

Midwest Pigeon Federation Inc

Race Rules As Adopted 12/12/21

Control of Races

1. All Races shall be flown under the auspices and management of the MWPF Inc. Any Associated club or body of people wishing to organise and compete in a race not approved on the MWPF Inc program must seek permission of the Management Committee. This relates to pre-program, post-program and during events. Members are not permitted to privately release birds from race-points at the same time as the scheduled race.
2. The Committee of Management shall have entire management of all cases of dispute the decision of a majority of such committee shall be final.
3. The Committee of Management reserve absolute power to refuse any entry or entries received which do not conform strictly the By-Laws controlling such races held under the auspices of the MWPF Inc.
4. The release of all pigeons at all race points is to be at the discretion of the Liberator and Liberation Committee. Prior to the commencement of each season members will be informed how release information may be obtained. Release information will generally be available via the MWPF Inc. Website after release.

Nominations & Acceptances

5. MWPF Inc approved Nomination and Acceptance forms must be used, and in written/printed in ink. Details must be recorded in full for each pigeon nominated, ditto marks not being permitted. Electronic timing basketing lists of electronic timing systems are approved. See ETS Race Bylaw 41 and EBSS Rules and conditions.
 - 1) Details must be recorded in full for each pigeon nominated for any special race.
6. Nominations and Acceptances will not be received unless accompanied by the full amounts payable.

Ownership

7. All birds before nomination, must be the absolute property of and ring registered to the competitor(s) in whose name they have nominated and flown, and must be flown to a loft on the registered premises of competitor(s). No competitor(s) will be allowed to fly to more than one registered premise. Any infraction to this rule will annul all rights to points and prizes.
8. All birds to be entirely at owners risk from the time they leave the owners hands, but every care shall be taken to prevent losses or injury.

Prizes and Points

9. There shall be (1) MWPF Inc winner in all races under the heading of Federation or Combine races on the official MWPF Inc yearly program that being the bird making the fastest calculated velocity for the event.
10. Aggregate points shall be awarded to the owners in all races under the heading of Federation or Combine races on the official MWPF Inc yearly program.
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Prize Monies

11. Any prize-money for MWPF Inc races is to be organised, controlled and allocated to flyers by the MWPF Inc Management Committee.
Clubs/Groups may raise their own prize money for the MWPF Inc races and is to be organised, controlled and allocated to flyers within the Clubs/Groups by relevant Club/Group Committee.

Bird Of the Year

12. A bird of the year trophy shall be awarded to the best performed pigeon throughout the completed season and shall be judged upon the flyer presenting all relevant result sheets to the Management Committee of the MWPF Inc.

Loft Positions

13. A competitor shall be required to supply a lot number, street number, name of street and town of residency of their loft. As near to the loft and using a Global Positioning System (GPS) the longitude and latitude shall be recorded and kept with the Secretary of each club. This rule applies to all new members, existing members who have changed their residence or who have had an absence of Two (2) years or greater from the sport.
A) The Chairperson and Secretary of each club will be responsible for inspection of Lofts of Club Members and for making recommendations for improvements in matters of Health and Hygiene of Lofts.

Flying Time

14.
 - 1) Flying time for birds clocked at or before midnight shall be from release to the corrected clocking time with birds placed in order of their respective velocities.
 - 2) Flying time for birds clocked AFTER midnight, but at or before one half hour before sunrise shall be from release time to one half hour after sunset first day.
 - 3) Flying time for birds clocked after one half hour before sunrise second day shall be from release time to one half hour after sunset first day and then continue from one half hour before sunrise second day to the corrected time.
 - 4) The bird with the slowest velocity of those clocked at or before midnight shall be credited with a velocity one hundredth of a metre faster than the best bird clocked after midnight, and each preceding bird shall be credited with a velocity one hundredth of a metre faster than each following bird.
 - 5) Flying time for birds clocked AFTER one half before sunrise third and subsequent days shall be from and release time to one half hour after sunset first day and then continue from one half hour before sunrise second day until one half hour after sunset second day and thereafter from half hour before sunrise third day and so on to the corrected clocking time.

Explanatory Notes

- A) When the first bird is clocked one half hour after sunset or before midnight first day, paragraph 1 will apply.
- B) When the first bird clocked after midnight but before one half hour before sunrise second day, paragraph 2 will apply.
- C) When the first bird is clocked at any time on any day after one half hour before sunrise second day, paragraph 3 will apply.

