

NORTH ROAD COMBINE INC.

FLYING RULES.

Amended 29th January 2016.



ALL FLYING MEMBERS MUST BE FULLY FINANCIAL BY THE FIRST RACE.

- 1) **ROUTE:** The route flown will be that decided by the North Road Combine Inc. (NRC).
- 2) **SCHEDULE OF RACES:** The Executive shall draw up a schedule of club races. Rules for special feature races will be decided at a General Meeting.
- 3) **ANNUAL FEES:** Annual fees to be recommended by the Management Committee and approved by a General Meeting of the members.
- 4) **BIRDS TO BE INSPECTED AFTER FLYING:** All birds must be rung with an NRC approved ring or rings to allow them to compete in club races and may be inspected after homing for verification etc if demanded by the Executive and must be shown alive. Unrung birds or birds with split or indecipherable rings shall not be permitted to be sent to a race point under any circumstances. It is not NRC policy to have members produce birds for inspection on clock off night unless special circumstances apply.
- 5) **BIRDS NOT RETURNING IN RACE TIME:** Duration of races shall be:-
 - a) Races up to 160 kms 24 hours
 - b) Races between 160 & 563 kms 2 days
 - c) Races over 563 kms 4 daysThe time indicated may only be altered by a unanimous vote of Executive. The distance shall be based on the distance of the members with the longest GPS distance.
- 6) **NUMBER OF BIRDS:**
 - a) Each member will be allowed to enter up to the maximum as ascertained by the NRC committee for that year's flying.
 - b) In the case of Special Races being conducted the bird limit will be advised on the schedule of races conducted on that given year.
 - c) **ENTRANCE FEES:** All entrance fees are to be paid at the time of basketing. Each member to be held liable for entry made by him.
- 7) **ENTRY FORMS:** Entry shall be on official NRC forms unless otherwise ruled by the Executive. Such entries together with the birds and entry moneys shall be presented at the basketing place at the time provided by the NRC. Members' names shall be printed and signed on all entry forms with only one bird per line or, in the case of electronic clock print-outs, shall be signed by the designated clock person carrying out that job.
- 8) **CLOCK SETTING:** All clocks are to be set by Official Clock Setter. No person is to set his own clock or sign his own tape. No member shall open his clock on clock reading night. Failure to adhere to this rule may incur disqualification for life. All clocks shall be opened and read as directed by the Executive. Clock openers and readers must report any irregularity immediately or they could render themselves liable to disciplinary action in accordance with these rules. In the event of a flyer's clock stopping after a bird is clocked, the unopened clock and bird may be taken another member. The second member may open the stopped clock, place the rubber in his own clock and strike off. The ring number, year and mark on the bird must be recorded and passed on to a member of the Executive. The flyer must report the transfer of the rubber to the President or Secretary within one hour of the rubber being clocked into the second clock. The clocking time of the bird will be that recorded on the second member's tape.
- 9) **Any member** may be called upon by the Executive to stamp his clock at a designated time in association with the club's Master Timer. Failure to comply with this direction will result in automatic disqualification from the race.
- 10) **SPARE RACE CLOCK:** In the event of a member's clock becoming faulty during a contest he may use a spare clock, set and sealed for that purpose, or if time permits, clocks can be reset by an Official Clock Setter or Executive member except in the case of an electronic clock where no information can be retrieved from or becomes corrupted no other form of clocking will be accepted. On no account shall any clock be opened, reset or in any way interfered with by any other person. In the event of a member using a spare clock his own clock must be tabled unopened on clock reading night.

