

**RULES**  
**Harris's Hawks**  
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- 1) The length of the racetrack for both sexes is 100 meters on the smooth trimmed surface (grass), suitable for the run of the lure.
- 2) The hawk can race in two rounds, the better time is considered.
- 3) The speed of flight (time) is measured between two gates (start and finish). The gates are pillars suitable coloured. The start gate is wide 6 m and the finish 20 m. The time measuring will be done by operators using stopwatches (manually and radio-based operated). The middle value will be considered. Moreover by the start-gate an announcer will signalize the leaving of hawk from the glove for the operators with manually operated stopwatches.
- 4) The lure will start its straight path from the suitable cover made from natural material (grass, bush etc., or camouflage mesh) in the distance up to 20 meters from the starting gate/line.
- 5) The lure escapes the bird in that manner to motivate it maximally. The speed of the lure could vary. The lure can even stop.
- 6) The falconer can use an own lure in maximum total weight of 500 gram with the loop for easy removal of the lure from the rope. The falconer is immediately leaving the racing area to the tent at side for feeding the hawk.
- 7) The meat is optionally fastened on the lure by the falconer. Falconer can ask the organising team for the meat without complaining about its quality.
- 8) The falconer standing at the starting line at the gate announces loudly that he/she is prepared („prepared“) to release the bird.
- 9) The falconer's hand with a glove must be static. To make the hawk calm down is allowed but any attempt to release (throw) the bird by force leads to disqualification of the racing bird. After the announcement, the falconer waits for the lure running from cover whilst releasing the bird.
- 10) The bird that will not leave the falconer's glove in 10 second will be disqualified.
- 11) If the bird leaves the glove in an opposite way than the lure is running or sit for a while, but must end the race in 60 s from leaving the glove.

- 12) The racing team can bring their own lure machine or choose one from offered by the organising team. The lure machine might be electronical or mechanical.
- 13) The lure machine might be operated either by the falconer releasing the hawk or by another person from the racing team. The organising team can offer help with operating the machine. In that case no complains are taking into account if the hawk catches the lure before the finish line.
- 14) The lure machine can be situated in the middle of the race-path or at the START according to type and choice.
- 15) The lure runs from the cover which is maximally 20 m far from the START line according to the choice.
- 16) The hawk cannot catch the lure before the FINISH line!!!
- 17) New start is enabled only in case of mechanical failure of the lure machine or its components.