



## Flying Rules (Implemented Oct 2017)

The Trademarked name of the association shall be the North Road Combine Incorporated hereafter referred to as the NRC.

*“The Purpose of this club is to promote the hobby of breeding, the transportation of and engage in the friendly competition of Racing Pigeons and to foster a positive social environment for members, affiliates and their families. **Competition is for Testing Pigeons, not Friendships**”*

### 1) RACES

#### a) BOUNDARIES (OCT 2017)

- 1) The NRC Club boundaries shall be North of the Brisbane River, South of the 'Big Fish' (South of Pumicestone Road and D'Aguiar Highway, Caboolture) and East of the D'Aguiar Ranges to the Coastline. An application for exemption can be made for consideration.
- 2) The Association's Combine / Affiliation boundaries will be decided by the NRC Membership on application of interested Metropolitan; Greater Brisbane, Gold and Sunshine Coast Affiliated clubs.
- 3) The boundaries of the Affiliates will be limited so as to prevent the continual expansion of the NRC beyond the existing limit **as at 2017**.
- 4) Members living outside the boundaries shall not be entitled to compete in NRC races.
- 5) Non-Affiliated Clubs, other Associations or One-loft Races may transport with, but cannot compete in NRC Club, Combine or Invitation / Novelty Races.

#### b) ROUTES (Oct 2017)

- 1) The race routes South, North and West shall be cycled through (in this order) on a rotation basis giving a change in direction each year.
- 2) The two routes South and North must be flown at least once in the three-year cycle.
- 3) The Western route (is not fixed within the rotation and) shall be voted on two (2) years in advance of its scheduled year of flight at a Special General meeting called for that purpose. If the majority of Members determine that the Western route shall not be flown in turn then this direction is bypassed and rotation through the cycle continues in order.

#### c) SCHEDULE OF RACES (Apr 2018)

- 1) The NRC Race Committee will draw up a schedule of races for the following year and distribute to its' Members and (committed) Affiliated Clubs by September of their year of office to allow time for Members / Affiliates to plan for the forthcoming year.
- 2) The above proposed race schedule will be presented to the eligible Members for review, consideration and ratification at a Special General meeting to be held on or before the last Saturday in October each year.



- 3) Once ratified by the Members at the above Special General meeting no further resolutions for changes to that race schedule will be accepted (except in extenuating circumstances e.g. insufficient Members to support costs associated with the ratified schedule, outbreaks / border closures / Government department directives).
- 4) The NRC schedule of races will determine / define:
  - a) the race point
  - b) the time, day and / or date of basketing
  - c) the anticipated date of release
  - d) the anticipated release time
  - e) the clock reading day and / or date, time and location
  - f) arrangements for Club, Combine and Invitation Races
- 5) Race point/s will only be moved for logistical reasons e.g. roads are flooded or closed, significant headwinds expected (with no change in prognosis within a fair period) or no safe (clear of overhead wires etc.) location can be found within a reasonable timeframe. The welfare of the birds is of the utmost importance. If a race point is to be moved, preference is for as close to on the line of flight as reasonably practicable.
- 6) A race will close on the day and time of the scheduled clock reading if sufficient birds are home to claim the first ten (10) allocated point positions.
- 7) In the event of unforeseen circumstances, such as a holdover (automatically moved) or hard / difficult race the Race Committee may at its discretion defer clock reading up to the maximum time permitted under these flying rules (Refer Rule 4(e)1).
- 8) The race schedule shall be flown as either a straight through or overlap (comeback) series. \*Note a comeback series is of benefit to young birds, longer markers, smaller team and flyers unable to complete the entire series (due (prior) commitments, ill health of the flyer or outbreaks of sickness in the race team).
- 9) The race schedule will start no earlier than the last weekend of May and conclude no later than the middle of October.
- 10) A Breaking Point may be applied.

## **d) PRIZE DISTRIBUTION (Oct 2017)**

- 1) The Race Committee will draw up a distribution of entry fees for all NRC Club, Combine and Invitation / Novelty Races (under Terms and Conditions) for acceptance by the Membership.
- 2) The NRC prize distribution will determine (under Terms and Conditions):
  - a) the entry fee (per bird or team) for each race;
  - b) the number of prizes (places) to be paid;
  - c) the percentage breakup of the total prize pool per (position) place;
  - d) the amount of prize money in relation to number of pigeons entered (i.e. if there is a sliding scale) in each race (if applicable);
  - e) Trophies to be presented.



## e) **RACE DISTANCES (Oct 2017)**

- 1) Race Secretaries of all Clubs / Affiliates shall forward each flyer's / competitor's addresses in full, along with a mud map of the race lofts location on the premises to the NRC Race Secretary.
- 2) Race Secretaries of all Clubs / Affiliates shall forward a photo of the trap position (showing the entire loft plus an additional close up of the trap) of each flyer / competitor. All Members / Affiliates are required to notify their Club's Race Secretary of any alteration (in writing) to the original loft location or trap position.
- 3) Each flyer / competitor shall be entitled to one loft location only.
- 4) Each Club / Affiliate Race Secretary must use the ratified loft location (GPS coordinates) and Breaking Point (only if applicable) obtained through / approved by the NRC Race Secretary.
- 5) If a Breaking Point is applied for distance calculations: for lofts located between the Release point and the Breaking Point; distances shall be allocated using direct line of flight and those lofts located after the Breaking Point; distances shall be calculated as if flying via the Breaking Point and then onto the flyers loft. All objections to the said distances must be lodged with the NRC Race Secretary seven days prior to the race.
- 6) The GPS coordinates and race distances will be recorded and as per the [www.nrcpigeons.com.au](http://www.nrcpigeons.com.au) web site.

## f) **SPECIAL RELEASES (Oct 2017)**

- 1) Affiliated Clubs, other Associations or One-loft Races may apply to the NRC Race Committee for transportation and / or special releases. The Committee will consider the well-being of the birds in the main release before granting permission for special releases.
- 2) The Committee will also ensure that in all Combine and / or Invitation races a Special Release will not lessen each competitor's fair and equal chance of winning.
- 3) The decision of the Race Committee shall be final and binding.
- 4) Refer also; Club, Combine & Invitation Race Terms and Conditions.

## g) **TRAINERS (Oct 2017)**

- 1) Members or Affiliates are not permitted to send trainers to any Club, Combine or Invitation Races either independently or in the form of surplus birds within race crates.
- 2) Trainers may not be released on mass with race birds unless permission has been granted (in writing) after a request in writing to the NRC Race Committee.
- 3) Trainers will be released at either a separate location or **30 minutes** before or after mass, except when the well-being of the birds is jeopardised by the later release. Preference is to reduce the release time after mass e.g. down to **10mins** over a mass release.
- 4) Trainer crates must be clearly marked by Clubs or Affiliates as 'Trainers' before loading on the transporter.
- 5) No trainers are to be loaded onto the transporter by the (owner) Member or Affiliate but by a member of the relevant Race Committee (or delegate) & only after payment (which is to be passed into the NRC) has been made prior, to the relevant Race Secretary & cleared as 'Fit to Race'.



