

MID WEST PIGEON FEDERATION.

RACING RULES

CONTROL OF RACES

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

NOMINATIONS AND ACCEPTANCES

- RBL 5. Association approved Nomination and Acceptance forms must be used, and 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 the EBSS Rules and Conditions.
- a) Details must be recorded in full for each pigeon nominated on the special prize nomination form. Errors made on the special prize nomination form will result in the disqualification of the pigeon from receiving a special prize.
- RBL 6. Nominations and acceptances will not be received unless accompanied by the full amounts payable, including conveyer fees; or any other fees owing, all to be paid by the time fixed by each hampering centre. This time is to be no later than 8:00pm.
- a) A fee will be charged in conjunction with conveyer fees and will be set aside for administration expenses.
- RBL 7. On payment of a late fee of fifty (50) cents, nominations and birds for hampering will be accepted up to one half hour after the closure time fixed by that hampering centre.

OWNERSHIP

- RBL 8. All birds before nomination, must be the absolute property of and ring registered to the competitor(s) in whose name they are 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 premises. Any infraction to this rule will annul all rights to prizes. .
- RBL 9. All birds to be entirely at owners risk from the time they leave the owner's hands, but every care will be taken to prevent losses or injury.

PRIZES, POINTS AND CERTIFICATES

- RBL 10. There shall be one (1) MWPF Inc. winner of all races under the heading of Association Races on the official MWPF Inc. yearly program that being the bird making the fastest calculated velocity for the event.
- RBL 11. Aggregate Points shall be awarded to the first twenty (20) owners in all races under the heading of Association Races on the official MWPF Inc. yearly program. The first owner shall receive 20 points with one less point for each succeeding owner. An owner shall receive only one lot of points in each race.
- RBL 12. The owners of birds finishing in the first 20 in all races under the heading of Association Races on the official MWPF Inc. yearly program shall receive MWPF Inc. certificates stating the bird's colour, sex, ring number, the date of the race, the race point and distance, the velocity, the position gained and the number of owners and birds competing.
- RBL 13. MWPF Inc. aggregate point's certificates shall be awarded to the 20 owners with the most aggregate points at the end of each season.

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- RBL 14. Any Prize-money for MWPF Inc. Races is to be organized, controlled and allocated to flyers by the MWPF Inc. Management Committee.
Clubs/Groups may raise their own Prize-money for MWPF Inc. Races and is to be organized, controlled and allocated to flyers within the Clubs/Groups by relevant Club/Group Committee.
- RBL 15. A MWPF Inc. "Bird of the Year" trophy shall be awarded and presented each season. Points shall be awarded to the first (20) birds in all races under the heading of Association races on the official MWPF Inc. yearly program. The first bird shall receive 20 points with one less point for each succeeding bird.

LOFT POSITIONS.

- RBL 16. A plan showing position of Competitor's Registered Loft must accompany Capitation Fee, giving correct number of allotment where Registered Loft is erected, name of Street in which Competitor's Loft is erected, also name of town or District.
Global Positioning System (G.P.S.) co-ordinates will be struck and recorded as near as practical to the Registered Loft position by an MWPF Inc. Designate for which a Dollar Fee is applicable.
This rule will apply to all New Members, existing Members who have changed their residential place of abode or who have had a 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

- RBL 17.
- 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 clocking 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 hour before sunrise third and subsequent days shall be from 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 one half hour before sunrise third day and so on to the corrected clocking time.
 - 6) Sunrise and sunset times shall be as published in the Government Gazette.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

- a) When the first bird is clocked before one half hour after sunset OR before midnight first day, paragraph 1. will apply.
 - b) When the first bird is 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.
- RBL 18. No race shall close until all positions, allotted certificates, 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 950 km or under. Races of over 950 km and up to and including 1360 km shall close at the end of the second calendar day after the clocking of the 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 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.

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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 1360 km 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.

RBL 20. That there are no qualifications for birds on all MWPF races.

TOSSING BIRD

RBL 21. Birds finishing first, second and third position in all races under the heading of Association races on the official MWPF Inc. yearly program, may be tossed within seven(7) days of homing by the chairperson or secretary of the owner's club or hampering centre. The onus is on the owner to arrange for his /her bird/birds to be tossed. The committee of management reserves the right to toss any pigeon. The appropriate form duly filled in must be presented to the Association prior to prize money or points being allocated.

HAMPERING

RBL 22. Three (3) competing members will constitute a Hampering Centre. If less than three (3) Competing Members are present the Hampering of Birds must be in conjunction with other clubs. Clubs who find it difficult to comply with the above may hamper at the MWPF Inc headquarters.

RBL 23. The number of pigeons per hamper will be advised by the General Secretary from time to time. Hampers must be clearly marked as to the sex of the pigeons.

RBL 24. All birds competing in MWPF Inc. Races must comply with one of the following:

1. 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 and clock setting sheets kept in a sealed container under the control of club/group chairperson. In all races under the heading of Association races on the official MWPF Inc. yearly program.
 - o Duplicate nomination forms are to be sealed in an envelope and handed to the General Secretary (or delegate) on the night of hampering.
 - o In the event of a recording error being made on a nomination form or rubber tag by a third party or representative of the club/group the matter shall be referred to the MWPF Inc. race secretary for adjudication.OR
2. Birds must have on a leg an EBSS band that will trigger an electronic scanning device.

RBL 25. No less than three members shall be present at any table when race marking commences and is in progress.

RBL 26. Each hamper must be cable tied to each end of the drop front and small door. Trough openings are to be permanently sealed. All doors must be fitted with chains or similar restraining device. Each hamper must be clearly painted with the club name.