- 11) **DAMAGE OR LOSS OF CLOCK:** Neither the Executive nor any member shall be held liable to any clock owner for any damage to or loss of any clock, but every holder of a clock shall be held responsible for one issued to him for use in a race and shall make good any damage or loss that may occur thereto whilst in his possession.
- 12) **DISTANCE OF LOFTS:** Secretaries of all clubs are required to forward members addresses in full, and a map of where the loft is situated on the premises to the Secretary of the NRC. Inc.
- 13) **MODE OF RACING:** All races to be flown under the velocity principle. That is the bird flying the greatest number of metres per minute between the race point and the owner's loft to be the winner, provided the velocities shall be calculated to the third decimal point only. In the event of velocities being equal to the second decimal point the race shall be declared a dead heat.
- 14) **HOURS OF DARKNESS:** Hours of darkness shall be from 1 hour after sunset to 1 hour before sunrise. 2nd day bird cannot beat a 1st day bird.
- 15) **PROOF OF OWNERSHIP:** All birds must be registered property of the person in whose name they are entered and must home to the loft of such person. The Executive may demand that any bird competing in a contest be shown alive and reserve the right to toss it up to 400 metres from the loft of member entering same in a race. Any member not complying with this rule will be dealt with and abide by the Executive Committee's ruling. It is not NRC policy to have members produce birds for inspection on clock off night unless special circumstances apply.
- 16) **WINNING PRIZES:** Prize monies will be allocated as agreed to by the Executive Committee and association members for that particular year's race schedule. Should no birds home in race time pool and loft moneys shall be returned after any expenses have been deducted. Any competitor shall have the right to inspect any clock roll under Executive supervision before prize money is paid. Any member making any charges regarding genuineness of a race after such race results have been declared and prize money paid shall be called upon to substantiate such claim and should said person fail to do so may be dealt with by the Executive. Points for the NRC championship shall be awarded for the top twenty places clocked in race time. Prize money shall be paid in the ratio of 1 in 5 for special race unless ruled otherwise by the Executive. Points for Bird of the Year and other special trophies shall be awarded on the basis of places won, except when special conditions are requested by the donor.
- 17) **CONTACT OFFICER:** It shall be each member's responsibility to check the web site for the information re clock reading and whether clocks are to be read for races in which there is any doubt that sufficient birds have homed.
- 18) **REFUSAL OF ENTRY:** The Executive may refuse the entry of any bird should information details, condition available in regards to the bird warrant such refusal.
- 19) **RACE RESULTS:** The publication of results is the responsibility of each individual club.
- 20) **HANDLING:** On basketing night no member shall handle his/her own birds after the birds have been race marked or rubber rung. Members shall not race mark or ring their own birds, nor mark their own entry sheet. They may take their own birds from their own basket if they so desire and pass them to the handler.
- 21) **DRUGS:** The use of stimulant drugs to gain an unfair advantage is declares a malpractice and any member found guilty of such practice shall be dealt with by the Executive and may be disqualified for life.
- 22) **DETAINING A PIGEON:** Any member wilfully detaining or destroying a pigeon, the property of another person, will be dealt with by the Executive. Stray birds are to be reported to the NRC Ring Secretary. If no response has been received from the owner within one (1) week NRC rules apply regarding transfer of ownership, such transfer must be in writing. No member shall endeavour to or cause a stray bird to be placed in the race crates without specific request of the owner. Such member must declare this arrangement to the Executive for a ruling.
- 23) **TIMING IN WRONG PIGEON:** In the event of a member timing in wrong pigeon said member shall be allowed to time in a correct bird and in such case must notify the Secretary prior to clocks being opened. Once a bird has been clocked the Executive may demand that the bird and unopened clock be presented for inspection. Failure to comply with this rule may incur disqualification for life.

RULES & CONDITIONS ON INSTALLATION & USE OF ELECTRONIC BAND SCANNING SYSTEMS

- 1) The use of Electronic Bank Scanning Systems (EBSS) is approved by the North Road Combine (NRC) for use in all Races conducted by the NRC.
- 2) In the event that the NRC Management Committee determined that an EBS System or a System Design does not provide adequate Security or presents a potential Security question, The NRC may disapprove the use of that System. The disapproval of any System will be effective immediately upon resolution by the NRC Executive committee and the disapproval will be advised to Members as soon as reasonably possible by personal notice.
 - a) The NRC reserves the right to withdraw the approval of an EBSS at any time, if a lack of Security occurs with any particular System.
 - b) If the NRC Clock Chairperson, his/her designate, or any Race Official, determines that a lack of Security exists with any individual unit, he/she must notify the NRC Executive Committee and seek an immediate statement as to the validity of the continued System use. The NRC Clock Chairperson, his/her designate, or Race Official must provide a written statement of the reason for concern to the System Owner and the NRC Executive Committee.
 - c) Issues of the potential or actual adequacy or otherwise of Security will be a matter for determination by the NRC Executive Committee within its absolute discretion.
- 3) Any NRC Club shall not make use of an EBSS mandatory.
- 4) **Particular EBS Systems:** A Member is free to purchase any EBSS he/she chooses. A Member is responsible for ensuring the System (hardware/software) is compatible with other Systems used by the NRC or the member's NRC Club. The NRC or the Club shall have no responsibilities for any system incompatibility.
- 5) It would be advisable for any Member, prior to purchasing an EBS System, to check with the NRC as to what Systems are already in use.

