

# MWPF Inc. Clock By-Laws

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### Rules

1. All competitors whom use continuous-running printing clock(s) must be in good order and must be approved by the Club Clock Committee of participating club. Any member of the club clock committee objecting to any clock must give reason for such objections, and such clock(s) may be rejected by the MWPF Inc Committee of Management.
2. If any clock(s) is rejected by the Club Clock Committee, the owner shall be informed of the fact and reason for such a rejection in writing. The responsibility for accurate running, clear and readable clock print rests with owner.
3. Club Secretaries must send to the MWPF Inc Secretary a list of clock numbers, stating the names of members to whom the clock belongs.
4. All clocks must be plainly marked with the name of the owner to whom the clock(s) belong.
5. If in the opinion of the competing Club Clock Committee or MWPF Inc Committee Management any clock(s) which are presented for device checking have the dolometer or similar device at such a variation from the correct setting point to create the impression of the clock(s) have been mishandled the said clock(s) shall be disqualified.
6. When the gain or loss be at rate of less than two seconds per hour, the variation will be struck and deducted from (in the case of a fast clock) or added to (in the case of a slow clock) the registered times on the dials. In the event of a clock gaining at the rate of more than two or more seconds per hour, the registered times on the dials will be taken as the times of arrivals. In the event of a clock losing at the rate of two seconds or more per hour, the variation must be struck and double the time of timing-in will be added to the registered time on the dials.
7. Clocks must be in the hands of the Club Clock Committee at the time fixed by each clock centre on setting night, and handled by the Club Clock Committee and readers only whilst in the possession of the Club Clock Committee.
8. All clocks to be set and sealed, read and checked by at least three members of the Club Clock Committee.  
  
A) Where the number of competing members clocks to be read is less than six (6), the firing, opening, reading and checking of such clocks, shall be at the sole responsibility of the Club Clock Chairperson.
9. No seals to be broken except in conformity with rule 8. all clocks shall be set by real time means and at Australian Eastern Standard Time.
10. In the event of any competitor not clocking his/her bird(s), his/her clock(s) must be returned to the Club Clock Committee with seals intact by the time specified for such races.
11. The penalty for non-return of clocks by time specified is to be set by the competing Club Clock Committee.
12. Any competitors returning clocks with seals not intact shall be disqualified.

13. Any clock used in a race, which has not the race ring in the thimble and the thimble mouth down in the receptacle for same shall be disqualified from such race.
14. All thimbles used and operated to be made by the makers for each particular clock or acceptable to the Club Clock Chairperson.
  - A) No more than one race rubber to be placed in each thimble or receptacle.
15. Thimble Less Clocks
 

If a race rubber is carried into the incorrect disc hole during the act of firing or at anytime prior to the opening of the new clock, the owner of the clock will be awarded the time of the print that corresponds to that disc hole. If a race rubber is not in a thimble hole, that race rubber will be disqualified with the owner having no right of appeal.
16. Any member may have his clock prints of any particular race upon application to their club secretary for same within fourteen (14) days after race, subject to approval of the Committee of Management.
17. When birds are clocked after 6.00pm and before closing time members will be allowed 2 hours to present clocks and bird verification book to Club Clock Committee (Sunday or otherwise).
18. The MWPF Inc will not recognise any stopped clock except as provided in rules 20, 21, and 22.
19. When all positions of a race have not been filled and the race is still open, all clocks produced for verification shall be checked, fired and may be opened at the discretion of Club Clock Committee. This check print will be used in calculating the pigeon's velocity.
20. In the event of any clock stopping before a bird is clocked, the owner of the stopped clock may time his/her bird in another owners clock providing that person has permission to do so.
  - A) Any competitor who shall, prior to the clocking of their bird, find their clock is at fault, can have it replaced with a spare clock that has been set by the Club Clock Committee for the race.
  - B) Club Clock Committees must ensure that clocks used as spares are in excellent working order and are available to members.
  - C) The faulty clock must be produced to one of the above-mentioned officials, in exchange for the spare clock who shall be responsible for the production of the faulty clock for examination by the Club Clock Committee, on clock reading night. The faulty clock is to be cleared by the Club Clock Committee before such clock is used again.
21. In the event of any clock stopping after a bird is clocked, the owner of the stopped clock may take their clock and bird to a member of the Club Clock Committee, if he/she thinks fit, break the seal of the stopped clock and transfer the race rubber to his/her own clock. The owners clocking time will be that of the Club Clocking Committee members print
22. A stopped clock shall be treated as a slow clock and double the slow time added.
23. No smoking is permitted at tables where clocks are being opened and tapes are being read.
24. Any owner requiring a print reading must produce bird verification book showing details of each pigeon that requires a reading. The Club Clocking Committee may request any owner, if required, to produce a clocked bird on the day of clocking or at any other time.
25. Race velocities will be corrected to the third decimal place.

26. The end of the clock tape shall show the race-point, date, owners name, signature, club, and with an authorised Club Clock Committee signature.
27. No competitor shall use more than clock for each Federation race.
28. Any variation to these clock by-laws is at the discretion of the MWPF Inc clock Chairperson.