

## Digest “Ace Loft” Awards

The Digest Ace Loft Awards were developed to recognize outstanding team and handling performances by individual fanciers. These awards are based on the number of birds clocked in recognized positions by one loft (maximum 10), the individual survey distance flown in the race and the total number of birds entered in the race.

For the Digest North American Ace Loft Awards there are three classes with six divisions of competition.

A. Classes - lofts must have at least one recognized position in each of the following races, except that a longer qualifying race may be submitted for a shorter qualifying race. You must have the required number of races in the longer distances.

For example, in Young Birds, there must be two races of at least 151 miles (243 kilometers) and two additional races longer than 251 miles (403 kilometers).

1.) Young Birds

Two races between 75-150 miles (121-242 kilometers);  
Two races between 151-250 miles (243-402 kilometers); and  
Two races 251 miles (403 kilometers) and farther.

2.) Old Birds

Two races up to 200 miles/322 kilometers;  
Two races between 201-369 miles/323-594 kilometers; and  
Two races 370 miles/595 kilometers and farther.

3.) Overall

No application is necessary. The Digest will select the overall winners from the Ace Lofts winning in both Old and Young Birds. The points will be totaled for consideration.

B. Applicants may submit only one race for the same station per day. If there are two races from different stations on the same day, both are eligible providing there is at least a survey distance of at least 40 miles between the two submitted stations on the same day.

C. It is not necessary to have qualified for average speed to compete for Loft Awards.

D. All races must be flown in regularly scheduled weekend (Saturday, Sunday) races and not labeled as “Sprint” Races. If a scheduled weekend race is delayed to a weekday, it is still considered a weekend race. Weekday (unless over 500 miles) and/or sprint results cannot be submitted for Ace Loft Awards.

**E. RACES RESULTS MUST BE ATTACHED TO ENTRY FORM.**

F. The Ace Loft Awards are based on percentiles of the birds competing in the races and the distances flown, adding together all individual bird pints of each loft's bird in a "recognized position." The race formula which will be used in each individual race for all computations will be based on the pigeon winning first place receiving points equal to five percent of the mileage for the survey distance are then added to the score for the individual bird for each race. This is the same formula used for Ace Pigeon Awards except that here the score for each bird in the top 5 percent is added together to determine the score for the race.

<b>RACING PIGEON DIGEST ACE LOFT AWARDS APPLICATION FORM</b>				
PLEASE INDICATE THE SERIES FOR WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING FOR THIS AWARD: _____ OLD BIRD _____ YOUNG BIRD. COPIES OF THE RACE REPORTS MUST BE ATTACHED. IF YOU WANT CONFIRMATION OF RECEIPT, SEND YOUR APPLICATIONS BY REGISTERED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED. APPLICATION DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 31.				
Date	Total Number of Birds in Race	Loft Survey	All Positions YOU Won in Top 5% of Birdage	Score <small>Do Not Write In This Area</small>
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				

AVG BIRDS:

**YOU MUST ATTACH RACE RESULTS TO ENTRY FORM**

**CLOCKING LIMIT:**  
 Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
 If yes, how many?  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Club or Association Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Loft: \_\_\_\_\_ Owned by: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Day Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Night Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_