## **2) RACE ENTRY**

### **a) MEMBERSHIP / AFFILIATION (Oct 2017)**

- 1) The NRC reserves the right to admit or reject an application for Membership / Affiliation / Transportation without giving reason.
- 2) No club, having as a member thereof, an expelled member of another Affiliated Club, shall be eligible for affiliation with the NRC and any Affiliated Club that shall retain as a member thereof, an expelled member of the NRC for four weeks, after due notice has been given from the NRC shall by that very fact cease to be an Affiliated Club of the NRC. The Affiliate Club and / or the Competitor may appeal to the NRC Membership who shall consider the case and if necessary issue a clearance.
- 3) Any Non-Member or a Member of an Affiliated Club transferring to either the NRC Club or another Affiliated Club must produce a written clearance showing that all dues have been paid and that there is nothing detrimental in his / her character as a Member.
- 4) Any Club that Affiliates Members with the NRC shall be responsible for all fees / dues. The said Club shall bear all losses if the Member/s fail to become fully financial.
- 5) Fully Financial meaning; All subscriptions, including annual Membership, joining / application, cartage and entry fee/s, dues from; sales, auctions or canteen and any other amounts set at a General Meeting of the Member are paid in full.
- 6) Any Club being four (4) weeks in arrears shall not participate in any of the privileges of the NRC until such arrears have been paid.

### **b) AFFILIATED CLUBS (Oct 2017)**

- 1) Competitors must be fully financial with the NRC Incorporated to compete in Club, Combine or Invitation / Novelty races.
- 2) Competitors who are unable to obtain Membership of an affiliated club will be allocated a club who will assist that competitor on basketing and clock reading in all Combine races, participation in the Club events is at the discretion of the Club / Affiliate. The assisted competitor shall show their appreciation and respect to the assisting club by actively contributing to work-load distribution.
- 3) New clubs shall apply in writing to the NRC Race Secretary for affiliation with the NRC Incorporated. Applications must provide full particulars of financial Members and elected club officials including names, contact numbers and addresses.
- 4) The NRC Membership will make the final decision whether to accept the new club.
- 5) Competitors who wish to change their Affiliated Club must obtain a clearance from their previous club. If a clearance cannot be obtained they may appeal to the NRC Race Committee who shall via the Membership consider the case and if necessary issue a clearance.
- 6) Race data entry into the race results system ([www.nrcpigeons.com.au](http://www.nrcpigeons.com.au)) and the publication of results is the responsibility of each individual Club / Affiliate.



## **c) PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERSHIP (Oct 2017)**

- 1) All Flying, Life, Invitation, Social or Affiliate Members shall be entitled to the services of the NRC including flying contests and shall have powers to attend and vote at all Annual, Special and General Meetings (provided that where there is a partnership they will be entitled to only one vote on the matter) in accordance with the Constitution.

## **d) ANNUAL FEES (Oct 2017)**

- 1) All Flying, Life, Invitation, Social or Affiliate Members must be fully financial of the amount (as per Schedule of Fees), payable by (28<sup>th</sup> February) and in the way decided by the NRC Membership from time to time at a General Meeting.
- 2) Fully Financial meaning; All subscriptions or levies, including annual Membership, joining / application, cartage and entry fee/s, dues from; sales, auctions or canteen and any other amounts set at a General Meeting are paid or the Member is deemed to be in arrears.
- 3) Any Member being in arrears of subscriptions, dues or fines shall be advised by the applicable Secretary and shall not be entitled to participate in any NRC activities until such arrears are paid.
- 4) Any Member who remains in arrears for two (2) weeks shall no longer be considered a Member / Affiliate of the NRC unless otherwise determined by the Membership. He / she shall be liable for all outstanding contributions, levies, fees etc. at the time his / her Membership terminates.
- 5) On termination of Membership / Affiliation (including in arrears or payable by) the Member / Affiliate shall be required to reapply as if a new member. Any to-date fees paid shall be held in credit from the date of issue until the end of the flying season (at which time if unused shall be forfeited) when used toward future fees. (Re-) Application fees apply (as per Schedule of Fees) assuming the Member / Affiliate is re-admitted to the NRC.
- 6) The NRC must consider an application for Membership / Affiliation at the next General Meeting held after it is received.

## **e) CONSENT OF THE RACE COMMITTEE (Oct 2017)**

- 1) The Race Committee/s (or delegates) reserves the right to refuse entry to any bird in races controlled by the NRC Incorporated.

## **f) FIT TO RACE (Oct 2017)**

- 1) Birds sent to NRC controlled races must be of an appropriate age, healthy and in a fit condition to successfully fly the race distance.
- 2) Members, Clubs and Affiliates are required to check and ensure that birds sent to races are fit to fly the distance.
- 3) In the event of a dispute as to the fitness the matter is to be referred to the Race or Health Committee / Secretary in charge of that basketing centre who shall determine if the bird is fit to be sent. The Committee's / Secretaries decision shall be final.
- 4) Trainers are to be checked by Clubs or Affiliates to ensure the trainers are fit to be sent to the release point.



## **g) NUMBER OF BIRDS (Oct 2017)**

- 1) Each Member or Affiliate is allowed to enter a maximum of twenty five (25) birds in any combination of Club / Combine (are considered to be the same race) with Invitation / Novelty Races (unless otherwise stated within the Race Terms and Conditions) from a single release point conducted by the NRC.
- 2) The above limitation does not apply if two (2) dedicated Club / Combine races are scheduled for separate release at a single race point i.e. twenty five (25) birds are able to be entered in Race one (1) and twenty five (25) birds in Race two (2).
- 3) Unused bird limits cannot be transferred between Members / Affiliates.
- 4) The Race Committee may alter the number of entries permitted in NRC Invitation / Novelty races (refer to Race Terms and Conditions).
- 5) The Race Committee may alter (downward) the number of birds each Member or Affiliate is allowed to send to any race point if this is required due capacity limitations or any other reason determined by the Race Committee.
- 6) Notification of either of the above (2(g)4 or 2(g)5) shall be prior to the afternoon of basketing (where applicable; to the Membership and / or Affiliate Club President/s).

## **h) JUNIORS (Oct 2017)**

- 1) Junior Members may compete at Club or Combine level provided:
  - a) Parent / Guardian of the junior flyer is a Member of the NRC.
  - b) Entry is free with a limit of 5 birds per race.
  - c) Birds must be registered with the Club / Affiliate Race Secretary before the start of the race season and cannot also be registered with the Parent / Guardian Member.
  - d) Juniors may not participate in prize money.

## **i) MAXIMUM BIRD LIMITS PER CRATE (Oct 2017)**

- 1) Members, Clubs and Affiliates are required to observe the maximum limits for birds in NRC crates (for health and welfare reasons), including trainers as set out below:
  - a) Overnight 26 hens or 24 cocks per crate
  - b) Two Nights or More 22 hens or 20 cocks per crate
  - c) Mixed Overnight 25 birds per crate
  - d) Mixed Two Nights or More Not permitted

## **j) BASKETING (Oct 2017)**

- 1) Members wishing to compete in NRC races must be at the place of basketing by 7.00 pm (or a time specified by the Race Committee), follow and abide by the directions of the Committee and / or Invitation Race Terms and Conditions on such nights.
- 2) No competitor shall on basketing night handle their own birds after the birds have been race marked (rung through EBS System) or rubber rung.



