

## **The New Minnesota Invitational Series for 2020**

2020 has brought new challenges to the world with the introduction of Covid 19 into our lives. When we originally made plans for the 2020 MIS series we could not have envisioned where we find ourselves today. New challenges require adaptation and new solutions to move forward in this ever changing world. We have all made changes to our lives and will continue to do so, the world as we knew it will be forever changed since January 1, 2020. There is no reason we cannot race pigeons in a safe, lawful and respectful manner. We leave it up to each club to institute a plan to be respectful of each individual at your club shipping location. We expect you to practice social distancing and best practices of personal protection and hygiene for yourselves and the pigeons. We expect AU standards to be practiced requiring a minimum of 3 flyers from 3 different addresses present at shipping and figuring.

### **Race Rules**

- 1. The contact person and MIS Race Secretary for 2020 is Don Lowe.** If you are a non-Twin City Concourse Club and bringing your crates to central pickup you must notify Don by phone call or text that you are shipping each week. **Don's cell 763-568-2942.**
- 2. All races will be figured using e-winspeed.**
- 3. All Classic crates must be marked with RED tape and placed in Classic section.**
- Race fees for 2020 will be \$20.00 per loft each week and for each race station you fly on the 2 weeks we have double races.
- Classis Race from 100 to 300 miles will be limited to 5 birds per loft. Open Race limited to 25 birds for the \$20.00, additional birds shipped to the Open Race will be charged \$2.00 per bird.
- For the 1<sup>st</sup> Race shipped Friday, May 8, 2020 the \$2.00 fee will be waived.
- Slots in the trailer will be modified to hold Federation crates. Federation crates must be supplied with waterers that are attached to the crates.
- All Clubs must deliver the Club shipping sheet filled out and a copy of each flyers entry list to the driver on shipping night.
- All Clubs will be billed at the end of Old Birds.

## **All Clubs delivering to central pickup**

1. Trailer will be available to receive crates at the Salvation Army parking lot on County Road B2 W between Prior Ave N and the Post Office between 5:00 and 9:00 pm on shipping night. Please refer to the Race Schedule on [twincityconcourse.com](http://twincityconcourse.com)
2. Clubs from outside the Twin City Area are not required to have 2 or more flyers deliver the birds however arrangements should be made in advance for help loading the crates if you send 1 driver.
3. Only 1 Club at a time will be allowed at the trailer to maintain limited individual exposure and social distancing. We want minimal contact with the driver.
4. Federation crates will not fit through the door at the rear of the trailer so the must be loaded from the outside. They may be slid through the bottom slot and then placed in the rack.
5. Driver must leave at 9:00 pm on the 300 mile races.
6. All Clubs need to be AU Loft Certified and practicing Loft Bio-Security. A copy of the AU Loft Certification Certificate should be given to the driver. Loft Certification for every loft is to be reviewed every 2 years by the club Health Officer and certified the flyer is compliant. If you are not currently Loft Certified you need to work on getting compliant but may still ship. Au Certification is free and may be necessary to cross borders in the future.

## **Clubs South of the Twin Cities**

1. Each week you are flying you must notify our driver **Tom Hart 952-240-0503** to arrange for pickup. This is necessary for coordination of time and location so you are not missed.
2. Give the driver all required paperwork each week.
3. There is a \$10.00 charge for pickup and a \$10.00 charge for drop-off of crates on the way back.
4. Make arrangements to get your crates off the trailer weekly.

## **Liberation**

1. We have the ability to move shipping ahead 1 day or delay it due to weather on short races 100 to 300 miles. Every effort will be made to get the work out 24 hours in advance. Shipping long races should not need to be changed.
2. On the 2 weeks that we have double races in the event of bad weather the 200 mile Ankeny release may need to be canceled since we cannot delay too long to get to the long station. Be proactive and watch for updates.
3. Liberation will be Twin City Concourse Liberators.
4. Information will be posted on Facebook. Our intent was not to use our website for liberation information however; the webmaster may post it due to our current circumstances. Please be courteous and patient as we determine the best way to notify you.

**We are committed to making this work!**

**We will all be reassessing everything for 2021.**

**Thank You**