

Guidelines and Information

Minnesota Invitational Series Concourse

Loft Registration

Each flyer needs to read and understand the information on the Loft Registration link located on the Liberation Page and the MIS Home Page. The Twin City Concourse has adopted the Loft Registration and Certification Program of the American Racing Pigeon Union. All members shipping on the Twin City Concourse trailer are to be loft certified as stated in the Twin City Bylaws Article IV, Section 4. The Minnesota Board of Animal Health has endorsed this program as a means of stopping the spread of disease and is recommended to help keep your birds healthy. All lofts shipping on the Twin City Concourse trailer must be Loft Certified and submit a copy of the Certificate issued by the AU to the trucker. The Certificates will be kept in the truck cab filed with each club. The Minnesota Board of Animal Health has said you are welcome to release pigeons in Minnesota if you are Loft Certified.

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- 1.) Description:** An Invitational Series of races sponsored by the Twin City Concourse Association, Inc. under the provision provided by AU Race Rule 7.00.
- 2.) Objective:** To provide an opportunity to the Clubs who have their birds transported on the Twin City Concourse trailer to compete against a larger level of competition locally and nationally. This also allows everyone to ship at a more affordable price.
- 3.) Fees:** There are no fees to be a member of the MIS.
- 4.) Competitors:** The Twin City Concourse Association, Inc. member Clubs and the following Clubs are invited to compete. Gopher State Racers, Mid-Minnesota, North Star, Rochester, Red River Valley Flyers, Crow River Flyers, Minnesota River Bend, Lake City Racing, Great Plains Flyers and any other out-state Club wishing to participate may do so by contacting the Twin City Concourse. All Competitors and Clubs within 35 miles of the Minnesota State Fairgrounds GPS point, N44' 58.657", W 093' 10.397", must be a member of the Twin City Concourse Association, Inc. to compete.
- 5.) Liberators:** The Twin City Concourse Association, Inc. Liberators will liberate the races. The Twin City Concourse Association, Inc. reserves the right to hold the liberation at the Midwest National Topeka Classic Race if weather conditions are poor.

- 6.) **MIS Race Secretary:** The MIS Race Secretary shall be the Twin City Concourse Race Secretary, for 2018 that person is Dean Schultz. Contact Dean at schultzloft@gmail.com.
- 7.) **Race Committee:** The Race Committee will consist of the Race Secretaries of the Twin City Concourse Association, Inc. member clubs. Their rulings are final.
- 8.) **Shipping Costs:** For the Des Moines, Lamoni and Norfolk stations the charge is \$1.00 per bird. All other stations will be \$1.50 per bird. There is a Loft fee of \$2.00 per loft per weekend and a stop and pickup charge of \$10.00 per weekend. All birds must be shipped to the race on the Twin City Concourse Association, Inc. trailer.
- 9.) **Shipping form:** Print off and fill out the Shipping Form completely on the MIS Home page for the race every week. Deliver the Shipping Form to the truck driver when the birds are picked up. This will make it much easier for the Twin City Concourse Secretary/Treasurer to bill for the race. Include a copy of the entry sheet for each flyer entering the race each week and give it to the trucker with the shipping form.
- 10.) **Race Rules:** The AU and Twin City Concourse Race Rules will prevail. The Des Moines, Lamoni and Norfolk race stations are Specials. These races will stand alone and not be a part of any Average Speed for the Series.
- 11.) **Sections:** Sections will be determined by the new Iola, Iowa GPS. South Section will be 474.999 miles and under, North Section will be 475.000 miles and up. Lofts will remain in the same section for all races.
- 12.) **Schedule:** The shipping and race dates are listed on the Twin City Concourse Race Schedule found on the Liberation page. Please take note of date changes.
- 13.) **Awards:** Overall and Section Race Reports will be compiled by the Minnesota Invitational Series Race Secretary. Results will be posted on the www.twincityconcourse.com website MIS Home page. Overall and Section diplomas will be awarded at the end of the season. Overall diplomas will be awarded on Des Moines, Lamoni and Norfolk race stations. Overall and section Average Speed diplomas will be given at the end of the season. Races included in average speed will be 2 races from Topeka, 2 races from Iola and 1 race from Braman. Clubs and lofts that do not ship all five races are out of average speed. Overall and Section results will be submitted to the AU National Database.
- 14.) **Club Responsibilities:**
 - a. The current version of Winspeed software must be used. Check with the AU at www.pigeon.org for the current version.
 - b. Those lofts who fail to clock must be entered into Winspeed as **no reports**. This is the only way to have correct loft and bird totals on race reports.
 - c. All competitors must be AU members and have correct ID numbers entered into Winspeed. The National Database will not accept results without a correct ID number.

- d. A backup copy of your Clubs database must be e-mailed to Dean Schultz at schultzloft@gmail.com by noon Saturday following the race. Any Club showing a pattern of delays will be omitted from the results.
- e. It is very important that no changes are made with names or loft names once the series is started. If you make a change it will lock up the Series database. Contact the Race Secretary if you feel you have to make a change.
- f. Do not send shipping fees to Dean Schultz. You will be billed by the Twin City Concourse Secretary/Treasurer.
- g. Please remove any flyers that are not flying in your club from the database before the new flying year. If flyers happen to show up in two different Club databases it will lock up the merge.

2018 Minnesota Invitational Series Concourse and Twin City Concourse Race Secretary
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