## **k) SECURITY AT BASKETING CENTRES (Oct 2017)**

- 1) Committees of the basketing centres are responsible for ensuring that the details of any birds removed from the basketing centre on race basketing night are recorded.
- 2) Basketing centre Committees should appoint an appropriate person or persons to monitor exits during basketing activities.

## **l) ENTRY SHEETS (Oct 2017)**

- 1) Entry Sheets must be of a type approved by the Race Committee and completed correctly, legibly and in numerical order with one entry per line.
- 2) Entry sheets produced by an approved EBS Systems are approved for use in all NRC races.
- 3) The following must be shown on the (hand written) entry sheet in full:
  - a) Race point and date.
  - b) Life ring number (except that zeros before ring number may be omitted).
  - c) Club mark & year.
  - d) Main colour of the bird e.g. Blue Bar W/F or Black Cheque.
  - e) Sex of the bird.
  - f) Pools and special entry details.
  - g) Breeder (Dittos or ticks are acceptable under Breeder's name only).
  - h) Competitors name and signature.
  - i) Club name.
- 4) Entry sheets must be checked, ruled after the last entry and signed by Club Race Secretaries prior to passing to the ringing table. *Club Race Secretaries shall obtain the signature of another club official on their own entry sheet.*
- 5) Completed and race marked entry sheets shall bear at least two different signatures, 1) the competitor and 2) the race marker.
- 6) Owners are responsible for nomination of birds / lofts into either, pools or Invitation / Novelty Races and ensuring 'Paid' is recorded against outstanding levies. Incomplete entries in the aforementioned are considered invalid and / or ineligible.
- 7) Each competitor is responsible for the payment of all race entrance fees at the time of basketing. Entries are only valid upon payment. Late payments shall not be accepted.
- 8) Each Club / Affiliate Club Race Secretary is responsible for ensuring nominations into; (Combine) pools, Combine / Invitation / Novelty races are presented and received by the NRC Race Secretary by 9pm the night of basketing. Eligibility is only valid upon payment and / or receipt of paperwork. Late payments and / or paperwork shall not to be accepted.
- 9) Entry sheets shall be kept secure in a locked box by the applicable Race Secretary/s from the time of marking until their release on the clock reading night. Race Secretary/s shall hold the locked box and key.



## **m) RACE MARKING (Oct 2017)**

- 1) Every pigeon before competing in a NRC race must have fitted to its leg an official race rubber or with an approved electronic read / write band which will register on an approved EBS System.
- 2) The race rubbers shall be fitted by a nominated official on basketing night and the details of the race rubber or electronic band are to be recorded on the competitor's entry sheet, after which the official(s) or delegate shall counter sign each and every competitor's entry sheet
- 3) Two or more clubs may carry out marking using the same race ringer or EBS Control Modules / Club System.
- 4) Members shall not race mark their own entry sheet, race ring or scan their own birds if using an EBS System.
- 5) Markers are to check for errors on entry sheets and make any minor corrections and initial these corrections. Additional birds cannot be added to the race sheet by the marker. An additional entry form (completed by the owner), submitted through the Race Secretary is required if additional pigeons are to be entered.
- 6) In the event of a clerical error being made by the race marker, the benefit of doubt is to be in the competitor's favour.
- 7) Finalised entry sheets are to be placed in the locked box immediately upon completion.
- 8) If an EBS System is used the following will apply:
  - a) Approved club officials shall use the EBS Control Modules / Club System to enter competitor's pigeons in all races.
  - b) Approved club officials will secure the EBS Control Modules / Club System during all races.
  - c) Club officials shall not scan their own pigeons to enter any race.
  - d) Once race birds have been scanned by the EBS System and entered in the race the approved club officials will print and sign a list of the birds entered in that race.
  - e) The print-out must display the bird's life ring details, colour as well as the electronic band information.
  - f) If the EBS System does not allow the printing of the bird's colour, a separate entry sheet which provides that information is required in all Combine and / or Invitation Races.
  - g) The competitor may then mark pools or entries into Invitation / Novelty Races on the printout sheet if they wish to participate and then counter-sign the printout, which will then serve as a race entry sheet and be retained by the Race Secretary.
  - h) The competitor may request a copy for their records.





## **n) CRATE MARKING / SUPERVISION (Oct 2017)**

- 1) Basketing centre Committees shall designate an appropriate number of responsible persons as crate markers / supervisors for each race.
- 2) Crate markers shall ensure the following:
  - a) that every bird is correctly fitted with a race rubber or electronic ring;
  - b) that cocks and hens are placed in correct dedicated crates (if applicable);
  - c) that crates are marked or a running sheet / tally taken as each bird is basketed to ensure maximum / limitation numbers are not exceeded;
  - d) that crates are secure and doors tied with cable / zip ties on completion of basketing and until loaded for transport; and
  - e) prevent unauthorised persons from interfering with birds in crates. (*Any person not co-operating with crate markers should not be allowed to place the bird into the crate and be immediately referred to the relevant location President or Secretary.*)

## **o) OWNERSHIP (Oct 2017)**

- 1) All birds must be rung with an approved, legible, in good condition, seamless life ring and be the registered property of the competitor and homing to the recognised loft location of that competitor at the time of entry into any NRC race.
- 2) Any competitor with birds bearing life rings not registered in their name must supply a full ring list of the unregistered birds along with a clearance from the original owner to the appropriate Ring Secretary prior to entry of those birds in NRC races.
- 3) The Club / Affiliate Ring Secretary/s shall account for all life rings and keep a register of all life rings sold.
- 4) Life rings shall not be issued by the NRC Ring Secretary or any Affiliated Club before the 1<sup>st</sup> May each year.
- 5) If an EBS System is used the following will apply: it is the member's responsibly to ensure that prior to the start of the race season;
  - a) all race birds are officially entered into their EBS System;
  - b) the electronic bands are in good condition and functioning;
  - c) the life ring, colour and sex for each pigeon has been recorded correctly.

Note\* if a pigeon loses its electronic band or the band becomes inoperative a competitor may have a replacement electronic band registered for that bird at any time during the season but prior to (the day of) basketing.



## **p) GRIZZLE COLOURED BIRD (Oct 2017)**

- 1) Grizzling is an uneven speckled arrangement of white on either the head, neck, wing, tail or body and also involves a distinct colour pattern on the pigeon's flight feathers. In good grizzles the head and neck have a frostlike appearance.
- 2) The Committee shall determine the eligibility of a bird for inclusion as a Grizzle.
- 3) Where it is found that an ineligible bird has been entered as a Grizzle, the fees paid for entry to the pool will be refunded to the competitor and the prize/s will be awarded to the Grizzle bird with the next highest recorded velocity.

## **q) RED COLOURED BIRD (Oct 2017)**

- 1) Red birds include the following (including pids of) Red Chequer, Yellow Chequer, Mealy, Cream, Yellow, Red, Browns, Dunn and Red Grizzles.
- 2) The Committee shall determine the eligibility of a bird for inclusion as a Red bird.
- 3) Where it is found that an ineligible bird has been entered as a Red, the fees paid for entry to the pool will be refunded to the competitor and the prize/s will be awarded to the Red bird with the next highest recorded velocity.

