

**NORTH OF ENGLAND HOMING UNION**  
**FUTURITY RACE 2024 RULES**  
**RACE POINT FOLKSTONE 21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER.**  
**Marking stations GREENSIDE, SPENNYMOOR,HORDEN ,STOCKTON**

1. This event will be known as “The North of England Homing Union Futurity Race” and will be organised by the North of England Homing Union (NEHU).
2. Entry into the Futurity Race shall be open to birds carrying Futurity (FUT) rings issued by the NEHU for the race of that year.
3. Each bird shall be permitted to carry only one FUT ring.
4. Rings may be purchased by NEHU members and fanciers outside the NEHU who members of a bona fide organisation are.
5. Each ring will cost £10.00. No partnership may purchase more than 20 rings.
- 5.1 **Breeder/Buyer**  
200 rings will be made available (1 to 200) and sold via the NEHU office. The cost of these rings will be £5.00  
All breeder/buyer rings must be entered into a breeder/buyer sale to be activated. For main race £5.00 from sale of each bird will be entered into the main race prize fund, other 2024 futurity birds are allowed to be entered into breeder buyer sales.
6. Ring sales will cease on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024
7. **Rings purchased by N.E.H.U. Members**
  - 7.1 Members purchasing rings may enter their bird directly into the race and/or into the Breeder/Buyer sales.
  - 7.2 Direct members of the NEHU who members of a Club are not may also participate.
  - 7.3 If a bird bearing a Futurity Ring is transferred from one NEHU member to another, other than at a Breeder/Buyer sale, the new owner may fly the bird in all races but not the 2024 Futurity Race.
8. **Rings Purchased by Fanciers outside of the NEHU**
  - 8.1 To participate in the 2024 Futurity Race, fanciers outside the NEHU purchasing rings must enter their birds into one of the Futurity Breeder/Buyers sales.  
*1.1 If unforeseen circumstances prevent any bird being presented at a Futurity Breeder/Buyer sale, the ring purchaser will be recorded in the NEHU system as the owner. The birds may fly as the owner wishes but will not be eligible for the NEHU futurity race.*
  - 8.2 At the Futurity Breeder/Buyer sales, only partnerships of the NEHU may purchase birds and will be restricted to buying a maximum of 10 birds per partnership.
  - 8.3 Should an NEHU partnership purchase a futurity sale pigeon bred by them, that purchase will count towards the maximum of 10 breeder/buyer purchases.
  - 8.4 In exceptional circumstances, e.g., if a sale is poorly attended, the Futurity Sub-Committee of the NEHU has the authority to allow additional purchases.  
*Note: the limits in rules 7 & 8 above mean that in normal circumstances, no partnership can have more than 30 entries, 20 rings purchased directly from the NEHU plus 10 others bought at Breeder/Buyer auctions.*
9. **Breeder/Buyer Sales**
  - 9.1 The entry of a bird at a Breeder/Buyer sale will be taken as consent for the ownership of the bird to be transferred to the purchaser. The NEHU will amend its record accordingly. The breeders will be notified who the new owners are.
  - 9.2 A bird sold at a breeder/buyer auction may only compete in the futurity race if flown by the purchaser.
  - 9.3 If a bird dies after being sold at auction the breeder shall have first choice to place the ring on another bird.
  - 9.4 All Breeder Buyer sales will be arranged.

**10. Prizes**

Any rings sold outside the NEHU all monies are allocated to the Open Ring Money Fund. The Breeder Buyer Fund is formed from the proceeds of the Breeder Buyer sales, this fund is not allocated into Sections.

Expenses will be deducted from each fund as appropriate with the remainder less 5% contribution to NEHU distributed as prizes.