RBL 27. All birds competing in races must be rung with solid rings, such rings to be registered and approved by the Association.

GENERAL

RBL 28. The Line or lines of flight and the length of time to be flown shall be determined by members of the MWPF Inc. at a Special General 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 at the meeting are resolutions that pertain to line or lines of flight and the length of time to be flown.

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RBL 29. Bird rung with international life rings are banned from racing MWPF races.

RBL 30 . All expenses, including money set aside for a trophy, will be deducted from each association race before prize money is allocated.

RBL 31. A trophy or similar will be presented to an owner winning a race under the heading Association races on the official MWPF Inc. yearly program.

RBL 32. No old life rings shall be sold while 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.

RBL 33. A maximum of 30 birds may be entered in races under the heading of Association races on the official MWPF Inc. yearly race program. A lower maximum may be specified on the yearly program for specific races 5 birds or 10 birds.

RBL 34. The Committee of Management shall have power to disqualify any bird from competing in any or all races flown under these By-Laws.

RBL 35. The Main Race Unit (Transporter) shall use a Medium of a type of Straw for all MWPF Inc. programmed races.

LOADING OF BIRDS

RBL 36. The loading of birds from each MWPF Inc. club, onto the MWPF Inc. Transporter for all MWPF Inc. races be divided equally on each side of the unit and evenly distributed throughout the unit.

ELECTRONIC TIMING SYSTEMS

RBL 37. Electronic Band Scanning Systems (EBSS) .

The operation of EBSS by any MWPF 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.

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CLOCK BY-LAWS.

1. All competitors must use continuous-running printing clocks. Such clock(s) must be in good order and must be approved by the Committee of Management. Any member of the Group Clock Committee objecting to any clock must give reasons for such objections, and such clock(s) may be rejected by the Committee of Management.
2. If any clock is rejected by the Committee of Management, 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 the owner.
3. Club Secretaries must send to the General 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 club and owner to whom the clocks belong.
5. ***Dolometer*** If in the opinion of the MWPF Clock Chairperson or MWPF Race Secretary any clock(s) which are presented for checking have the dolometer or similar device at such a variation from correct setting point to create the impression of the clock(s) have been mishandled the said clock(s) shall be disqualified.
1. When the gain or loss be at the rate of less than two seconds per hour, the variation will be struck and deducted from (in 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. 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 times on the dials.
2. Clocks must be in the hands of the Group Clock Committee at the time fixed by each clock centre on setting night, and to be handled by the Clock Committee and Readers only whilst in the possession of the Association.
3. All clocks to be set and sealed, read and checked by at least three members of the Group Clock Committee.
 - a). Where the number of competing member's clocks presented to be read is less than six (6), the firing, opening, reading and checking of such clocks, shall be at the sole discretion of the MWPF Inc. Clock Chairperson.
9. No seals to be broken except in conformity with Rule 8. All clocks shall be set by Observatory time.
10. In the event of any competitor not clocking his/her bird(s), his/her clock(s) must be returned to the Group Clock Committee with seals intact by time specified for such races.
11. The penalty for non-return of clocks by time specified is: First Offence, fine fifty (50) cents and still return of the clock; Second Offence, fine and disqualification for any time the Committee of Management may decide upon.
12. Any competitor's returning clocks with seal not intact may forfeit all rights and privileges and claims for that particular race and further penalized.
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 for such race.
14. All thimbles used and operated to be made by the makers for each particular clock or acceptable to the MWPF Inc. Clock Chairperson.
 - a). No more than one race rubber in to be placed in each thimble or receptacle.

THIMBLE LESS CLOCKS

If a race rubber is carried into the incorrect disc hole during the act of firing or at any time 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.

15. 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.
16. When birds are clocked after 6.00 pm and before closing time members will be allowed 2 hours to present clocks and bird verification book to Group Clock Committee (Sunday or otherwise).

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17. The Association will not recognize any stopped clock except as provided for in rules 20, 21 and 22.
18. 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 the MWPF Inc. Clock Chairperson. This check print will be used in calculating the pigeon's velocity.
19. 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 owner's 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 Group Clock Committee for the race.
 - b). Group Clock Committees must ensure that clocks used as spares are in excellent working order and are available from the MWPF Clock Chairperson, the General Secretary, the Group clock Chairperson, the Group Secretary or a member so authorized by the Group of MWPF Clock Chairperson.
 - 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 MWPF Clock Chairperson, on clock reading night. The faulty clock is to be cleared by the MWPF Clock Chairperson before such clock is used again. The unnecessary use of a Group or Association spare clock will result in no time being given.
20. 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 the Chairperson or Assistant Chairperson of the Group Clock Committee and the Chairperson or Assistant Chairperson may, if he/she thinks fit, break the seal of the stopped clock and transfer the race rubber to his/her own clock. The owner's clocking time will be that of the Chairperson's or Assistant Chairperson's clock print. A stopped clock shall be treated as a slow clock and double the slow time added.
21. No smoking is permitted at tables where clocks are being opened and tapes are being read.
22. Any owner requiring a print reading must produce bird verification book showing the details of each pigeon that requires a reading. The Race Secretary may request any owner, if required, to produce a clocked bird on the day of clocking or at any other time. Race velocities will be corrected to the third decimal place.
23. The end of the clock tape shall show the race-point, date, owner's name and club twice, with an authorized signature between, the clock end is to be torn across this signature. No competitor shall use more than one clock for each Association race.
24. Any variation to these clock bylaws is at the discretion of the MWPF Inc. clock chairperson.
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