## **r) ANY OTHER COLOUR (Oct 2017)**

- 1) Coloured birds are defined as all birds other than the normal standard colour / pattern birds. Birds **not** permitted are Light, Blue, Dark and Black Chequers and Blue Bars unless Pied. Pied is defined as any bird with a white flight or white main tail feather or any bird with a white area the size of a 10 cent piece or greater (in the same position), excluding the rump, socks, undercarriage and wing / tail **cover** feathers. Birds with tick eyes are not classed as pied.
- 2) The Race Committee shall determine the eligibility of a bird for inclusion as an AOC.
- 3) Where it is found that an ineligible bird has been entered as an AOC, the fees paid for entry to the pool will be refunded to the competitor and the prize/s will be awarded to the AOC bird with the next highest recorded velocity.

## **s) PERFORMANCE ENHANCING DRUGS (Oct 2017)**

- 1) The administration of drugs to racing pigeons with the purpose of enhancing race performance is not permitted.
- 2) Performance enhancing substances banned within other sports are also banned for racing pigeons.
- 3) The committee at its discretion may arrange for testing to determine if drugs are being used.
- 4) Members / Affiliates agree to authorise the Committee and / or its delegate/s to conduct such drug testing as is reasonably required and which will not endanger the life of the bird being tested, provided always that the competitor shall have no claim against the Committee or its delegate/s.



## **t) PRIVATE BANDS / MARKERS (Oct 2017)**

- 1) Members or Affiliate Members are not permitted to enter birds in NRC Invitation or Combine Races wearing personal markers or any means of identifying the bird from those of a competitor in that race.
- 2) Plain coloured marker rings are permitted.

## **u) QUALIFYING POINTS (Oct 2017)**

- 1) In order to compete in long distance races (over 900kms) competitors are encouraged and are personally responsible for ensuring their birds have qualified by successfully flying 500 km in the same race year.

## **v) CARTAGE TO THE TRANSPORTER (Oct 2017)**

- 1) Cartage to the NRC transporter for all NRC races must be arranged by the individual Affiliate clubs.
- 2) The security of the pigeons while in transit / waiting collection will be provided by ensuring at least two responsible Members from the applicable Affiliated Clubs accompany / keep close watch over the race birds.

## **w) FOOD and WATER**

- 1) The NRC, in all races, shall provide water for all race birds when under their charge.
- 2) The NRC, in all races of two (2) days or over (Thur / Wed / Tues basketing) shall provide food for all race birds when under their responsibility.

## **x) YOUNG BIRD DERBY / FUTURITY (Oct 2017)**

- 1) Only birds rung with an approved life ring that identifies them as a yearling will be eligible for entry to the Young Bird Derby or Futurity as per the Terms and Conditions of the various races.

## **3) RACE CLOCKS**

### **a) APPROVED RACE CLOCKS (Oct 2017)**

- 1) Competitors may use only one approved race clock in any NRC race.
- 2) All clocks require the approval of the relevant Committee prior to use and shall bear the flyer's name (or number) where applicable.
- 3) The clock after being used in a race may be kept if necessary in the custody of the Committee for re-checking.
- 4) The Committee may request a competitor to use an alternative clock (provided practical to do so) approved by the committee in any contest.
- 5) All race clocks will be started and operate on a continuous running basis during the race (excluding the standard operation of EBS Systems).

### **b) FAULTY RACE CLOCKS (Oct 2017)**

- 1) If a Manual Clock is used the following will apply:
  - a) No competitor shall open their own clock or remove the official seal from their own clock during any NRC race.

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- b) In the event of an official set clock stopping or becoming faulty before a bird has been clocked a competitor may:
    - i. Have the faulty clock reset by an approved clock setter other than them themselves or their partner if flying in a partnership.
    - ii. Use a spare clock that has been officially set and sealed for use in the same race.
  - c) In the event of an officially set clock stopping or becoming faulty after a bird has been clocked then a competitor may:
    - i. Have the race rubbers removed from the faulty clock by a committee person other than themselves or their partner and the race rubber re-clocked in the Committee person's own officially set clock.
    - ii. Have the new time recorded by the Committee person's clock at the time of re-clocking as their clocking time.
  - d) In the event of a race rubber not dropping correctly into the receptacle of a clock spool:
    - i. The clock will be opened on clock reading night and each clock stamp checked against the corresponding receptacle of the clock spool e.g. first stamp to hole one (1) etc.
    - ii. Each spool receptacle without a race rubber will eliminate the corresponding clock stamp from the result.
  - e) If no race rubber is found within the confines of the receptacle of the clock spool or no stamp aligned to the hole in which the rubber is found then the clock cannot be given a reading and will not be counted in the result.
  - f) Race clocks with variations of more than three (3) seconds per hour of running time will be read as follows;
    - i. Gaining clock – no adjustment to flying time.
    - ii. Losing clock – double the lost time as at clock reading will be added to the flying time.
  - g) Clock variation of three (3) seconds or less per hour of running time will be adjusted in the flying time.
  - h) If a loss or gain cannot be obtained prior to clock reading then such clock is deemed to be disqualified.
- 2) If an EBS System is used the following will apply:
- a) If the EBS system should fail during a race the competitor may remove the Electronic Band or Chip from the returning bird and place it an **officially** set spare (manual) clock. The time recorded by the spare clock shall then be used to determine the velocity of the clocked bird.
  - b) The Electronic Band taken from the spare clock must be scanned and a printout obtained and officially signed to confirm the band was that which was set for that race by the system for that bird on the basketing night. If the electronic band is faulty and cannot be scanned the band is determined to be disqualified and no velocity will be given.
  - c) The competitors must as soon as possible notify the Club or for Combine Races the NRC Race Secretary or NRC President in the event of an EBS System failure.



- d) Full details, including the electronic band and all paper work (spare clock sign out sheet, electronic band scan print-out etc.) signed by the officials must be forwarded to the NRC Race Secretary for verification (on request).
  - e) If the data contained in the EBS System becomes defective, erased or corrupted during the race all entries by that competitor shall be disqualified from that race result.
  - f) The Race / Clock Committee or delegate/s shall print out and sign all Evaluation data contained in each competitor's EBS System prior to transfer to the [www.nrcpigeons.com](http://www.nrcpigeons.com) results page.
  - g) If a printout of the EBS System is not possible but a visual display from the system for a particular race is available the Centre's Race / Clock Committee may view and manually record the details (verified and signed by at least two (2) Officials). The signed manually recorded details shall be entered into the race result by the Race Secretary.
- c) DOLIMETRE MOVEMENT (Oct 2017)**
- 1) Variations of more than 25% of the full dolimetre reading (if fitted) shall result in disqualification of the clock in that event.
- d) CLOCK RESPONSIBILITY (Oct 2017)**
- 1) The committee and clock setters shall take good care of race clocks under their control but shall not be held liable to any clock owner for any damage to or loss of any clock while carrying out their official duties.
- e) SETTING RACE CLOCKS (Oct 2017)**
- 1) No competitor shall set, reset, sign clock tapes or sign electronic printouts of their own clock for or during any NRC race.
  - 2) All race clocks shall be set for any Combine or Invitation races by appointed Clock Setters.
  - 3) Two signatures are required on each clock tape or electronic printout.
  - 4) Any infringement of this rule may incur a penalty to the Club if it is found to be at fault.
  - 5) The Clock Setters will mark each competitor's clock tape where applicable with the following:
    - a) Competitor's Name
    - b) Club
    - c) Date
    - d) Race Point
    - e) Clock setting time
    - f) Two (2) signatures are required on each clock tape or electronic printout.
  - 6) Race clocks will be stamped on and off at the predetermine time from a master timer set (preferably against GPS time) to Eastern Standard Time.
  - 7) Each basketing centre's Master timer will be checked against the NRC Master (unless set against GPS time) by the Club / Affiliate Race Secretary prior to stamping and may be checked on request by the NRC Race Secretary.

