

## NATIONAL FLYING CLUB – PRESS RELEASE 23 OCTOBER 2023

Having taken into account the feedback from NFC fanciers to the original press release on 5<sup>th</sup> October, The Management Committee thank you for your input and offer clarification on some points raised.



### Postal Entries

Unfortunately, the Royal Mail is becoming less reliable, with many Postal Race Entries being received late, and others being received days after the race occurred, so bearing this in mind:

- Postal Race Entries will still be taken but must be received by the Friday prior to marking for all races except Tarbes, where the deadline will be the Thursday prior to marking. Please post early to allow for any postal delays and use First Class post. Please note we do not get a Saturday delivery unless it's a Special Delivery by 1pm.

### Online and Phone Entries

- Race Entries can be made using the website, closing Sunday at 5.00pm prior to the marking day for all races except Tarbes, which will be Thursday midnight.
- Race Entries can also be made by phone to Jill Webber with a card payment, closing Sunday at noon, prior to the marking day for all races except Tarbes which will be Thursday 4.00pm.

Should we have more entries than we can comfortably accommodate in one lorry, with only a few crates needed to be placed on the second lorry, we may contact our larger team senders and ask them to reduce their entries, thus impacting only our larger team fanciers, the intention being that all members are able to enter.

The first race in 2023 was well supported and sending two lorries was commercially viable.

However, with the reduction in the number of birds on the second race, that was where it became uneconomical to send a second lorry, but we were marginally over the one lorry capacity, so had to do so.

### Marking Stations

All ten Marking Stations will be open: Sheffield, Leyland, Congleton, Alverley, Bristol, Wales, Kingsteignton, Steventon, Saffron Walden and Portsmouth.

Portsmouth is seeking a new I/C as Justin Bernard is stepping down due to work commitments. The NFC wish to thank him for his hard work over the years.

### Birdage

Following two years of Cross Channel Racing and an understanding of the costs associated, as summarised by our Treasurer, Stephen Beardmore, the combination of reduced birdage charges, auction sale proceeds and reserves, to fund the races, along with significantly cutting Prize Money, is untenable.

The Race Programme must be self-supporting.

The recommended birdage for 2024 is:

- The first three races and the YB/OH race to be £6.00 per bird,
- £8.00 per bird Sigogne,
- £10.00 per bird Tarbes.