Entry Forms deadline: August 17, 2026

Open & Youth Pigeons & Doves

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Judges: Chris Raines and Andrew Kerns
Sponsored by the Virginia Pigeon and Dove Association with the State Fair of Virginia

2026 Official Schedule

Caged and Ready: Thursday, September 24, 5 PM to 8 PM
Judging: Open Show: Saturday, Sept 26
Pigeon Rolling Demonstration: See Superintendent
Release: Sunday, Oct 4 at 8 PM. Vehicles allowed in after 8 PM

Open Pigeons & Doves Special Rules:

By submitting an entry you agree to read and abide by the following rules.
The State Fair General Rules, Livestock Policies, Pigeon & Dove Rules listed below.

- Competition is open to the world.
- Birds to be caged Thursday between 5 PM to 8 PM. Call asap if special arrangements are needed!
- All Breeds of Pigeons and Doves welcome. Young and Old Bird Show. Small breed of Doves (e.g., Diamonds, etc.) may be shown, but exhibitor must supply their own exhibition cages that can be readily maintained to feed and water. Entries are limited by the cooping capacity of 600 pigeons and 75 doves.
- In all breeds there must be ten entries to constitute a competition from two different exhibitors within that breed.
- No Judge will be allowed to compete in the breed which he or she is judging.
- Youth and Open shows judged separately.
- The following fees are required:
  Youth, 17 years of age and under = $1.00 per entry Open = $2.00 per entry
- State Fair Exhibitor Tickets Requirement PER EXHIBITOR:
  Pigeons / Doves 1-5 bird entries = 1 exhibitor ticket 6+ bird entries = 2 exhibitor tickets
  One Parking Pass per Household / Farm
- Separate Entry Forms are REQUIRED for EACH Exhibitor
- Additional Exhibitor Passes will need to be purchased in advance and can be found on the entry form.
- Fully paid entries must be accompanied by a check or money order and made to the VPDA.
- Mail all entries payable to: VPDA, PO Box 253, Ladysmith, VA 22501-9998. Please submit your entry forms by the deadline to ensure you receive your exhibitor passes without any issues.
- All birds entered must be delivered in person (no shipping).
- All birds must be banded with seamless bands of reputable banding organization and proper size. No split bands.
- Substitutions are allowed. Please notify the Superintendent or Secretary of changes.
- Birds are entered at the risk of the owner. The State Fair of Virginia and Virginia Pigeon and Dove Association will not be responsible for loss by fire or otherwise but will exercise due vigilance. Sick animals must be removed by owner or by the Superintendent if the owner is unavailable.

Champion - Trophy Reserve Champion – Trophy Junior Champion - Trophy
Class Awards – 1st Place and 2nd Place Ribbon for Each Class
(Having at least two exhibitors within a class and 10 birds entered for a class for a ribbon.)