

# Regulation

**FCI European Championship**  
**FCI European Youth Championship**



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## General Conditions to be applied to all competitions Mira 2026

### 1. 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 the FCI European countries.
- **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.

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

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

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

At the time of delivery, the pigeons should not be younger than 30 days nor older than 60 days.

### 4. 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).

## 5. 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 are closed on those days.**

## 6. 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).

## 7. 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 May 31, without extra cost.

## 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 pigeons

origin, shall be penalised in 50 % of the value of any awards won in the various competitions participated in and shall 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, in the European Championship, European 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.
- **The prize money is subject to the legal taxes.**

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

**Non-Portuguese residents who wish to pay taxes in their country of origin**

- It is **mandatory** to send your tax residence certificate and MOD. 21 – RFI.

Please note that the MOD. 21 - RFI is only valid if it is accompanied by the Tax Residence Certificate.

**Non-Portuguese residents who wish to pay tax in Portugal**

- Must send an email to [ruirepas@fpcolumbofilia.pt](mailto:ruirepas@fpcolumbofilia.pt) clearly stating that you wish to be taxed in Portugal (at a rate of 25%) and receive the net amount (value of the prize minus 25% tax). Must send also the MOD. 21 – RFI.

In both cases you should send your bank details (IBAN and BIC) so that we can pay the prizes.

## 8. 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.

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# FCI European Championship

## Conditions of Participation

1. The European Championship is open to the participation of national teams belonging to the European Federations registered with the FCI.
2. Each national team shall have a maximum of 30 pigeons, with 2026 leg bands.
3. Pigeons participating in the European Championship can be activated to compete in the FCI Portugal Grand Prix, by paying the registration fee (one hundred and fifty euros per pigeon), up to two days before the 1st Hotspot.
4. Each national federation will have to pay the Portuguese Pigeon Federation the amount of 30 euros per pigeon for registration in the European Championship.

## Rankings:

### The following rankings shall be applied:

- a. Individual Ranking
- b. Ranking by country  
→ Sum of the average of the three best pigeons in the final race
- c. 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.

### Closure of rankings:

In the final race, the race ends when 25% of the basketed pigeons arrive. If 25% of the pigeons do not arrive on the day of the race, the race will run until 8 pm the next day, unless otherwise stated by FCI.

## Prizes:

Individual Ranking / Ace Pigeon / Countries:

- 1st place - Trophy + Diploma
- 2nd place - Trophy + Diploma
- 3rd place - Trophy + Diploma

Participation Diplomas shall be awarded to all pigeon fanciers members of the participating countries' national teams

## Monetary Awards

The total revenue from the European Championship is made up of the registration fees for this Championship (30 euros per pigeon). 50% of this amount will be to the organization, 5% to the FCI and 45% will be to prizes, distributed as follows:

- 20% for individual ratings. Of this 20%, 50% will be awarded to the 1st runner-up (pigeon fancier), 30% to the 2nd runner-up (pigeon fancier) and 20% to the 3rd runner-up (pigeon fancier);
- 20% for country rankings. Of this 20%, the 1st ranked federation will be awarded 50%, the 2nd ranked federation will be awarded 30% and the 3rd ranked federation will be awarded 20%;
- 5% to the 1st place winner of the Ace Pigeon (pigeon fancier).

All amounts will be subject to legal taxes.

## Important Notes

When sending the pigeons, the following must be provided:

→ Telephone contacts and email to send relevant information regarding pigeons during their participation in the championship.

→ Your photo, in JPG format, so that the FPC can display on the website key results achieved in trainings and the final race.

## 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.

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# FCI European Youth Championship

## Conditions of Participation

1. The European Youth Championship is open to the participation of national teams belonging to the European Federations registered with the FCI;
2. The fanciers from the national teams must be between 14 and 25 years old.
3. Each national team shall have a maximum of 15 active pigeons, with 2026 leg bands.
4. Each national federation must send the following documents to the organizer:
  - a) Proof of the young pigeon fanciers age;
  - b) Proof that the young pigeon fancier is a valid member of the respective federation.
  - c) Declaration issued by the national federation or by the club participating in competitions.
5. Pigeons participating in the European Youth Championship can be activated to compete in the FCI Portugal Grand Prix, by paying the registration fee (one hundred and fifty euros per pigeon), up to two days before the 1st Hotspot.
6. Each national federation will have to pay the Portuguese Pigeon Federation the amount of 30 euros per pigeon for registration in the European Youth Championship.

## Rankings:

### The following rankings shall be applied:

- a. Individual Ranking
- b. Ranking by country
  - Sum of the average of the three best pigeons in the final race
- c. 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.

### Closure of rankings:

In the final race, the race ends when 25% of the basketed pigeons arrive. If 25% of the pigeons do not arrive on the day of the race, the race will run until 8 pm the next day, unless otherwise stated by FCI.

## Prizes:

Individual Ranking / Ace Pigeon / Countries:

- 1st place - Trophy + Diploma
- 2nd place - Trophy + Diploma
- 3rd place - Trophy + Diploma

Participation Diplomas shall be awarded to all pigeon fancier's members of the participating countries' national teams

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The total revenue from the European Youth Championship is made up of the registration fees for this Championship (30 euros per pigeon). 50% of this amount will be to the organization, 5% to the FCI and 45% will be to prizes, distributed as follows:

- 20% for individual ratings. Of this 20%, 50% will be awarded to the 1st runner-up (pigeon fancier), 30% to the 2nd runner-up (pigeon fancier) and 20% to the 3rd runner-up (pigeon fancier);
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- 5% to the 1st place winner of the Ace Pigeon (pigeon fancier).

All amounts will be subject to legal taxes.

## Participation prizes - auction:

All pigeons that arrive in the final race will be auctioned. The pigeon owner will be awarded a participation prize equivalent to 25% of the value generated by their pigeon, value subject to legal taxes.

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- Date of final race: 26th of September 2026
- Distance: +- 400 km.



## About MIRA City



Surrounded by forest, where the wild pine predominates, the acacias and the Portuguese Crowberry, a specific flora that formerly helped to secure the dunes, Mira is situated in the Central region, little more than 30 kilometres from the Porto-Lisbon highway (Mealhada loop), 40 kilometres from Coimbra, 100 kilometres from the city of Porto and 240 kilometres from Lisbon.



The district is best known for the Beach of Mira, a coastal village surrounded by a protected area, the Mira Dunes National Forest, and that has been becoming popular as a holiday resort for those who want a more tranquil spot.



The Beach of Mira nestles between the dunes and the Atlantic Ocean, on one side, and the calm waters of the Barrinha Lake (A good spot for boat trips, swimming and for some water sports) on the other side, and is proud of its traditional fishing vessels, brightly painted and with high prows.



Adepts at sport fishing will find a wide choice here: barbels, carp and catfish in the rivers, and sargos, snapper and mullet in the sea.

As it is natural, the regional gastronomy is based on the excellent fresh fish and the abundance and variety of shellfish.



**It is these smaller scale worlds that  
we invite you to explore!**

