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 all 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 **ALL** birds identified by the
        team (_____)

Line 2   Multiply that number by 0.05

         (_____ x 0.05 =_____) **Do not round up**

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.
         **a. If the number recorded on Line 2 is greater than the
         number recorded on Line 3**, your Official Total for the
         day is the number on Line 1.

         **b. If the number recorded on Line 3 is greater than
         the number recorded on Line 2**, your Official Total for the
         day is Line 1 minus the difference between Line 3 and
         Line 2.

         Line 1____ - (Line 3____ minus Line 2____) = Official Total

         (see Example 2)

> If you are using the phone app, you can identify
> the "95%" birds throughout the day. The app
> will not accept more than the appropriate
> number of birds for your Official Total.

EXAMPLE 1
Line 1   Enter the total number of **ALL** birds identi-
         fied by the team **(186)**
Line 2   Multiply that number by 0.05
         (186 x 0.05 = 9.3) Round down to 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 Line 1.

Line 2 (9) is greater than Line 3 (6). Therefore, Official Total = Line 1 (186)

EXAMPLE 2
Line 1   Enter the total number of **ALL** birds identi-
         fied by the team **(158)**
Line 2   Multiply that number by 0.05
         (158 x 0.05 = 7.9) Round down to 7
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 Line 1 minus the difference between Line 2 and Line 3.

**Line 3 (12) is greater than Line 2 (7).
Therefore, Official Total = Line 1 (158)-(12-7)
         Official Total = 153**