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- 8) All manual clocks must be sealed with a lead seal bearing the official NRC or Affiliate stamp, checked and entered on an official clock sheet by the Race Committee prior to release to the competitor.
- 9) Electronic clocks without paper tapes will be sealed and setting details printed and signed by a Committee person or delegate before release to the competitor.
- 10) Clocks shall not be released for use in Club, Combine or Invitation race unless the number one (1) hole of the clock spool is in the open position and ready for use. Clocks displaying any other hole must be reset.
- 11) Clock setters will exercise due care when setting clocks but each competitor is responsible to ensure their clock:-
  - a) is running and time has been set correctly
  - b) is on hole number one (1)
  - c) the tape is (where applicable) moving freely and
  - d) the clock is sealed and secured.

## **f) TIMING-IN WITH RACE CLOCKS (Oct 2017)**

- 1) The arrival of each bird shall be timed in by removing the rubber race ring from the leg of a returning race bird and placing it in the approved race clock and stamping off or by scanning of an approved electronic band fitted to the bird and recorded in an approved EBS System at the time of race entry.
- 2) Only one race rubber per clock receptacle and stamp off is permitted.
- 3) In the event of a competitor timing in a wrong pigeon in the first receptacle of the clock, they will be allowed to time-in the second receptacle and so on, and in such case must notify the committee of same prior to clocks being checked.

## **g) PRESENTING RACE CLOCKS (Oct 2017)**

- 1) Once a bird has been (manually) clocked-in then the manual clock must be tabled (clock unopened) on a clock reading day / night.
- 2) Competitors must table race clocks at the clock reading center before the scheduled time on clock reading day, and stamp off the clock when called on to do so by the Committee.
- 3) No competitor shall lift or compare any clock after the same has been placed on the table without the consent of the Committee.
- 4) A competitor may have handed to them their own or another competitor's clock for striking.
- 5) There may be two strike-offs on clock reading nights, the first up to five minutes prior to and the second at the scheduled time
- 6) Any competitor not present for the first strike-off must notify the President or Secretary at that centre immediately they enter the premises.
- 7) Any member not present for the second (final) strike off at the scheduled time must report immediately to the President or Secretary outlining the reasons for missing the strike-off. The Race Committee will decide if the competitor's clock is to be



included in the result and the matter reported immediately to the NRC Race Committee via the Affiliate's President or Secretary.

- 8) Once clocks have been tabled and hit-off, no competitor may open / handle or interfere with their own clock.

## **h) OPENING RACE CLOCKS (Oct 2017)**

- 1) Race clocks shall be opened after stamp off by or in the presence of at least two appointed members in all Combine and / or Invitation / Novelty races.
- 2) Lead seals shall be verified and checked that they have not been broken or tampered with prior to opening the clock.
- 3) Clock tapes where applicable will be removed and checked for perforations (lid opening marks), only two perforations are permitted on each tape and all clock stamps must appear between the two perforations (the last perforation may appear within the final clock stamp).
- 4) Clocks without paper rolls shall have all electronic recordings printed to paper and signed by an official (an official shall not sign their own print out) prior to opening the clock or transferring data.
- 5) Race rubbers shall be removed from the race clock one at a time from each hole and details recorded on the clock tape or electronic printout and on the entry sheet. Each race rubber removed from a race clock receptacle must correspond to a clocking stamp.
- 6) The following information shall be recorded for each clock stamp.
  - a) Clock hole number;
  - b) Race rubber number;
  - c) Race bird life ring details;
  - d) Club, Combine or Invitation entry;
  - e) Open pools;
  - f) Loft pools.
- 7) Clock second hand stamp where not fully on the mark shall be read back (NOT Forward).
- 8) Race rubbers, clock tape or electronic printout, entry sheets and all other race entry details shall be retained by the Race Committee for future checking if required.

## **i) VIEWING A COMPETITOR'S CLOCK, LOFT OR PIGEONS (Oct 2017)**

- 1) The NRC Race Committee or their delegate/s shall have the power to view a competitor's clock, loft or pigeons at any reasonable time.
- 2) Any competitor who refuses entry of the Committee or their delegate/s to view their clock, loft or pigeons may be disqualified from a contest and may face termination of their Membership and / or transportation of their birds.
- 3) Any competitor wrongly taking their clock to another place to gain an undue advantage shall be disqualified from the race and shall face termination of their Membership and / or transportation of their birds.



## **4) RACE BIRDS**

### **a) LIBERATION COMMITTEE (Oct 2017)**

- 1) The NRC Liberation Committee, consisting of (the Liberator and) at least two (2) Members or Affiliates will be nominated and elected from the floor at the NRC AGM.
- 2) Where possible the Liberation Committee will be representative of the various areas within the NRC and Affiliate boundaries.

### **b) DUTIES OF THE LIBERATION COMMITTEE (Oct 2017)**

- 1) The Liberation Committee are to obtain weather conditions on route from the race point to Brisbane; reach a decision in consultation with the Liberator at the race point regarding the suitability for releasing the race birds at the scheduled time and to authorise the liberator to release the birds.
- 2) The Liberation Committee may authorise a release time other than the scheduled release time to avoid adverse conditions.
- 3) A majority vote of the Liberation Committee is needed to release the birds. The opinion of the NRC President will also be sought in doubtful conditions.
- 4) Only the Liberation Committee or authorised representative may communicate with the liberator while in control of the race birds (Note\* this is also for the safety of the Liberator while driving).
- 5) Birds will not be released in adverse conditions that are likely to result in leading bird velocities of 900mpm or less. In the long races the birds will be brought back to a shorter release point between 400 & 500 miles if adverse conditions such as strong head winds are forecast to persist.

### **c) RELEASE TIMES (Oct 2017)**

- 1) Birds basketed other than Friday night (i.e. Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday) for scheduled release on the Saturday morning (Friday in the case of Tuesday night basketing) will be released as early as practical.
- 2) Early as practical (EAP) means after the sun has fully risen above the horizon.
- 3) Race birds must rest a minimum of 4 hours after arriving at the race point before being released.

### **d) DELAYED RELEASE OF RACE BIRDS (Oct 2017)**

- 1) In the event of inclement weather either at the race point or en-route to Brisbane the scheduled release may be delayed.
- 2) Should the scheduled release time not be suitable due to inclement weather race birds will be held at the race point for a maximum of three (3) days, provided that sufficient feed and water is available.
- 3) The Liberation Committee can defer release times on the release day if conditions improve sufficiently for a release as per the following race distances and times:
  - a) Up to 300km no later than 12.00 Midday
  - b) Up to 500km no later than 10.00 a.m.
  - c) Over 500km no later than 11.00 a.m.





