

# Regulation

## FCI Grand Prix



 **300.000€**  
Total Prize Money



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## General Conditions to be applied to all competition\’s Mira 2026

### A. What competitions are being held?

The Portuguese Pigeon Fanciers Federation organises the following competitions on the same day:

- **FCI World Championship and World Youth Championship**  
Competition intended for the participation of national teams representing all countries in the FCI.
- **FCI European Championship and European Youth Championship**  
Competition intended for the participation of national teams representing the FCI European countries.
- **Ibero-Latin American Tournament - AILAC**  
Competition intended for the participation of national teams representing the Ibero-Latin American Pigeon Fanciers Association countries.
- **FCI Grand Prix of Portugal**  
Competition intended for the individual participation for pigeon fanciers registered in Federations which belong to the FCI.
- **National Champions League**  
Competition intended for the participation of the Overall Champions from Portuguese Clubs in the 2025 Sporting Campaign.
- **National Youth Champion League**  
Competition intended solely for the participation of young Portuguese pigeon fanciers, up to 25 years of age and with an active sporting license for 2026.

### B. What is the pigeon reception period?

The pigeons must be sent between 1<sup>st</sup> April and 31<sup>th</sup> May 2026.

### C. How old should the pigeons be at the time of delivery?

At the time of delivery, the pigeons should not be younger than 45 days nor older than 60 days.

### D. Should the pigeons be vaccinated beforehand?

The pigeons must be vaccinated 21 days after birth, so that they may be revaccinated at the time of their delivery to the Mira loft. Participants must specify the date of vaccination and the vaccine used (from among those approved in Portugal).

### E. How can pigeons be sent from overseas?

**To send pigeons by plane, proceed accordingly:**

i) Send, by email ([ruirepas@fpcolumbofilia.pt](mailto:ruirepas@fpcolumbofilia.pt)), the AIR WAYBILL (AWB), a list with identification for every pigeon, a copy of the health certificate, an invoice with the note “No commercial value” and a statement of donation to the Portuguese Pigeon Fanciers Federation.

**Important: Send the original documents with the shipment (pigeons)**

ii) Send the pigeons to the following destination:

Federação Portuguesa de Columbofilia

Aeroporto Humberto Delgado – Lisboa, Portugal

**Note: Pigeons should not arrive during weekends because customs is closed on those days.**

## F. Which documents should be sent with the pigeons?

The following documents must be delivered alongside the pigeons:

- Pedigrees + Ownership certificates.
- Newcastle Disease vaccination statement (specifying the vaccine used and the date it was administered).

## G. Miscellaneous

- All pigeons are banded with electronic leg bands.
- The Portuguese Pigeon Fanciers Federation (FPC) will keep information updated at [http://mira.fpcolumbofilia.pt/?page\\_id=889](http://mira.fpcolumbofilia.pt/?page_id=889)
- All participating pigeons are considered property of the FPC, which will have authority to decide about their future.
- The trainings and final race dates, as well as the corresponding distances, may be changed according to weather conditions or other circumstances of force majeure.
- The organisation accepts no liability for loss of pigeons, accident or illness that prevents their participation in trainings or in the final race. There shall be no refund of registration fees.
- Should any pigeon suffer an accident or die during the adduction period, the owners will be notified by the organisation for possible replacement up to the 31th May, without extra cost.
- The registration fee is paid upon delivery of the pigeons to the loft.

## H. Processing of personal data

- For the purpose of registration and participation in the international championships, the Portuguese Racing Pigeon Federation (Mira Center, Rua do Matadouro, 2nd floor, rooms 208-210, Valeirinha, 3070-436 Mira; [privacidade@fpcolumbofilia.pt](mailto:privacidade@fpcolumbofilia.pt)) collects and processes the following data: Name of the team, name of the fancier who owns the team, complete address, country, email, mobile phone number, IBAN, number of the ring and name of the registered pigeon.
- The data referred to in the previous point are collected and processed in order to manage the enrollment in races and championships, the control of classifications, the payment of prizes, the sending of diplomas/trophies and for communication regarding championships and the evolution of pigeons in competition.