USE OF EBS SYSTEMS BY MEMBERS

- 6) Every EBSS sensor antenna must be installed within 30cms of the face of the trap.
- 7) The Maximum distance of a unilateral plane of multiple sensors/antennas connected to an EBSS in any Competitor's Loft is 20 metres inclusive, measured from the furthest point on any part of the furthest sensor/antenna to the first sensor. Multiple entries are permissible, as long as they are contained within the maximum inclusive 20 metre unilateral plane.
- 8) No sensor/antenna may be employed or placed at the Loft of another Competitor or moved to any other position of the Competitors Loft without prior application to, and approval by the NRC.
- 9) System Control Modules or System Keys and Software used in EBS Systems shall be purchased or procured by the System Owner. Users of EBSS must:
 - a) Use an Electronic Bank Scanning System that has a re-programmable Electronic Band.
 - b) Use Electronic Banks that have read/write chips. Currently the use of 64k/128k bit chips are approved for use.
- 10) During the race entry logging, or the basketing process, the Competitor or a Representative of the Competitor shall not handle electronic banded pigeons. During the logging process the NRC Clock Chairperson or his/her designate, and the Competitor must review all Band Data to ensure Band Data accuracy should a discrepancy arise.
- 11) The printout serves as a Race Entry Sheet. An additional copy shall be printed for the competitor.
- 12) In the case where an Electronic Clock Race Sheet show a tie, the first (1st) Bird listed will receive the Highest Ranking of the tied birds and so forth, down the list.
- 13) If the Data contained in an EBSS becomes defective, erases or corrupted between Race Entry and the return of pigeons to the Competitor's loft in such a way that no result either by visual or printout can be attained, all entries for that competitor shall be disqualified from any Race Results. The NRC Clock Chairperson or his/her designate will verify System Failure.
- 14) Where a Band has become dysfunctional (for whatever reason), broken or stolen, that band may be replaced and recorded to the satisfaction of the NRC Clock Chairperson or his/her designate.
- 15) Additionally:

- a) In the Event of a Malfunction of an EBSS and it being sent for repair, Proof of Repair must be produced before the EBSS can be used for Competition again.
 - b) Electronic Clocks shall not be used in any unsecured mode in a NRC Race.
- 16) If any Competitor intentionally attempts to corrupt, interfere with, or destroy the Electronic Data of another Competitor, then his/her entire entry shall be disqualified from Competition at the discretion of the NRC Executive Committee.
 - 17) Use of an EBSS is at Sole risk of the Member or Competitor using it.
 - 18) Should the EBSS Display (after a Race Entry or Race) show the complete set, but NOT be able to generate a printout, the NRC Clock Chairperson or his/her designate shall view the display data and report it manually. The manual report shall be used for calculating Race Results.
 - 19) In the event of it being a NRC controlled Race and printout cannot be generated from a Member's timer/recorder, the timer/recorder must be produced for a manual reading by the NRC on the day or night of the Race. Failure to produce the timer/recorder will result in the non-acceptance of the Member's result.

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- 20) The NRC Executive Committee or its designate reserve the right at any time, with out prior notice to inspect the installation and operation of any EBSS being used by a Competitor within the NRC.
- 21) Any application form adopted by the NRC Executive Committee from time to time forms part of these Rules and Conditions.
- 22) The NRC Executive Committee may from time to time amend these Rules and Conditions as it thinks fit and within its absolute discretion.
- 23) These Rules and Conditions are supplementary to and must be read in conjunction with the current NRC Racing and Clock By-Laws Rules. To the extent of any inconsistency, the latter shall prevail.
- 24) Rules and Conditions adopted by the NRC Executive Committee.

ADDITION: If a situation arises that is not covered by these Rules the decision of the NRC Executive Committee shall be final.

ADDENDUM – FLYING RULES

CLOCK VARIATIONS

Race clocks with variations of more than three (3) seconds per hour of running time will be read as follows:

- Gaining clock – no adjustment to flying time
- Losing clock – double the lost time as at clock reading will be added to the flying time

Clock variation of three (3) seconds or less per hour of running time will be adjusted in the flying time.