## **e) INSUFFICIENT BIRDS RETURNING (Oct 2017)**

- 1) Should insufficient birds return to claim the allocated points by the close of the race (clock reading) the race closure will be extended for the following periods from the time and day of release by a unanimous vote of the Race Committee:
  - a) Under 160km, one (1) day (24 hours) from time of liberation.
  - b) 160km and up to 563km, two (2) days (48 hours) from liberation.
  - c) Over 563km, four (4) days (96 hours) from time of liberation.
- 2) These distances apply to the **competitor with the longest airline** distance. The race will close at the end of the periods above.
- 3) In the event of only one bird homing before the extended closing time of a race such bird shall take all prize money.
- 4) If fewer birds home than places allocated the remaining uncollected prize money shall be divided equally between the birds home.
- 5) If no birds return to claim the allocated prizes within the above periods all cartage fees will be retained by the NRC but prize money and pool monies will be returned to the competitor/s.

## **f) BIRDS ESCAPING FROM RACE CRATES (Oct 2017)**

- 1) Should a bird or birds escape from the race crates after race marking and prior to a race release and provided those birds escaping cannot be positively identified or eliminated from the result, the race shall be declared null and void and no NRC prizes or points will be awarded.
- 2) In the event of a race being declared null and void, all cartage fees will be retained by the NRC but prizemoney and pool monies will be returned to the competitor/s.
- 3) Clubs and Affiliates may decide for themselves if they wish to continue with their Club race/s.

## **g) PRIVATE TOSSES (Oct 2017)**

- 1) No member shall liberate any birds if likely to influence / interfere / clash with birds homing from a race.

## **h) LOST OR STRAYED RACE PIGEONS (Oct 2017)**

- 1) Members or Affiliates shall not unduly detain, injure, euthanise or in any manner interfere with a racing pigeon that is not their own.
- 2) Particulars of all strayed or found racing pigeons must be reported to the applicable Ring Secretary for identification.
- 3) Owners of lost or strayed racing pigeons must within 4 days of receiving notification from the Ring Secretary contact the reporter to make arrangements to retrieve the bird and the bird must be retrieved within 7 days.
- 4) If a non-flyer reports a lost or strayed racing pigeon the owner upon being notified as above must immediately contact the reporter and retrieve the bird within two days.
- 5) Unclaimed lost and reported racing pigeons become the property of the reporter and proof of ownership will be supplied by the Ring Secretary.



## 5) RACE RESULTS

### a) MODE OF RACING (Oct 2017)

- 1) All race results will be determined by calculating the velocity of clock birds, the bird flying the greatest number of metres per minute between the race point and the owner's loft to be declared the winner (excluding night birds, see hours of darkness).
- 2) In the event of velocities being equal to the third decimal point the race shall be declared a dead heat.
- 3) Flying time shall be the period between the time the race bird is released until such bird is clocked at the approved loft location of the competitor, minus Hours of Darkness or clock loss or gain where applicable.

### b) HOURS OF DARKNESS (Oct 2017)

- 1) **No birds arriving during the night:**
  - a) Hours of Darkness shall be 60 minutes after sunset to 60 minutes before sunrise.
- 2) **Birds arriving before midnight only:**
  - a) Hours of Darkness shall be one hour after last bird is clocked to 60 minutes before sunrise.
- 3) **Birds arriving after midnight only:**
  - a) Hours of Darkness shall be 60 minutes after sunset to time first bird is clocked. Race then remains open.
- 4) **Birds arriving before and after midnight:**
  - a) No Hours of Darkness shall apply and race remains open throughout the night.
- 5) **Second day birds**
  - a) Birds clocked during the night will not affect second day velocities where possible. Provided that the lowest placed bird during the Hours of Darkness, when calculated against the first bird clocked in normal race time on second day records a better velocity, all second day birds are to be calculated with Hours of Darkness removed but will be placed behind the night birds in the result.



## **c) WINNING PRIZES (Oct 2017)**

- 1) All competitors shall be entitled to one position and allocated points in any one race except for the last two (2) scheduled races where two birds may be clocked but only the first bird will count towards winning prizes or points. See also Novelty / Invitation Race Terms and Conditions.
- 2) A provisional result for each Combine or Invitation race will be provided after clock reading is completed. The result will remain provisional until such time as the committee has completed the necessary checks and declared the official place getters.
- 3) Any competitor shall have the right to question the result of any Combine or Invitation race within 24 hours of the clock reading time.
- 4) Any Competitor making any allegations regarding the genuineness of a race after such race has been declared, won and prizes paid, will be called upon to give explanation and failing same will be dealt with by the (NRC or applicable) Committee.

## **d) PRODUCING RACE BIRDS (Oct 2017)**

- 1) Racing pigeons competing in Combine or Invitation races must be made available on demand for inspection and / or tossing at the competitor's recognised loft location by designated Committee Members (or appointee).
- 2) A tossed race pigeon must return and enter the loft at the recognised loft location of the competitor within two hours of being tossed by the committee (or appointee).
- 3) The bird will be tossed within 50 metres of the loft allowing two hours of full daylight for the bird to return. No other pigeons are permitted outside the loft when a bird is tossed.

## **e) FLYER & CLUB POINTS (Oct 2017)**

- 1) Points towards champion flyer of the NRC will be awarded to all places in all Club and Combine races except any Invitation / Novelty Races (e.g. National, YBD, Ring Race, Futurity and Breeder's Plate etc.) which shall not carry any points. Refer to Novelty / Invitation Race Terms and Conditions.
- 2) Any Member competing in two (2) (Affiliated) Clubs or flying two (2) teams within the one (1) (Affiliated) Club must register (prior to the commencement of the Race Schedule) and state clearly on his entry form and clock chart to which Club his / her birds apply. Birds shall not registered / flown in more than one (1) (team or combination of; NRC and / or Affiliated) Club/s.
- 3) Points for the Club Championship will be awarded to the Club through which the member pays his affiliation subscription Fee.
- 4) Points towards the Champion Club will be awarded to a maximum of three (3) Members per club per race in all Combine races.
- 5) Points are not considered as prizes for the purpose of these rules.
- 6) Members competing in the last race may clock two birds for the results but only the first bird will count for points and / or prize money.



## **6) ADMINISTRATION**

### **a) AFFILIATE FACILITIES (Oct 2017)**

- 1) Affiliates are responsible for the provision of their own basketing and clock reading facilities.

### **b) COMPETITORS AGREEMENT (Oct 2017)**

- 1) All competitors before entering birds in races controlled by the NRC agree to be bound by these Flying Rules, Deed of Indemnity, the NRC's Code of Conduct, the NRC's Transportation and Liberation Guidelines and the NRC's Practice of Keeping and Racing Pigeons.
- 2) It shall be each Member's / Affiliates responsibility to scrutinise the NRC ([www.nrcpigeons.com](http://www.nrcpigeons.com)) webpage for information reference amended release time, clock reading and the extension of race closure in the event of doubt as to sufficient birds being homed.
- 3) The NRC Race Committee shall endeavour to send a Group text message advising of the above at the earliest possible time (for those on the distribution list).
- 4) No Member / Affiliate shall not unduly detain, injure or euthanise a pigeon, the property of another person. Stray birds are to be reported to the applicable Life Ring Secretary or phone number on the ring. If no response has been received from the NRC Member or Affiliate Member (owner) within one (1) week NRC rules apply regarding transfer of ownership, such transfer must be in writing.
- 5) No Member / Affiliate shall place a stray bird in the race crates.
- 6) No Member / Affiliate shall remove an Electronic Band / Chip or Race rubber from a pigeon that is the property of another person.

