

## European definition of the AOC – class for Pigeons

The ESKT (European standard commission section pigeons in the EE) specifies basic rules of the AOC class within a European framework, which is so comprehensively arranged that it is not to be crossed by resolutions of national federations.

However each national standard commission can arrange their own definition of the AOC class restrictive relative this European framework. This definition is based on the original basic version and the principle of this class from the appropriate country of origin.

In the department pigeons on national exhibitions and national championship shows, behind each respective breed, an AOC class can be attached. This class contains two under-grouped special classes:

a) Pigeons with for this race not recognized colors:

Pigeons of varieties not approved for these breeds can be presented there, in condition of being recognized for other breeds; or that they are reproduced on the list of the varieties of the EE; or that they are reproduced on a total list of varieties published in their national collection of standards. The judgement is carried out by the judges assigned to these breeds. A detailed attention must be given to the racial characters and the quality of the colors in question. Are not allowed in this class AOC: the subjects which present deviations of colors, patterns or markings and their models compared to the definition of the varieties.

b) Breeds presented in not specified colors, patterns and markings:

They are varieties which are **not** reproduced on the possible list of the varieties of a national standard; and/or which is not reproduced on list EE of the varieties. In addition can come designs, patterns or markings, which are not typical for the respective breed. They are in this selective task force defined within the framework knowledge and the brought up to date genetic possibilities. The color in question should however be indicated. The judgement will have to relate primarily to the racial characters, except the color. During the evaluation is to be put special value on the race-typical characteristics. In addition come then additional patterns, markings or colors. However the selective progression and the qualitative determination of the variety according to the project are to be raised and take into account.

The presentation of pigeons in class AOC does not replace a start the mode of national homologation. A notable evolution, as well as the qualitative progression of the variety can be taken into account in the procedure of homologation. The engagement of the pigeons for class AOC of the a) groups and b) will be done according to the following mode: "Breed name... AOC + name of the variety in question or projected".

It is up to each federation to determine the amount of the rights of engagement for this class, total or partial; as well as the granting of rewards.

This regulation was decided on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2005 in Mondorf les Bains / Lux. by the pigeon branch of the EE.

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