- 10.1.1 All pigeons will compete for ring money open and section prizes.
- 10.1.2 Only pigeons from the sales will compete for the Breeder/Buyer Fund prizes.
- 10.1.3 The allocation of prizes from each of the funds, will be as below:

<b>Position</b>	<b>Share</b>
1st	25%
2nd	12%
3rd	10% 4th 5%
5th	2.98%
6th - 14th	2.78% each
15th - 30th	1.25% each

**Section Prizes**

To be determined by rings sales prorate per section. Split 40/30/20/10

**Section Pools** Split 40/30/20/10

**Open pools** split 40/30/20/10

- 10.1.4 All prizes awarded to a Breeder Buyer Pigeon will be shared between the Breeder and Buyer. The 50/50% split applies to the breeder buyer monies only and does not apply to Open/Section prize monies.

Band A - Border, Wansbeck, Coquetdale, Northumberland Premier, Tynemouth North, Newcastle West, New North Amal.

Band B - Mid Tyne, Northeast Counties, South Shields, Sunderland, Sunderland Premier

Band C - Gateshead, Houghton, Hetton, Shotton & Trimdon, Teesside, Tees Valley,

Band D - West Durham Amalgamation, Durham Combine

Band E - North York's, East Cleveland

Band F - Southeast Durham, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough & District

## 11. Pooling

- 11.1 There will be optional pools in Open and Section of 50p, £1, £2, £3, £5 and £10.
- 11.2 There will be an optional special nomination of £2 winner takes all in both sections and open pools.
- 11.3 All pool monies must be entered into the Race Register on the day of marking. All competitors will be required to complete a Race Entry Form, which will include details of any optional pools.
- 11.4 In the event of insufficient birds being timed in to win a pool or nomination, then any money not won shall be divided equally between those birds timed in that pool or nomination. Should no birds be timed in a pool or nomination then monies will be returned to entrants.
- 11.5 There will be no marking station pools. No partnerships may use more than one marking station. Members may use any marking station of their choice.

## 12. The Race

- 12.1 All competitors shall complete a Futurity Race Entry/Pool Sheet Form (this form will include the distance of the loft from the liberation point and in which section the competitor competes).
- 12.2 The race shall close at the lighting up time for Berwick on the day of liberation. In the event of insufficient birds been recorded in race time to take all the prize money not won will be divided equally between those birds timed in. Should no birds be recorded in race time, or should the race be declared void, then prize money will be divided between those birds basketed for the race.
- 12.3 Any bird winning prizes and/or pools may be verified to its partnership by the Organising Committee or a nominee.
- 12.4 **Clock setting/checking.**
  - 12.4.1 NEHU rules apply.
  - 12.4.2 Clocks presented for use will be subject to NEHU Rule 81 (Wednesday Clocks) and must be sealed before initial arrival and final departure from clock centre, for E.T.S. clocks, E.T.S. rules will apply.
  - 12.4.3 An inspector appointed by the NEHU will attend each marking station to act as an observer of both basketing and clock checking.
  - 12.4.4 The Race Controller shall be appointed by the Futurity sub-committee. The Race Controller will also act as the Event Organiser and ensure compliance with all conditions required by DEFRA. Subject to weather conditions birds may be liberated from a substitute race point.
  - 12.4.5 If due to late arrivals clocks may be checked the next day. Marking Centre Officials to determine checking times.

## 13. The Sub-Committee

- 13.1 The event will be organised by the sub committee appointed by the management committee of the NEHU. This sub-committee will oversee the conduct of all activities associated with the Futurity Race, reporting to the President of the NEHU. It has the power to rule upon any unforeseen circumstances, and any matter not covered in this list of rules. Furthermore, the sub-committee reserve the right to postpone the entire event for one or more days should external influences intervene.
  - 13.2 The sub-committee will have specific responsibility for all matters relating to: -
    - 13.2.1 All publicity and promotion relating to the conduct of all activities associated with the event.
    - 13.2.2 The number, date, location and conduct of the breeder/buyer auction sales.
    - 13.2.3 The appointment of a Race Controller/Event Organiser.
    - 13.2.4 The selection of liberation point.
    - 13.2.5 The appointment of a conveyor.
    - 13.2.6 The number and location of marking stations.
    - 13.2.7 The preparation and declaration of the result. The published result shall be the first 100 positions in the Open. Any further positions from Section that receive any prize or pool monies will also be printed.
14. Disputes will be governed by NEHU Rules and will be heard by the full Management Committee.