- Data relating to the name of the team/ fancier to which the team belongs, location (in the case of Portuguese participants), country, ring number and name of the registered pigeon will be publicly disclosed on the Portuguese Racing Pigeon Federation website for publicizing the participating pigeons, the basketing lists, the participating teams, the performance of the pigeons and the classifications obtained. The processing of this data is based, therefore, on the need to comply with the legal obligations that the FPC is subject to, namely inherent to its public utility status, the exercise of public administrative functions arising from the sports public utility status and because it is absolutely necessary to the legitimate interest pursued by the FPC, as a sports federation endowed with public utility and sports public utility status, whose function is to promote and regulate pigeon sport, as well as organize sports competitions.
- Bearing in mind the essentiality of the data in question for the aforementioned purposes, if you do not want us to process your data, you will not be able to register for international championships.
- Your data will be kept for a period of 10 years or longer when required by the legislation.
- Under the terms of the General Regulation on Data Protection, the holders of personal data have, under the terms and conditions set out therein, the right to request the person responsible for processing access to personal data concerning them, and rectification or erasure ( when any of the reasons provided for in the RGPD apply), or the limitation of processing with regard to the data subject (if any of the situations provided for in the RGPD apply), and the right to object to the treatment (in the cases provided for in the RGPD ), as well as the right to data portability (under the terms and conditions defined by law). If, for any reason, the processing of data is based on consent, the data subject has the right to withdraw his consent at any time, without compromising the lawfulness of the treatment carried out based on the previously given consent.
- The data subject has the right, at any time, to submit a complaint to the supervisory and control authority: the National Data Protection Commission (CNPD).
- If you wish to exercise any of the aforementioned rights, you must contact us in writing, via email [privacidade@fpcolumbofilia.pt](mailto:privacidade@fpcolumbofilia.pt) or by letter sent to the Portuguese Racing Pigeon Federation.
- Any changes to this privacy policy will be published on the Portuguese Racing Pigeon Federation website.
- The Portuguese Racing Pigeon Federation uses One Loft Racing hardware and software produced by the company Gantner Pigeon Systems GmbH (commonly known as BENZING), based at Batloggstrasse 36, 6780 Schruns, Österreich, phone: +43 5556 20620 / email: [info@benzing.cc](mailto:info@benzing.cc) / Website: <https://benzing.cc/>;
- Data relating to the name of the team/fancier to which the team belongs, location (in the case of Portuguese participants), country, number of the ring and name of the registered pigeon will be communicated to the company Gantner Pigeon Systems GmbH and will be publicly disclosed on the website of the Benzing One Loft Race along with the obtained rankings;
- Upon written and express consent, the Portuguese Racing Pigeon Federation may also provide Gantner Pigeon Systems GmbH with the mobile number, email and/or complete

address of the participants in the championships, data that may be used by that company for the purposes of commercial communications. For this purpose, the interested pigeon fancier must make such a request to the Portuguese Racing Pigeon Federation.

### IMPORTANT NOTES:

- Any pigeon owner who has not sent, up to 8 days before the final race, the ownership certificate and/or pedigree, or whose pedigree does not correctly identify the pigeon's origin, the fancier will not be entitled to any reimbursement in the amount of the sale of their pigeons in auction.
- All participants must provide their mobile phone number upon registration, so that we can send via text message relevant information regarding pigeons' progress in the competition.
- Pigeons participating in the World Championship, World Youth Championship, Europe Championship, Europe Youth Championship, the A.I.L.A.C. Championship, the National Champions League and the National Youth Championship can be activated to compete in the FCI Portugal Grand Prix, by paying a registration fee (one hundred and fifty euros per pigeon), up to two days before the 1st Hotspot.
- **If a pigeon participates in the World and World Youth championship, in the European Championship or the European Youth Championship, the regulations of those championships regarding the participation prize – auction (percentage of auction) will prevail.**
- The amount shown in the tables (PRIZE MONEY) is subject to the legal taxes.

# FCI Grand Prix of Portugal 2026

## 1. Conditions of Participation

- The Event is open to the participation of Portuguese and foreign pigeon fanciers, and pigeons must have an FCI ring.

## 2. Registration

- 2.1. The registration fee is €150 (one hundred and fifty euros) per pigeon;
- 2.2. Each team will be composed of 6 pigeons, pigeons nº 1, nº 2, nº 3 and nº 4 (ACTIVE) competing for all competitions and prizes in dispute, and pigeons nº 5 and nº6 (RESERVE).
- 2.3. The 4 ACTIVE pigeons are described in the registration form as A1, A2, A3, A4, and the 2 RESERVE pigeons of each team are described in the registration form as R1 and R2;
- 2.4. When registration forms are not received properly filled out and not mentioning information on the order of the pigeons, the MIRA organization will register the pigeons in ascending order of the number of rings;
- 2.5. For each team (4 active + 2 reserve) the value is 600 euros;
- 2.6. Should there be multiple team participations, each team must be identified (team A, team B...);
- 2.7. Pigeon fanciers may group together and choose a team name;
- 2.8. Upon registration, the following must be provided:
  - 2.8.1. → Bank details for the remittance of any awards;
  - 2.8.2. → Telephone contacts and email to send relevant information regarding your pigeons during their participation in the Grand Prix.
- 2.9. Registration can be paid in cash (up to a limit of 1,000 euros for IRS or IRC taxpayers with organized accounting or up to a limit of 3,000 euros for natural persons resident in Portugal without organized accounting). Registration may also be paid by bank transfer with transfer fees paid by the sender;
- 2.10. Transfer of pigeons between teams is not allowed;
- 2.11. RESERVE pigeons participate with prizes up to the 4th Hotspot. In the semifinal and final, only ACTIVATED pigeons are entitled to prizes;
- 2.12. Whenever any of the 4 ACTIVE pigeons of a team is lost at the time of basketing for the semifinal, the RESERVE pigeon(s) become(s) ACTIVE automatically in order of the entry form, first R1 then R2. If the lost pigeon returns after the semifinal, it becomes a RESERVE pigeon;
- 2.13. Pigeon fanciers can activate the RESERVE pigeons of their team(s) for the semifinal and final until **3 days before the semifinal**, upon payment of €150 per pigeon;