### **c) CODE OF CONDUCT (Oct 2017)**

- 1) All Members / Affiliates shall support, agree and abide by the Code of Conduct at all times.

### **d) OBLIGATION OF MEMBERS (Oct 2017)**

- 1) Financial – prompt payment of all financial obligations.
- 2) Clock Reading Nights – each member shall learn at least two (2) jobs and be prepared to take his / her turn as directed by the President or delegated officer. All Members shall assist in handling birds and other facilitation tasks.
- 3) Member's arrival time and time of tabling clocks for setting and clock-off shall be set by the Race Committee/s. Failure to arrive by the required time without reasonable excuse may result in clocks not being set and / or disqualification. The times set are the latest acceptable but Members are expected to arrive as early as possible to facilitate the smooth running of the Club/s.
- 4) To foster a positive social environment and encourage Affiliated Clubs and Members to support the NRC, basketing and clock reading shall occur at the NRC Clubrooms (or as designated) for any Member competing in races, which involve special conditions or releases e.g. Futurity, Ring Race and National.



## 5) General

- a) Attend all Meetings. A Flying Member shall not be absent from three (3) consecutive General Meetings without Apology or reasonable cause.
- b) Shall support all social events and working bees.
- c) Shall take turn on working rosters.
- d) Shall take turn in Official Positions when nominated.
- e) Shall at all times act in the best interests of the Club, Members and Affiliates, behaving in a courteous manner so as to maintain and friendly fellowship within the NRC.
- f) Shall not conduct personal disputes on club premises.

## e) **INTERPRETATION OF FLYING RULES (Oct 2017)**

- 1) The NRC Race Committee in matters of dispute or where these rules are silent shall interpret the meaning and intention of the flying rules in the spirit of fair play.
- 2) The flying rules are designed to ensure that in all Club, Combine and / or Invitation races each competitor has a fair and equal chance of winning.
- 3) The decision of the Committee shall be final and binding.

## f) **MULTIPLE MEMBERS AT SAME PROPERTY (Oct 2017)**

- 1) Members may make application to the NRC Committee for approval for multiple Members to race independently to one property. The application must clearly state the reasons for the proposed arrangement and include the approximate number of birds to be raced by each member.
- 2) The Management Committee may approve or reject such applications on the basis of merit.
- 3) Where multiple Members race independently to one property, the following conditions must be adhered to:
  - a) The conditions of the NRC Code of Practice for Keeping and Racing Pigeons must be observed.
  - b) Each member shall pay separate fees.
  - c) A full list of each member's birds is to be provided to the Club Secretary and / or NRC Race Secretary prior to the season's first basketing night.
  - d) Birds shall not be duplicated on multiple Members' lists.
  - e) Each member may race only those birds nominated by them.
  - f) Transfer of nominated birds between such Members shall only be permitted at the completion of that flying season.
  - g) Multiple Members flying to the same property may use the one race clock for the timing of their birds from a race.
  - h) Each member must advise the committee (if manually clocking) of the clock receptacle in which they have clocked their pigeon, e.g. Flyer A in hole one and Flyer B in hole two etc.



## **g) PENALTIES (Oct 2017)**

- 1) Breaches of the flying rules shall be dealt with by the NRC Race Committee who may inflict a penalty such as a fine (the maximum fine is \$200), disqualification, suspension from racing or termination of Membership where deemed appropriate.
- 2) Duly elected Affiliate Committees, have the power to penalise competitors (within their respective Clubs) for breaches of the flying rules in races conducted by the Combine. The NRC Committee must be informed of any action taken by Affiliates against Members under these flying rules.
- 3) Every Member where possible shall be given a clock reading and velocity and reason for disqualification if applicable. Their velocity will be included at the end of the result sheet where possible.

## **h) APPEALS (Oct 2017)**

- 1) Competitors penalised under any flying rule of the NRC by any Committee shall have the right of appeal.
- 2) All appeals must be made in writing accompanied by a deposit of \$50.00 and received by the NRC Race Committee within fourteen (14) days from the date of the penalty. The \$50.00 deposit will be retained by the Race Committee should the appeal fail.
- 3) The NRC Race Committee will convene a meeting with the competitor making the appeal within fourteen (14) days of receipt of such appeal at which time the competitor shall be given a full hearing and the case considered.
- 4) Competitors who fail with appeals to the Race Committee shall have a final appeal to a Special General Meeting of the NRC Members convened by the NRC Committee within fourteen (14) days of being requested.
- 5) A majority support of the Members attending the Special Meeting is required for an appeal to succeed.

## **i) ALTERATION TO FLYING RULES (Oct 2017)**

- 1) Members or Affiliates may submit a request to the NRC Committee (consistent with the NRC constitution) to alter these flying rules.
- 2) Requests must state the existing clause to be amended or deleted or if a new clause is to be added. Reasons for the change, addition or deletion must also be given.
- 3) The committee may call a Special General Meeting or conduct a (phone) ballot or questionnaire of the Members to gauge their feelings.
- 4) Each flying rule shall show the year it was inserted or last amended.
- 5) The Members at each AGM shall ratify the flying rules for the forthcoming racing year.
- 6) Once the flying rules have been ratified by the Members the Committee will only consider changes if a rule or rules become demonstrably unworkable during the race season.
- 7) One off requests for relaxation of (a) specific flying rule/s may be made (in writing) to the NRC Committee for consideration of the Membership.



## **j) DUTIES OF PRESIDENT (Oct 2017)**

- 1) The President in all official relations of the NRC shall take precedence over all other Members. The President shall:
  - a) preside at all meetings at which he / she is present
  - b) open meetings at the prescribed time
  - c) maintain order and see that the duties of other official are properly carried out and the discipline of the NRC enforced
  - d) call to order any member obstructing the business and should any member not desist he / she shall have power to caution said member or expel him / her from the meeting
  - e) place distinctly before the Members all motions and amendments, all business, announce all votes recorded and give decisions
  - f) have a casting vote in addition to his deliberate vote except when acting as chairman of committees when he / she shall have a casting vote only.
- 2) It shall be incumbent on all members to pay due respect to the President and uphold the dignity of the Chair. Any member disobeying the President's ruling shall have his conduct referred to the Committee, which shall have the power to expel or otherwise deal with such a member in a manner that it feels is appropriate in the circumstances. The Committee's decision is final.

## **k) DUTIES OF VICE-PRESIDENT (Oct 2017)**

- 1) The Vice-President shall assist the President wherever possible and in the President's absence, shall preside at meetings.

