

2024 Midwest Convention Backup Bird Rules

- It will be up to the handler to accept backups or not. It is NOT mandatory for the handler to take in backup birds.
- Breeders are allowed to send 1 backup bird per 3 entries. So, 6 entries means 2 backup birds and so on. Please keep in mind that rotation birds are NOT considered backup birds. So, the breeder must fulfill the rotation requirements. For example: if you are entering a 3 bird team and want to have a backup, you must send 4 birds. 2 to handler of your choice, 1 on rotation and 1 is the backup bird.
- If your primary birds are still active you are able to activate the backup birds at a cost of \$125 per bird, there is no group pricing for backups. Money must be sent out by June 15th and nothing postmarked later than that is accepted.
- It is the responsibility of the handler and/or breeder to notify Gary Heindel that they will be activating their backup bird for the main race or if the backup bird is taking the place of a lost bird by June 15th. Anything after June 15th CANNOT be activated for the main race. Lost birds will be marked as “inactive” on the bird inventory sheet located at midwesthpa.com. Contact Gary with this information via text message at: (920)841-2485 or email him at gheindel@aol.com
- If a primary bird is lost and the backup bird is entered in its place then the lost primary bird will NOT be allowed to enter the race if it returns after June 15th. This will prevent people trying to get around the rules and cut off dates. So it is imperative that you notify Gary Heindel by June 15th about your backup birds.
- If your handler does not have room for your backup birds you are allowed to place them in another loft of your choice. That handler must be indicated on the entry form. If unable to find another handler to take your backup bird(s) they will be sent as a backup for your rotation bird.