- 2.14. RESERVE pigeons that are not activated by the owners, participate in the semifinal, but without the right to prizes;
- 2.15. The pigeons not activated under the terms of 2.13 can be activated by third parties (anyone) to participate in the final. The person who activates the pigeons has full rights over the prizes won from this date;
- 2.16. The price of each registration/activation per RESERVE pigeon will be 150 euros.
- 2.17. Activations are carried out by email to be sent to [ruirepas@fpcolumbofilia.pt](mailto:ruirepas@fpcolumbofilia.pt), with the pigeon identification to be activated, with proof of bank transfer and with the name, email, country and IBAN of the fancier on behalf of which the pigeon is activated;
- 2.18. Requests for activation of reserve pigeons will be listed in order of arrival of the request to the email and are only valid after the money has entered the bank account;
- 2.19. All pigeons not activated will not be basketed for the final, reverting the entire revenue of the auction in favour of the Portuguese Racing Pigeon Federation.

#### **Bank Details**

"SANTANDER TOTTA" BANK [Fernão Magalhães - Coimbra]

NIB: 0018 0001 0020 1825 8075 2

IBAN: PT50 0018 0001 0020 1825 8075 2

BIC: TOTAPTPL

### **3. Rankings and Awards**

The final race will be considered closed when 25% of the pigeons entered have arrived. If after the first day the race is not closed, it will be closed on the second day, no later than 8 p.m., even if less than 25% of the pigeons entered have arrived, unless otherwise indicated by the FCI.

The prize tables apply to a minimum participation of 4,300 active pigeons with paid registration. If the number of pigeons with paid registration is less than 4,300, the prizes will be recalculated proportionally.

#### **3.1 Overall Individual Ranking**

- Individual ranking will be assigned for the **4 hotspots, semi-final and final race**;
- **"Hotspots"** are considered the four official trainings with a distance greater than 100 km before the **semi-final**;
- The **semi-final** is the longest training before the final race.

### 3.1.1 Ranking - Hotspots

- In each hotspot, a cash prize will be assigned to the first five rankings according to the following award chart:

<b>Prize table (Based on 4300 paid pigeons)</b>				
<b>Class.</b>	<b>Hotspot 1</b>	<b>Hotspot 2</b>	<b>Hotspot 3</b>	<b>Hotspot 4</b>
1	3 000 €	3 000 €	3 000 €	3 000 €
2	2 000 €	2 000 €	2 000 €	2 000 €
3	1 000 €	1 000 €	1 000 €	1 000 €
4	500 €	500 €	500 €	500 €
5	250 €	250 €	250 €	250 €

(Gross amount prizes)

### 3.1.2 Ranking - Semi-Final

<b>Prize table (Based on 4300 paid pigeons)</b>	
<b>Class.</b>	<b>Semi-final</b>
1	5 000 €
2	4 000 €
3	3 000 €
4	2 000 €
5	1 000 €

(Gross amount prizes).

### 3.1.3 Ranking - Final Race

<b>Prize table (Based on 4300 paid pigeons)</b>	
<b>Class.</b>	<b>Final</b>
1	50 000 €
2	25 000 €
3	15 000 €
4	10 000 €
5	8 000 €
6 <sup>o</sup> - 10 <sup>o</sup>	4 000 €
11 <sup>o</sup> - 50 <sup>o</sup>	1 000 €
51 <sup>o</sup> - 100 <sup>o</sup>	500 €
101 <sup>o</sup> - 150 <sup>o</sup>	250 €
151 <sup>o</sup> - 300 <sup>o</sup>	<b>1 free Pigeon 2027</b>

(Gross amount prizes).

