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1. APPROVED CLOCKS

Only electronic clocks will be used by all members of the South East Racing Pigeon Combine when timing in race pigeons. Each club that forms part of the SERPC will determine on their own the electronic system each and every member of that club will use.

The SERPC INC. will have the power to inspect and disqualify without penalty, the use of any clock, at any time, provided written reason therefore is given to the owner.

2. SERPC INC. RACES

1. Each clock shall be brought to the clock centre prior at specified ring off time.
2. Any competitor failing to have clock at checking station at specified time without a reasonable excuse will be disqualified from the race being timed.

3. CLOCK VARIATION

1. In the event of a clock gaining at over one (1) minute in 24 hours the time registered will be taken as the time of arrival.
2. In the event of a clock losing at the rate of over one (1) minute in 24 hours double the variation slow will be added to the registered time.
3. When the variation is within 5 minutes it will be added or deducted in the usual manner.
4. Any clock that loses or gains at a rate greater than 5 minutes will be disqualified until rectified.

3. VEIHING CLOCKS

1. Any two committee persons or appointed persons shall have the right to inspect a competitor's clock at any time during the progress of the race.
2. Any competitor not presenting his clock for inspection when asked to do so will be disqualified from that race.
3. Any competitor taking his clock to another place to time, whereby he/she may gain an unfair advantage, shall be dealt with by the Committee.

4. ELECTRONIC CLOCKS

1. The use of Electronic Band Scanning Systems ("EBSS") as approved by the SERPC INC. for use in all races conducted by the SERPC INC..
2. The approved EBSS are – **Benzing**.
3. In the event that the Management Committee determines that an EBSS or a system design does not provide adequate security or presents a potential security question, the SERPC INC. may disapprove the use of that system.
4. The disapproval of any system shall be effective immediately upon resolution of the Management Committee and the disapproval shall be advised to members as soon as reasonably possible either verbally or by written notice.
5. The SERPC INC. reserves the right to withdraw the approval of any EBSS at any time, if a lack of security occurs with any particular system.
6. If the SERPC INC. Race Secretary determines that a lack of security exists with any individual unit, they shall notify the Management Committee and seek an immediate statement as to the validity of the continued system use. The Race Secretary will provide a written statement of the reason for concern to the system owner and to the Management Committee.
7. Issues of the potential or actual adequacy or otherwise of security shall be a matter for determination by the Management Committee within its absolute discretion.
8. In all SERPC INC. races the use of an EBSS is not mandatory.

5. Use of EBS Systems by Members.

1. The serial number of each EBSS clock and where practical, the serial number of each antenna shall be approved by and registered with the SERPC INC. prior to use.
2. The installation of the sensor antenna shall be inspected by the Club Secretary and one (1) other Club Committee Member and sealed with an appropriate seal in order that the sensor cannot be relocated. A diagram and/or photograph shall be supplied to the SERPC INC. Secretary with the appropriate documentation.
3. Every EBSS sensor antenna shall be installed outside of the loft BUT must be placed directly at the usual entry or trapping area for the lofts racing pigeons.
4. Every sensor/antenna shall be sealed as a fixture at point of entry. Point of fixture shall be documented.
5. The maximum distance on a unilateral plane of multiple sensors/antennas connected to an EBSS in any competitor's loft is three (3) metres inclusive measured from the furthest point on any part of one sensor/antenna ("the first sensor") to 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 3 metre unilateral plane.
6. Where the distance between sensors/antennas exceeds the 3 metres as referred to in Rule 16(5) and within or not exceeding 16 metres, the race distance shall be calculated to the closest sensor/antenna to the race point.
7. No sensor/antenna may be employed or placed at the loft of another competitor or moved to any other position of the competitor's loft without prior application to, and approval by the Management Committee.

6. Racing Requirements;

1. System control modules or system keys and software used in EBS systems shall be purchased or procured by the system owner.
2. Users of EBSS will use an electronic band scanning system that has a re-programmable electronic band as approved by the manufacturer and us electronic bands that have read/write chips. Currently the use of 64/128 bit chips is approved for use.
3. The Race Secretary of the SERPC INC. shall secure all individual system control modules or system keys during competitive events. The use and operation of these security controls shall only be permitted by the individuals specifically authorised by the SERPC INC. during competitive events.
4. Electronic banded pigeons shall not be handled by the competitor or a representative of the competitor during the race entry logging or basketing process unless they are handing pigeons to scanning members from a basket.
5. During the logging process, all band data shall be reviewed to ensure band data accuracy by the Race Secretary.
6. After all race birds have been entered in an EBSS the Race Secretary shall print a list of the competitor's entries as verification of all birds entered. That print out will be handed to the owner.
7. The printout serves as a race entry sheet. An additional copy shall be printed for the competitor.
8. The race entry sheet (basketing list) electronic band numbers and life ring numbers shall correspond with the clocking list on ring off night. Should there be any discrepancy the competitor shall be disqualified from the race.
9. In the case where an electronic clock race sheet shows a tie, the first bird listed shall receive the highest ranking of the tied birds and so forth, down the list.
10. 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, all entries for that competitor shall be disqualified from any race results. The Race Secretary shall verify the system failure.
11. In the event of a malfunction of an EBSS and it being sent for repair, proof of repair shall be produced before the EBSS can be used for competition again.
12. In the event of the removal of the sensor/antenna for any reason, the sensor/antenna reinstallation shall be inspected and sealed.
13. If any competitor intentionally attempts to corrupt, interfere with or destroy the electronic data of any EBSS, that competitor shall be called before the SERPC INC. for disciplinary action.
14. Should the EBSS display (after a race entry or race) show the complete set, but NOT be able to generate a printout, the Club Race Secretary or Race Committee member shall view the display data and report it manually. The manual report shall be used for calculating race results.
15. In the event of it being a SERPC INC. controlled race and a printout cannot be generated from the member's timer/recorder, the timer/recorder shall be produced for a manual reading by the SERPC INC. on the first Monday night after the race day. Failure to produce the timer/recorder shall result in non-acceptance of the member's result.