

THE BRITISH BARCELONA CLUB

This organisation shall be called THE BRITISH BARCELONA CLUB, with its headquarters at 133 Laundry Road, Shirley Warren, Southampton, Hampshire, SO16 6AR. The lofts of all members must be situated within THE BRITISH ISLES and should a member remove his loft to a place outside the area, so defined, his competitive membership shall cease.

RULES

Club Rules

Rules as per R.P.R.A Standard Rules.

1. The object of The Club is to organise The longest old bird race from Spain each year.

2. MEMBERS ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION: The Committee shall be empowered to set the cost of the annual subscription but must give the membership not less than six months notice of an increase in cost of annual subscription. The entrance fee for New Members will be £5.

3. The entire management of the club shall be vested in the Management Committee, five to form a quorum who shall have power to add to their number and fill up any vacancies that may occur.

4. The Management Committee shall consist of the President, Vice Presidents, Chairman and a number of members who shall be elected at the A.G.M.

5. The Committee reserve the right to refuse any member admission to the Club if they deem they are justified in refusing admission, and may suspend any member who wilfully violates the rules of the Club.

6. Members withdrawing from the Club forfeit all right to his property. Members being suspended from the Club forfeit all claims to prizes, pools, entry fees and property.

7. Applications for membership must be made in writing and shall be accompanied by the first annual subscription.

8. Loft locations (Longitude and Latitude) must be forwarded to the Secretary with the application for membership. The Secretary MUST be informed of any changes that occur, before you compete in ANY race. These changes may be verified by the Secretary or his/her representative.

9. The Club will organise an old and young bird race programme annually from race points and on dates determined by the Management Committee mindful of the vast differential in distances flown by members, excluding the longest OB

race which will be from Barcelona and flown in conjunction with the Barcelona International race. Young Birds flown may have any R.P.R.A approved rings.

10. The A.G.M is to be held in November or December in each year. The dinner to be held in November in each year.

11. All members distances will be obtained by the Secretary.

12. The Club will organise at least one old bird race, to be flown in conjunction with a young bird race. Such races are to be self-supporting and not included in the averages. The number of diploma's awarded to be decided by the Committee.

13. Publication in the fancy press of race results, alterations to the rules or regulations, shall be deemed notice to all members.

14. Officers and members of the Committee shall notify the Secretary, in the event of illness, preventing non-attendance at a meeting of the Committee. Absence without notification for two consecutive meetings of the Committee, excluding the Annual General Meeting, shall bring about automatic resignation from the Committee.

15. The Committee shall have the power to adjust section boundaries should they feel them necessary and in the interest of the members to which they are applicable.

16. No competitors to share the same Basket or Container and that NO Cardboard Boxes be allowed EXCEPT those provided by and delivered by Courier Service and ONLY by prior arrangement with the Secretary.

17. That a diploma to be known as "The Spanish Diploma" be awarded to a member, who times in the same bird, in race time, three times in all, in the Club's longest Old Bird race flown from Spain. To receive this award members MUST CLAIM and with their claim they must forward on to the Secretary four photographs suitable for reproduction onto the Diploma and for sending on to the fancy press along with the following

information. Full RING NUMBER of the bird raced by him/her, the RACEPOINTS and DATES, positions won in SECTION and OPEN, the DISTANCES FLOWN, VELOCITIES recorded, and the total number of birds entered in SECTION and OPEN in each of the races concerned.

18. Life Vice Presidents may be appointed at the discretion of the Management Committee in recognition of service to the Club. Life Vice Presidents will not be required to pay membership fee's and will not be deemed to be a member of the Management Committee by virtue of their Life Vice Presidency. They may however hold positions in addition to being a Life Vice President.

19. Travel expenses will be paid to Committee members attending Committee meetings, excluding the AGM and Committee meetings held prior to the AGM. When more than one Committee member travels together by car, only the driver to claim expenses. The Committee to set the expenses rate.