### 3.2 Ace Pigeon Ranking

- Ranking shall be decided **by the sum of the averages** attained in **trainings exceeding 100 km + the final race**;
- All pigeons not ranked in the final race shall be excluded from the Ace Pigeon ranking;
- If there is a tie, the pigeon attaining the best ranking in the final race shall take precedence;
- Ace Pigeon provisional rankings shall be disclosed training-by-training;
- Reserve pigeons only participate in the Ace pigeon classification if they are activated under the terms referred to in point 2. The prize is received by the person who has activated the pigeon.

#### 3.2.1 Ace Pigeon Ranking Awards

Prize table (Based on 4300 paid pigeons)	
Class.	Pombo Ás
1	8 000 €
2	6 000 €
3	4 000 €
4	2 000 €
5	1 000 €

(Gross amount prizes)

### 3.3 Team Ranking

- All teams registered for the FCI Grand Prix of Portugal participate in this ranking;
- All pigeons from the initially registered teams (Active and Reserves) count for this classification up to the four hotspot and, in the semifinal and final, only the pigeons activated by the holder of the initially registered teams.
- The winning team is the one that attains the sum of highest averages obtained by the first 2 pigeons of the team in the trainings performed greater than 100 km and in the final race;
- If there is a tie, the winner shall be the team that gets the lowest sum of rankings won by their best 2 pigeons in the final race. If the tie persists, the team with the highest-ranked pigeon wins.

#### 3.3.1 Team Ranking Awards

- The top 5 teams will be awarded a trophy and a diploma.

### 3.4 Participation awards – Auction

All pigeons shall be auctioned after the final race.

The pigeon fancier shall be given a participation award equivalent to 50 % of the amount paid for their activated bird, less current taxes, provided that:

- The pigeon reaches a minimum value of 150,00 euros at auction.
- The FPC has its pedigree and ownership certificate in hand at least 8 days before the final race.

**If a pigeon participates in the World and World Youth Championship, in the European Championship or the European Youth Championship, the regulations of those championships regarding the participation prize – auction (percentage of auction 25%) will prevail.**

**Any pigeon owner who has not sent, up to 8 days before the final race, the ownership certificate and/or pedigree, or whose pedigree does not correctly identify the pigeon's origin, the fancier will not be entitled to any reimbursement in the amount of the sale of their pigeons in auction.**

### 3.5 Tax procedures relating to the payment of monetary prizes

**To avoid double taxation, we indicate below the two possible ways of paying the prizes:**

#### **Beneficiaries with tax residence in Portugal**

Following formal notification of the award, beneficiaries have 30 days to submit to the Federação Portuguesa de Columbofilia the tax-relevant documents required for payment, namely invoice, receipt, or independent act.

If the documentation is not submitted within this period, the Federation will apply withholding tax at the legal rate in force, remitting the amount to the Autoridade Tributária e Aduaneira. The remaining amount will be paid after validation of the submitted documents.

Beneficiaries have an additional 15 days to provide their Tax Identification Number (NIF) and IBAN, essential for the payment to be executed. Failure to provide these elements within the additional period will result in the beneficiary losing the right to the prize.

#### **Beneficiaries with tax residence outside Portugal**

Following formal notification of the award, beneficiaries with tax residence outside Portugal have 30 days to submit to the Federation:

- A valid tax residence certificate;
- The Modelo 21-RFI form duly completed and certified by the competent tax authorities.

If these documents are not submitted within the indicated period, the Federation will apply withholding tax at the legal rate in force, remitting the amount to the Autoridade Tributária e Aduaneira.

Non-resident beneficiaries have an additional 15 days to provide their VAT / TIN, IBAN, and SWIFT code, essential for the payment to be executed. Failure to provide these elements within the additional period will result in the beneficiary losing the right to the prize.

#### 4. Trainings Calendar - Final Race

- The trainings Calendar shall be posted in good time on the FPC website ([http://mira.fpcolumbofilia.pt/?page\\_id=889](http://mira.fpcolumbofilia.pt/?page_id=889)).
- Date of final race: 26th of September 2026;
- Distance: +- 400 km.

#### 5. Summary table of the most important dates

Between April 1 to May 31, 2026	Pigeon reception period.
Until May 31, 2025	Replacement of the pigeon(s) in case of loss during the admission period
Until 3 days before the semifinal	Limit date for activation of pigeons reserved for the semi-final and final by the pigeon fanciers who initially registered them.
Until 3 days before the final race	The pigeons not activated by the owners, in the semifinal and final, can be activated by third parties (anyone) to participate in the final
Until 8 days before the final race	Limite date to send the pedigree and ownership certificate in hand under penalty of loss of prizes
September 26, 2026	Final race