 €	350,00 €	350,00 €	75,00 €	75,00 €	75,00 €
6.	1 000,00 €	300,00 €	300,00 €	300,00 €	50€(voucher)	50€(voucher)	50€(voucher)
7.	900,00 €	250,00 €	250,00 €	250,00 €	50€(voucher)	50€(voucher)	50€(voucher)
8.	800,00 €	200,00 €	200,00 €	200,00 €	50€(voucher)	50€(voucher)	50€(voucher)
9.	700,00 €	150,00 €	150,00 €	150,00 €	50€(voucher)	50€(voucher)	50€(voucher)
10.	600,00 €	100,00 €	100,00 €	100,00 €	50€(voucher)	50€(voucher)	50€(voucher)
11.	500,00 €	50€(voucher)	50€(voucher)	50€(voucher)			
12.	400,00 €	50€(voucher)	50€(voucher)	50€(voucher)			
13.	350,00 €	50€(voucher)	50€(voucher)	50€(voucher)			
14.	300,00 €	50€(voucher)	50€(voucher)	50€(voucher)			
15.	1 500,00 €	150,00 €	150,00 €	150,00 €	150,00 €	150,00 €	150,00 €
16./20.	200,00 €	50€(voucher)	50€(voucher)	50€(voucher)			
21./30.	150,00 €						
31./50.	100,00 €						
51./100.	50€(voucher)						
	1 000,00 €	450,00 €	450,00 €	450,00 €	250,00 €	250,00 €	250,00 €
	1 500,00 €						
	2 000,00 €						
TOTALS	44 250,00 €	5 300,00 €	5 300,00 €	5 300,00 €	1 475,00 €	1 475,00 €	1 475,00 €

64 575,00 €

16. Additional conditions and trophies

In addition to monetary prizes, the following trophies will be awarded:

1st Overall Team – Champion Sash

1st, 2nd, 3rd pigeons in the Final Race – Champion Sash

1st, 2nd, 3rd Ace Pigeon – Trophy

The prize table applies to a minimum participation of 1300 paid pigeons.

Voucher prizes may only be used as a discount for future participation in one of the competitions organised by Derby Riachos and are valid for 1 year.

Monetary prizes will be subject to the applicable tax rate and will be paid upon presentation of a valid tax document.

If the number of entries is lower or higher than indicated above, the prizes will be recalculated proportionally according to the number of paid pigeons entered.

The final prize values will be announced after the closure of registrations and reserve activations, or after the first race.

All participating members, upon payment of the membership fee, are considered to be fully informed of all points of these regulations.

Prizes will be awarded on a date to be announced and will be settled by bank transfer.

Miscellaneous

All participants are requested to provide their mobile phone number at the time of registration, so that relevant information regarding the progress of their pigeons in the competition can be sent via SMS.

At the time of registration, participants must:

- Provide bank details for the transfer of any prize money;
- Provide telephone and email contacts for receiving relevant information regarding their pigeons during their participation in the race;
- Send a photograph in JPG format so that DRAC may highlight relevant results on its website during training sessions and the final race.

Registrations will only be considered valid after receipt of the corresponding entry fee payment.

Taxes

The amounts mentioned in these Regulations include VAT at the applicable rate, where applicable.

According to the Portuguese Tax Authority and Portuguese law, all participants/members residing in Portugal who receive income from prizes, pigeon sales or commissions are responsible for paying income tax (IRS) at a rate of 25% on those amounts.

Participants not residing in Portugal are exempt from tax, with no withholding (25%), and the prize will be paid in full, provided they submit a certificate of tax residence abroad or a duly completed and stamped Form 21-RFI.

If proof of residence outside Portugal is not provided, the applicable tax rules will apply.

17. Unforeseen Cases

All unforeseen cases will be resolved by the Derby Riachos Organisation, in accordance with the National Sporting Regulations.

Any situation causing conflict not covered by these regulations will be resolved by the organisation under Portuguese law, and this decision will be final.

The official regulation is in Portuguese and published on the event website, as any translation into another language may contain interpretation errors.