

CLOCK RULES OF SHOALHAVEN PIGEON FEDERATION INC 2014

1. APPROVED CLOCKS

- a) Only clocks approved by the A.P.F Association shall be used in all Federation combines, except as per Rule 1b
- b) The Benzing Computer Clock is acceptable for competition in all Federation Combines, subject to the following conditions:
 - 1) The clock shall be used in conjunction with the Benzing Printer.
 - 2) More than one clock can use the same printer under the supervision of the clock committee.
 - 3) The security code number to be printed out by the printer prior to leaving the checking station.
- c) The Federation shall 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. CLOCK CHECKING

- a) Each timing clock must be thoroughly checked by Club Clock Committees and certified fit for use one week prior to racing.
- b) Competitors are not permitted to have clocks in their possession after being checked unless sealed prior to racing.

3. CLOCK SETTING GENERAL

- a) Each clock used in Federation Combines shall be started by the telephone time signals or a crom, Times set out below are a guide to allow clubs the flexibility to change setting and ring off times to suite their members. The Federation race secretary must be notified of setting and ring off times on basketballing night.
 - 1) Friday night basketballing combines - clocks to be set at 7.00pm and check kick at 7:05pm
 - 2) Wednesday and Thursday night basketballing combines - clocks to be set at 7:00pm and check kick at 7:05pm
- b) In setting a clock where possible it to be given a one minute run up start

- c) In all races conducted by the Federation each clock shall be sealed with twine and approved metal type seal, and shall be returned with seal intact. In the event of the seal becoming detached it may be re-sealed by two (2) members of the Clock Committee up to the time of timing in, as long as they are satisfied that the clock has not been tampered with. In the event of a clock being returned without a seal or seal not being squeezed properly, that clock be disqualified.

Unsealed clocks shall be retained by the Clock Committee for further inspection and shall be reported to the Federation

- d) Boxes and thimbles must be used, open ended thimbles to be used upside down and must contain rubber ring of bird timed in, rubber ring to conform and correspond with tab, and infringement of the rule will entail disqualification. No thimble will be recognized if damaged or mutilate in any way and thimble used must be the same type as supplied with the clock. All thimbles must be of standard size and issued with clock.
- e) A clock fitted with spring loaded lid and /or designed to be used without thimbles may be used in competition in Federation races. The rubber ring must be wholly within the receptacle, should any part of the ring be exposed, that ring will be disqualified.
- f) Each clock shall be set in the flyer's own club room for Federation races. Tapes shall be stamped with club stamp and signatures of two (2) members of Clock Committee and the name of the competitor shall be included with date of setting, race point and distances in meters. No member shall sign or seal his own clock. Tapes with only one signature will be disqualified.
- g) Clocks not started at pips or miss fired should be reset at committee's discretion.

4. FEDERATION COMBINES

- a) Each clock used in Federation Combines shall be started by a master timer at the specified time and check kicked at 5 minutes pass the specified time, Master timer shall be preset to the Telephone Time Signal.
- b) Each clock shall be brought to the clock center prior to specified ring off time.
- c) Any competitor failing to have clock at checking station at specified time will be fined \$10.00 for the first five minutes or less. Each extra five minutes of part thereof a further \$5.00 fine will be imposed. Clocks later than twenty minutes are to be dealt with by the Federation Management Committee, who shall have power to increase penalty and or review matter.

5. DOLOMETERS - ANTI - ACCELERATION DEVICES

- a) All clocks approved by the Federation for use in Combines must have anti-fraud features and devices of a standard equal to the STB and Benzing clocks.
- b) All dolometers shall be set on zero and each clock shall be set to bring up number one bucket at first print.
- c) Allowances: Only 3/16 of an inch on Benzing or Simplex clock dolometers, 5 points on Record clock dolometers, 3 points on STB clock dolometer and one degree allowed on Sky master clock dolometers. Easy way clocks dolometer allowance 1 degree or 1 nark. The isgus clock fitted with the anti-acceleration stopping device be accepted in competition within the Federation. Should such a clock stop during competition and the device indicate that it is responsible for the stoppage by the plunger being raised, that clock shall be disqualified for that race. Any other clock must be shown to the Federation Committee before an allowance is given. Any clock showing more than the amounts allotted shall be disqualified if the word OPEN can be seen when the sky master clock is presented for checking against the master timer the clock shall be disqualified. Anti-fraud devise must be in the correct positions or the clock will be disqualified.

