

TOWNSVILLE RACING PIGEON CLUB INC

BY – LAWS No 1

(1) MEMBERS OBLIGATION.

Members are respectfully requested to make themselves fully conversant with these rules as ignorance of any rule will not be accepted as an excuse for any infringement.

(2) FLYING ROUTES

Unless otherwise determined by a majority vote of all flying members, all routes to be flown shall be on a rotation system, giving changing direction each year. The routes to be flown shall be, South/East.(Coast); South.(direct) & West.

The three routes must be flown at least once in a three year cycle.

(3) SCHEDULE OF RACES

Schedule of races for the following year may be submitted by any financial flying member, to be in the hands of the secretary by the December meeting with a copy for each flying member. All schedules to be discussed and voted on at the A.G.M. the following year shall mean schedule submitted at December 2003 meeting shall be for 2005 flying season.

(4) BIRDS TO BE INSPECTED AFTER FLYING

All birds must fly to a members loft and be the absolute property of member in whose name they are raced and be shown within six days of close of race alive, if required to the appointed representatives of the club, who shall have

power to liberate the birds at the members loft and which must return to the members loft in their presence.

Any infraction of this rule shall annul all rights to prizes or pools and to future competition in club races.

The club shall also be at liberty to send a representative to investigate the legitimate ownership of any pigeon in a members loft.

(5) BIRDS NOT RETURNING ON DAY OF LIBERATION

Should a bird flying in a contest under 100 miles not return within 24 hours of liberation, no prize shall be awarded. over 100 miles and up to 250 miles- within 2(two) days, over 250 miles and up to 350 miles- within 3(three) days, over 350 miles and up to 500 miles- within 4(four) days, over 500 miles within 7(seven) days.

All air line miles to be taken to the back marker

(6) NUMBER OF BIRDS

The number of birds each member shall be permitted to fly in each race shall be:

(a) The maximum amount of birds the transport vehicle can hold divided by the number of flyers, flying that season.

(b) Any excess birds after every member has basketed his or her allowed number shall be divided by the remaining spare spaces and the flyers who have birds in excess of their allowed number until all birds have been basketed or transport vehicle is full.

(7) BIRDS NOT LIBERATED ON DAY SPECIFIED

Should birds go to the starting point and weather be not favorable, for liberating in the day specified, the conveyor shall then contact the race committee who shall confer with the conveyor as to the possibilities of suitable liberation, or return the birds.

(8) RELEASE IN UNFAVORABLE CONDITION

It shall be the responsibility of the race committee to ascertain the weather conditions on route, and contact conveyor re advisability of releasing birds.

(9) PRIVATE BANDS ON BIRDS

No birds competing in a race shall be allowed to carry any means of identifying it with the owner or competitor, plastic marker bands are permitted, birds double rung with life rings are not permitted.

(10) FOREIGN BANDS.

No bird carrying a foreign band may be used for breeding, flying, sale or showing unless covered by a quarantine or import certificate.

(11) COLOURED BANDS.

If coloured plastic bands are used by a member they shall be fitted in such a manner as not to interfere with the reading of the life ring or the fitting of the race rubber.

(12) DISTANCE OF LOFTS.

It shall be necessary for every member to supply the secretary with full particulars of his loft, number of allotment, name of street and accurate position of loft on allotment for the purpose of obtaining the correct distances.

No member of this club will be allowed to participate in races unless he or she have airlines and holders of a approved clock.

No races will be held pending arrival of airlines.

(13) ONE LOFT.

Only one member to compete from one loft exception for senior and junior racing from one or in the same allotment .

(14) ENTRANCE FEES.

All entrance fees to be paid at the time of basketing, each Member to be held liable for entry made by him. This rule will be enforced.

(15) RACE SHEETS

Entry sheets must be filled in correctly, legibly and in numerical order with one entry per line.

Main colour of bird, club, year, ring number and sex of bird to be entered.

Members name must be printed legibly on bottom of the race sheet and signed.

You can add your late bird to your master sheet at first race point of the season.

(16) RING CLEARANCE

Any member racing a pigeon with a ring not supplied by the club and registered in his or her name shall supply the ring secretary with a clearance of all such rings from the registered owner of the rings.

(17) YOUNG BIRD RACING

All birds competing in a young birds series shall have the correct years ring on the bird, e.g. 2004 season to have 2003 ring, and so on. No bird shall be permitted to compete in a young bird series without the correct ring.

Any bird without the correct years ring shall be classed as an old bird.

(18) MODE OF RACING.

All races to be flown under the velocity principle, that is, the bird flying the greatest number of meters per minute between the starting point and the owners loft to be the winner. A statement showing the calculated distance of each loft is open for inspection, any objections to which must be made in writing to the secretary within seven (7) days from declaration of result of race or otherwise such objection shall not be entertained.

Flying time shall be the period between the time a bird is liberated and the time such bird is clocked, minus "hours of darkness".

"Hours of darkness"

- (a) no birds arriving during night. "hours of darkness" shall be 45 minutes after sunset to 45 minutes before sunrise.
- (b) Birds arriving before midnight only "hours of darkness" shall be one (1) hour after last bird is clocked to 45 minutes before sunrise.
- (c) birds arriving after midnight only "hours of darkness" shall be 45 minutes after sunset to time first bird is clocked. race then remains open.
- (d) Birds arriving before and after midnight no "hours of darkness" shall apply and race shall remain open throughout the night.

(19) ALTERATION TO FLYING, CLOCK AND GENERAL RULES

Any member desirous of altering a flying, clock or general rule must submit in writing to the secretary a notice of motion at any general meeting.

