

General Racing Rules applying to both Flat and Hunt Races.

1. The Falconer is the person slipping the Falcon.
2. The Owner is the registered Owner of the Falcon at the start of the race.
3. The Breeder is the person or stud that hatched the Falcon.
4. Each entry on the race card must include: the Falcon's name, ring or microchip number, species (including hybrids), gender, age, the Falconer's name, the Owner's name and the Breeder's name. For Hunt races, the Pilot's name must also be included.
5. The BFRA club Organisers shall be entitled to charge an entry fee at their absolute discretion
6. The venue must comply with any local Air Safety regulations, health and safety requirements.
7. Neither BFRA nor the Organisers shall be responsible for any injury to any Falcon, howsoever caused.
8. Participants are responsible for any damage or injury they cause to persons, animals, property or third parties, including reputational damage to the venue, the BFRA or Falcon Racing as a sport.
9. Falconers are responsible for ensuring that their birds are never near enough to another falcon to risk Avian Flu being transmitted.
10. Prior to the start, the organisers must ensure that there are no dogs, unhooded falcons, people showing roprey or lures or anything else that could distract a competing Falcon overhead.
11. It is up to the organisers to ensure that no illegal drugs or substances are being used in the preparation of the Falcons. This is a form of cheating.
12. Falcon classes can be multiple age or species classes, or they can be divided by age, species or weight groupings, or by class of Owner, depending on demand.
13. The Falcon must carry a non-removable official registered ring or microchip identifying it as the individual described in its legal papers.
14. No slitted jesses are allowed during the race.
15. The Order of Flying will be declared at least one hour before the start of the competition.
16. If the weather changes during the course of the competition, no allowance will be made to any competitor except that the Organisers may decide to temporarily halt the competition or cancel it altogether because conditions are unsafe, for example low fog, high winds or heavy rain.
17. The winner is the Falcon with the lowest time score.
18. Race results will be published on the BFRA website and social media.
19. Prizes. It is up to the event Organisers at the local and national levels to provide prizes or to attract sponsors for prizes at their events.
20. The Novice races are for any falcons that have never been placed within the top five places in a Vowley race.
21. No team can enter more than ten falcons in one race.