6. CLOCK OPENING

- a) In all combines ring off time may be varied to allow each club the flexibility to change setting and ring off times to suite their members. The Federation Race Secretary must be notified of the setting and ring off times on basketing night. Times set out below are the suggested times to be used.
 - 1) 7:00pm on day of liberation in all races up to and including 600km
 - 2) Races 601km and over ring off time shall be 8:00pm
 - 3) In the event of the race being of more than one day duration ring off time shall be 7.00pm each subsequent day.
- b) Each competitor in Combines shall have his clock in the clocking center on night of ring off five (5) minutes prior to ring off. Clocks arriving between 5 minutes and ring off to be imposed with a fine to be set by the Committee, clocks arriving after the set of ring off time may be disqualified without good reason.
- c) Each clock is to be given a check tick on the night of timing in otherwise it shall be disqualified.

- d) If in the opinion of the Federation Committee or the Club Clock Committee there are insufficient clocks to open on the first night of checking, all clocks must be given a check tick at the specified ring off time. Opening and checking to take place at the specified ring off time next evening.
- e) No clock must be opened prior to closing of race time, and until the Federation Committee or Club Committee is satisfied that all race and pool prizes will be filled. Once a clock is opened, that clock and loft, are finished for that particular race.
- f) Each clock shall be opened in the presence of at least two members of the Clock Committee, who will prior to opening examine each sea and dolometer. The seal after examination shall be cut from the clock and retained with that clock. Only one clock shall be dealt with at a time.
- g) The clock tape will be removed and clock examiner will examine all buckets in clock, he will rotate the drum marking the tape corresponding to each bucket before removing any rubbers. Should any buckets be empty, corresponding print to be deleted from the tape.
- h) Tape reader will examine signatures and punch marks on tape. Punch marks should only appear at the commencement and termination of prints. Other punch marks must bear signatures.

Should punch marks indicate unauthorised opening of the clock, the clock shall be disqualified and competitor to be reported to the Federation Management Committee.

The clock tape from the Benzing Computer Clock printer will be removed stamped and signed by two members of the clock committee.

- i) Clock examiner will remove thimbles in sequence. The rubber ring from each thimble will be checked against the tab and the race sheet prior to the succeeding thimble being opened. Life ring number and pools as appearing on the race sheet shall be stated and marked on tape against the corresponding print.
- j) Prize taking clocks in the Federation Combines shall be checked by the Federation before leaving the checking station on the night of ring off.
- k) Each clock shall be reassembled and resealed before being returned to the competitor.

7. READING OF TAPES

- a) Clock tapes will be handed to the tape reader who will be responsible for checking the stamping print at the starting of the clock, the checking print secret symbol prints, prints of all pigeons timed in, the secret symbol coming in and the ringing off print.
- b) Should an imprint from the second print at starting of the clock be found to be inaccurate, such inaccuracy must be noted on the tape and allowance made for same when reading all following prints.
- c) Should the clock read fast at the second imprint, the amount of gain shall be deducted from all subsequent prints including the 'loss or gain' print. Should the clock read 'slow', that amount of loss shall be added to all subsequent prints.
- d) Should the clock stamp between seconds the clock shall be read forward to the next second on all prints.
- e) Time as read shall be endorsed on the tape against each imprint and the competitor shall be entitled to inspect same should he be dissatisfied with the reading as given.
- f) The time as read be published on the notice board provided for that purpose.
- g) In all combine races, clock tapes together with master checking sheets must be produced as near as possible to 8.00pm on Monday night following the race or as directed by the Federation at the Federation Rooms. Race rubbers and tabs must accompany the tapes and master sheets must contain the pigeon's particulars: Color, Sex, Ring number, Pools, Distance and Velocity.
- h) Failure to comply with the above rule will result in non-acceptance of master sheet and tapes and fine being imposed on offending Clubs.
- i) Race sheets and clock tapes will be retained by the Federation after all combines for a period of two (2) years.