15. No race shall close until all positions, points and prize money, including all pools have been filled except when time limits for races automatically close the race. Time limits shall be three calendar days for all races of 950kkm or under. Races over 950kkm and up to and including 1360kkm shall close at end of the second calendar day after the clocking of first bird or at the end of the fifth calendar day, whichever is the earlier. The bird making the highest velocity to be declared the winner, excepting rules to be any competitor making such a velocity the Committee of Management rules to be impossible.
Note: Whilst the MWPF Inc event may be closed, clubs/groups may elect to close their race at their own discretion.
When two or more birds record an equal velocity to the third decimal, the position shall be declared a dead heat and the prize divided. Time limits for races over 1360kkm shall be determined at the time other regulations concerning these events are fixed. The common distances covered by this rule shall be calculated from the race point to the longest marker.

16. That there are no qualification for birds on all MWPF Inc races, except age restricting races. Examples Young Bird Derby (YBD), Old Bird Derby (OBD) and All Age Derby (AAD).

Tossing Bird

17. Birds finishing first, second and third position in all races under the heading of Federation/Combine races on the official MWPF Inc yearly program, may be tossed within (7) days of homing by the chairperson or secretary of the owners club or basketing centre. The onus is on the owner to arrange for his/her birds to be tossed. The Committee of Management reserves the right to toss any pigeon. The result of such tossing must be reported to the MWPF Inc Committee of Management at the earliest possible time prior to prize money or points being allocated.

Basketing

18. Three (3) Club Members will constitute a Basketing Centre. If less than three (3) Club Members are present the Basketing of birds must be in conjunction with other clubs. Clubs who find it difficult to comply with the above may hamper at an alternate club.
19. The number of pigeons per basket will be advised by the Secretary of the MWPF Inc from time to time. Baskets must be clearly marked as to the sex of pigeons.
20. All birds competing in MWPF Inc races must comply with one of the following:
- 1) In all races under the heading of official races of the MWPF Inc yearly race program. Birds must be rung with rubber race rings, the prefix letter (where available) and number to be shown on the nomination form by a recorder. The rubber ring tags for each member shall, be placed in envelopes together with original nomination form kept in a sealed container under control of club/groups chairperson. In all races under the heading of official MWPF Inc yearly program.
* Duplicate nomination forms are to be sealed in an envelope and handed to the Club Clock on the night of basketing.
* In the event of a recording error being made on a nomination form or rubber tag by a third party representative of the Club the matter shall be referred to the MWPF Inc Management Committee for adjudication.
OR
 - 2) Birds must have on a leg an EBSS band that will trigger an electronic scanning device. All ETS nomination forms to placed in an envelope and kept in a container under control of club/groups chairperson.
21. No less than three Club Members shall be present at any table when race marking commences and is in progress.
22. Each basket must be cable tied to the end of each drop door and small door. Trough openings are to be permanently sealed. All doors must be fitted with chains or similar restraining devices. Each basket must be clearly marked with club name or other identifying marks.

23. All birds competing must be wrung with solid rings and be approved by the MWPF Inc.

General

24. The line and or lines of flight and the length of time to be flown shall be determined by members of the MWPF Inc at a Special Meeting called for this purpose. Such meeting shall be held in November of the final year of the existing line or lines of flight program. The only resolutions to be considered that pertain to line or lines of flight and the length of time to be flown.
25. All expenses, including money set aside for a trophy, will be deducted from each MWPF Inc race before any prize money is allocated.
26. No old life rings shall be sold whilst there are unsold current year rings on hand. Should stocks of current year rings be exhausted, the Ring Secretary may, upon approval by the Management Committee, sell old rings at the same price as the current year rings.
27. A maximum of 30 birds may be entered in races under the MWPF Inc yearly race program. A lower maximum may be specified on the yearly program for special 5 bird or 10 bird races.
28. The Committee of Management shall have the power to disqualify any bird from competing in any or all races flown under these By-Laws.
29. The main Race unit (transporter) shall use a medium of Straw for all MWPF Inc programmed races.

Loading of Birds

30. The loading of birds from each MWPF Inc club, on to the MWPF Inc transporter for all MWPF Inc races is to be divided equally on each side and evenly distributed throughout the unit.

Electronic Timing Systems

31. Electronic Band Scanning Systems (EBSS).
The operation of EBSS by any MWPF Inc member is subject to the rules and conditions of installation and use of electronic band systems. These rules and conditions of installation are noted on the document named Rules and Conditions of Installation and use of electronic band scanning systems.