

95% RULE

It is unlikely that all members of any given World Series of Birding Team will see all the birds they report. That is why the 95% Rule was invented and applies to all competing teams.

Pete Dunne explains the rule as follows: 95% of birds recorded by a team must be tallied and identified by all members of the team. For every 20 birds recorded, a team may count 1 bird that was not heard or seen by the **whole** team (but was heard or seen by at least two members of the team).

To figure the 95% Rule, use this calculation sheet

Line 1 Enter the total number of birds identified by all the team*
(_____)

Line 2 Multiply that number by 0.05
(_____ x 0.05 = _____)

Line 3 Record the number of birds that at least 2 team members identified, but not all team members (_____)

Line 4. Compare the number you calculated on Line 2 with the number on Line 3. **If the number recorded on Line 2 is greater than the number recorded on Line 3**, your Official Total for the day is calculated by adding Line 1 and Line 3.

Line 1 _____ + Line 3 _____ = Official Total _____
(see Example 1)

If the number recorded on Line 3 is greater than the number recorded on Line 2, your Official Total for the day is calculated by adding Line 2 and Line 1.

Line 2 _____ + Line 1 _____ = Official Total _____
(see Example 2)

EXAMPLE 1

- Line 1 Enter the total number of birds identified by all the team members* (**186**)
Line 2 Multiply that number by 0.05 (**186 x 0.05 = 9**)
Line 3 Record the number of birds that at least 2 team members identified, but not all team members (**6**)
Line 4 Compare the number you calculated on Line 2 with the number on Line 3.

If the number recorded on Line 2 is greater than the number recorded on Line 3, your Official Total for the day is calculated by adding Line 1 and Line 3.
Line 1 (186) + Line 3 (6) = Official Total (192)

EXAMPLE 2

- Line 1 Enter the total number of birds identified by all the team members* (**158**)
Line 2 Multiply that number by 0.05 (**158 x 0.05 = 8**)
Line 3 Record the number of birds that at least 2 team members identified, but not **all** team members (**12**)
Line 4 Compare the number you calculated on Line 2 with the number on Line 3.

If the number recorded on Line 3 is greater than the number recorded on Line 2, your Official Total for the day is calculated by adding Line 2 and Line 1.
Line 2 (8) + Line 1 (158) = Official Total (166)

* DO NOT include birds seen by less than the ENTIRE team.