8. CLOCK VARIATION

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. 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. When the variation is within 5 minutes it will be added or deducted in the usual manner. Any clock that loses or gains at a rate greater than 5 minutes will be disqualified until rectified.

9. CLOCK STOPPING

- a) Should a competitor's clock stop before timing in, such clock may be taken to the clocking center for resetting or he may obtain another clock. He may also time into another competitor's clock.
- b) In the event of a competitor's clock stopping after bird time in, he shall be empowered to go to an official member of the Club Clock Committee with his clock intact to have seal broken and rubber ring removed and placed in a second clock. The time shown on the second shall be the time recognized. Any stopped clocks shall be held by an official and presented to the Federation for inspection.
- c) Should a clock stop during competition and the competitor does not avail himself of the provision of rules 10a or 10b, the matter shall be discussed by the Committee with the view of allowing a refund of money paid by the competitor, but the decision shall be final and binding.
- d) In the event of a competitor being issued with a clock which, in the opinion of the committee, was insufficiently wound, he may be refunded all entry fees paid, less expenses on a pro-rata basis by the committee.

10. ILLEGAL CLOCK STAMPS

- a) In the event of a competitor timing in a wrong pigeon in the first thimble he will be allowed to time in a second thimble and in this event the competitor must notify the Secretary of same. Any number of birds may be timed into one clock. This rule allowed two competitors to time into one thimble and one clock.
- b) In the event of a competitor double kicking his clock at any time, such occurrence must be reported to the Federation or Club Clock Committee. Failure to do so may mean disqualification.
- c) Should a competitor overturn a bucket so that a thimble cannot be inserted, he will place a piece of paper in the bucket, turn it away and time in to the following bucket.

11. VIEWING CLOCKS

- a) 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.
- b) Any competitor not presenting his clock for inspection when asked to do so will be disqualified from that race.
- c) Any competitor taking his clock to another place to time, whereby he may gain an unfair advantage, shall be dealt with by the Committee.

12. RESETS

- a) In the event of birds not being liberated, clock shall be reset every seventy two hours
- b) Clocks will not be reset, other than stopped clocks, once the race is in progress

13. SPARE CLOCKS

- a) Each club to have sufficient spare clocks, for use in case of an emergency
- b) No competitor shall have access to more than one clock at any given time

GENERAL RULES OF THE SHOALHAVEN PIGEON FEDERATION

- 1. a) Any matter not specified in the above racing or clock rules shall be referred to the next Federation Meeting for discussion any final decision to be made by the current financial members.
- b) Any matter likely to cause dissension in the Clubs shall be referred back to the Clubs for discussion before being decided by the current financial members.
- 2. Anything pertaining to the good governance and wellbeing of the Federation not specified in these Racing and Clock Rules can be dealt with by the Management Committee of the Federation at any time and whose decision shall be final and binding on all Clubs.

3. FINES

Any member of any club a member of the Federation or any Club being a member of the Federation may be disciplined by:

- a) Exoneration
- b) Warning
- c) Fine up to \$500.00
- d) Suspension or Disqualification for any period

The penalty shall be imposed by the Committee of the Federation after hearing all the evidence including that from the Member or Club involved, and finding of the Committee shall be final and binding In the event of imposition of a fine, then the member and/or Club shall be deemed to be suspended until payment of such fine in full. Any fine imposed shall be deemed to be a liquidated debt owed to the Federation which shall have the power to recover same in any court of competent jurisdiction.

- 4a) All foregoing Racing and Clock Rules of this Federation shall stand until the Annual General Meeting of each year and can only be altered at this meeting by a majority of the Members. If it is desired to amend, rescind or add to any of these rules between Annual General Meetings, such can only be done if 75% of the members present at a Special Meeting convened for that purpose are in favour of such decision, addition or amendment.
- 4b) Notices of any alteration of the said rules to be brought up at the Annual General Meeting must be given in writing prior to the last schedule race of the Year. Such notices shall be moved by one Club and second by another Club. The proposed alteration will be submitted to all clubs in writing and dealt with at the next Annual General Meeting.

Secretary