## **l) DUTIES OF SECRETARY (Oct 2017)**

- 1) The Secretary shall
  - a) convene all meetings and draw up the agenda in consultation with the President
  - b) keep accurate minutes of all meetings and enter same on the NRC web site
  - c) conduct all correspondence
  - d) receive (external) moneys and pay same to the Treasurer to be banked in the NRC's name within 7 days
  - e) in conjunction with the Treasurer keep proper accounts and shall furnish the Members with relevant information as may be required
  - f) keep a list of all financial Members and an attendance log to record all Members present at meetings
  - g) keep a copy of the rules and necessary records and advise the President if no quorum exists
  - h) assist the President in counting votes
  - i) be custodian of all movable NRC property and shall hand over to the Committee all such property, books, documents and moneys within 48 hours of being requested to do so

## **m) DUTIES OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY (Oct 2017)**

- 1) The Assistant Secretary shall assist the Secretary in whatever way possible. In the absence of the Secretary the Assistant shall fulfil the full duties of the Secretary.



## **n) DUTIES OF RING SECRETARY (Oct 2017)**

- 1) The Ring Secretary shall:
  - a) account for all life rings
  - b) keep a register of all rings sold
  - c) keep a register of all strayed birds
  - d) pay all moneys received to the Treasurer for banking
  - e) order all life rings before the end of the racing season and have same to hand by the beginning of May

## **o) DUTIES OF TREASURER (Oct 2017)**

- 1) The Treasurer shall:
  - a) keep a true record of receipts and expenditure of the NRC
  - b) receive and be responsible for all moneys and in conjunction with the Secretary bank same in the name of the NRC within 7 days
  - c) pay accounts as authorised in cash or cheque duly signed by President, Treasurer or Secretary, any two to sign
  - d) present a balance at the General Meetings and an Annual Report at the AGM duly audited for the Financial Year and move their adoption

## **p) DUTIES OF THE PUBLICITY OFFICER (Oct 2017)**

- 1) The Publicity Officer shall:
  - a) ensure that where possible, race results are published in the Sunday paper on the same weekend as the race
  - b) be responsible for initiating articles publicising the NRC and otherwise promoting its activities, such actions always to be in the best interests of the NRC and its Members
  - c) be responsible for obtaining sponsors for special races

## **q) DUTIES OF CLOCK SETTERS (Oct 2017)**

- 1) Clock setters shall set Members' clocks at the specified time and shall ensure that clock rolls are endorsed correctly with the endorsement showing through the side glass. Two signatures shall be shown on the tape but one signature will be acceptable in club races. They shall seal each clock, except their own, after clock off. N.B. Although clock setters will check clocks, it shall be each member's responsibility to ensure his clock is wound, has sufficient tape and is stamping clearly. Replacement of silks shall be the responsibility of the clock owner.

## **r) DUTIES OF HEALTH OFFICERS (Oct 2017)**

- 1) Health Officers shall have the right to inspect and check any bird for symptoms of ill-health. They shall then report to the Executive who shall rule on their recommendation as to whether the bird should be basketed. In all cases the owner must be advised.

## **s) LIFE MEMBERS**

- 1) All nominations for Life Membership must be submitted by a member's club. The nominations must be in writing outlining the history of the member concerned, such as years of membership and outstanding services rendered to the NRC. All nominations are to be submitted to the NRC Committee for their approval before being considered by the Membership.





## **7) SCANNING SYSTEMS**

### **a) ELECTRONIC BAND SCANNING SYSTEMS (Oct 2017)**

- 1) Electronic Band Scanning Systems, hereafter called EBS Systems are permitted for use in all NRC Club, Combine and Invitation / Novelty races.
- 2) The use of EBS Systems is not mandatory for NRC races (unless otherwise stated in the Race Terms and Conditions)
- 3) Brands of EBS Systems that are currently available on the market and that have been proven to provide adequate security are approved for use in NRC races, these include Benzing and Mega. Alternate brands will require the approval of the Management Committee before use.
- 4) Members wishing to use EBS System in Combine races must make written application to the management committee of their respective club or affiliate, stating full details of the proposed system including the serial numbers of the EBS System and the antenna before using the system.
- 5) Provision of club control systems, security keys and compatibility of the EBS System is the responsibility of the member choosing to use that system.
- 6) EBS Systems must use re-programmable (read / write) electronic bands.
- 7) A competitor may use an officially set spare clock if the EBS system should become faulty during a race. See 'Faulty Race Clocks' section for details
- 8) System antennas must be installed in such a way as to prevent a pigeon from landing directly on the antenna unless the antenna is located fully within the Members loft and at least 300mm past the open entrance, depending on the loft entry system used (see examples in diagram).
- 9) A Race Committee member or delegate must inspect and seal the antenna within the loft. A digital photograph of the antenna location in the loft is required.
- 10) A signed and dated written form from the person carrying out the inspection must be forwarded to the NRC Race Secretary before the system is approved for use. A charge for this service may be levied by the committee.
- 11) Multiple antennas are permitted in a loft but if more than one entrance to the loft is available or more than one loft is located on the property then the GPS distance will be taken from the most western location.
- 12) A Committee Member or Delegate reserves the right to inspect a member's loft and antenna location at any time without prior notice.
- 13) Members who break the antenna seals or adds to or moves the antenna to another location will be disqualified from the race and may face further action from the committee.



## 8) Benzing *Live*

### a) Evaluation and Live Transmission of Arrival Data (Oct 2017)

- 1) Benzing Live (evaluation and transmission of arrival data) System, hereafter called 'Live' is permitted for use in all NRC Club, Combine and Invitation / Novelty races.
- 2) Members wishing to use 'Live' are to advise the NRC Race Secretary before commencing use.
- 3) The Race Secretary/s must be satisfied with the integrity of any EBS System proposed to be used and its ability to carry out the functions and provide the required level of security. Approval of Live Systems shall be the responsibility of the NRC Management Committee (guided by Certification by the FCI and a majority vote by the NRC Members). The only approved system at the time of implementation of this rule is 'Benzing Live'.
- 4) The use of 'Live' or any other future approved system (by the NRC) within each Club / Affiliate will be the decision for each individual centre.
- 5) Any Club / Affiliate Centre wishing to use an approved 'Live' System must have an email facility at the Centre, with an email address encompassing the name of the Club / Affiliate Centre either wholly or in part.
- 6) The 'Live' System shall send results to three (3) email addresses; the flyers email address, the Race Secretary of the Members Club (via the Club / Affiliate Centre's email) and the NRC Race Secretary (if a different email address to that of their Club).
- 7) The Race Secretary or their delegate or the Clock Committee or delegate will be responsible for the receiving and printing of the emailed evaluation sheets.
- 8) The Club / Affiliate Race Secretary/s are responsible for ensuring that the information contained in the email is entered into the NRC Results page.
- 9) The relevant Member's Club / Affiliate Race Secretary is responsible for ensuring the email is retained together with the flyer's basketing list generated by the Club System.
- 10) In the event of a competitor's emailed evaluation sheet not arriving at his / her designated Centre, the competitor will be required to produce their electronic clock at their designated Centre within the nominal timeframes as set out in Rule (2(j)1). No additional time to produce will be allowed.  

To clarify and avoid confusion; where an emailed evaluation sheet does / has not arrived at a competitors designated Centre due to a failure of a / the email system and the competitors clock has not been produced at his / her designated Centre within the normal timeframes then no time will be given.
- 11) Members are reminded that velocities calculated by the 'Live' system may have variations to that of the NRC Race Results page. The NRC Results page is the official source of velocities and results.