The motion to contain the rule or rules he or she wishes to alter, delete or introduce. Member submitting motion must supply a copy for each member & one copy for club records at his or her expense.

Motion to be voted on at next meeting after motion is submitted.

All meetings to commence after striking off timers and to be completed with a two hour limit, then clocks to be read to obtain a result of races.

(20) WINNING PRIZE

All competitors shall be entitled to one prize only in any race, in which all places are filled. In the event of only one bird homing before the close of a race, such bird shall take all prize money. If fewer birds home than prize money allocated, the remaining prize money shall be divided on a pro-rata basis between birds home. Should no birds home before the close of a race, all pool monies to be returned.

Any competitor shall have the right to inspect clock roll under committee supervision before prize money is paid.

Any member making any charges regarding geniuses of race after such race has been declared won, and prize money paid, will be called upon to give explanation, and failing same will be dealt with by the committee.

(21) TOSSING ON RACE DAY

No member shall be permitted to toss birds from any direction on race days.

(22) REFUSAL OF ENTRY

The committee may refuse the entry of any bird.

(23) HANDLING

No member shall on basketing night handle his own birds, after the birds have been race marked or rubber rung.

He shall not race mark or ring his own birds, nor mark his own entry sheet. He may take his birds from his own basket, if he so desires, and pass them to the examiner or handler.

(24) DRUGS

The use of prohibited stimulant drugs by hypodermic needle or otherwise is declared a malpractice, and any member proved using them shall be disqualified for life.

(25) DETAINING A PIGEON

Any member willfully detaining or destroying a pigeon, the property of another person, will be dealt with by the committee.

Particulars of all strayed birds to be supplied to the ring secretary for identification. After reporting to the owner they shall within four (4) days make arrangements to retrieve the bird within one (1) week.

Members not abiding by these rules are liable to a fine to be set by the committee.

If a non flyer reports a bird such bird must be claimed within two (2) days. arrangements to be made by ring secretary.

Members not abiding by these rules to be fined (amount to beset by committee).

Birds not claimed within seven (7) days become the property of the reporter and proof of ownership will be supplied by the ring secretary.

(26) BIRDS UNFIT TO RACE

No bird shall be allowed to compete in any club race if it is found to be unfit or suffering from any disease. The race committee's ruling shall, be final.

(27) NUMBER OF RACE RINGS

Unless, in the opinion of the race committee a clerical error has occurred, the numbers on the race ring produced in the clock must correspond with those on the entry list.

(28) IMPOSSIBLE VELOCITY

Should any competitor's bird have made a velocity which the race committee considers impossible on the day, then the committee shall have absolute power to disqualify the said bird in the said race although there may be no evidence to suggest or support any fraudulent practice of the competitor or any other person responsible for the marking, dispatching or releasing of the birds to or at the race point.

(29) DRAWN RACE

If after the third decimal of any velocity two (2) or more clocks are even then the clocks shall be deemed to be of the same time and are equal in value of prize.

ADD TO 30 QUALIFYING RULE

Qualifying Race Points South Route...Clermont, Emerald and Springsure

(30) QUALIFYING RULE

Birds must qualify to fly the long races e.g. Brisbane and longer 600 miles +.

Qualifying races are Coast Route...St Lawrence, Marlborough and Rockhampton 1 of these to qualify.

(31) SEPARATE BASKETS

All hens and cocks are to be put in separate baskets at all times in any official club race or toss.

(32) DUTIES OF RING SECRETARY

The ring secretary shall account for all life rings and keep a ring register of all rings sold. He or she shall order all life rings and have the same in hand by the first race of the next season, other rings such as gold bands and breeder plate ring to be issued on the first of June and checking of all transfers.

(33) DROPPINGS TEST.

All members shall submit a sample of droppings from their race team 6 weeks before the first race of each season Droppings to be sent to Dr Colin Walker for examination to enable members time to rectify any problems detected that will only enhance his & other members birds chances of returning to their home loft. Any member not complying with this rule shall not be permitted to race that season.

(34) CLUB VET

The club vet shall be Dr Colin Walker of Knox Veterinary Clinic Melbourne

(35) RELEASE TIMES.

Release times to be determined by the race committee on basket night for each race.

(36) AGGREGATE POINTS

Points to be as follows, 1 point per flyer starting from highest to lowest position e.g. 10 flyers, first place 10 points down to 10th. place 1 point, to begin with and end with number of flyers racing that season, if a flyer or flyers do not fly no points will be awarded, other flyers will not be disadvantaged by this as points will still be 10 points for 1st place and 2 points for 9th place. There will be four (4) aggregate points trophies awarded, Young bird, Short series, Long series and Overall aggregate. All series distances to be determined when race program is decided.

(37) PARTIAL RELEASES

There will be no partial releases from the transporter, unless the remaining birds can be removed from the transporter and stored in a safe place (ie. at a pigeon flyers residence) and the transporter then taken well out of site of the removed birds for the release.

(38) PIGEON POX VACCINATION

All pigeons will be vaccinated at the members expense which is divided between members on a date voted on which were 1st Sunday in December and Australia day, at the end of January. Any pigeon or pigeons not vaccinated on the decided date will be done at the owners expense, this procedure shall be witnessed by a committee member . Any pigeon not vaccinated shall not be permitted to compete in any official club toss or race.

(39) TREBLE TICKETS.

All club members shall be required to buy, sell or distribute treble tickets as decided by the committee.

Any member not abiding by this rule will be dealt with by the committee.

(40) UNOFFICIAL RESULT

Result of race to be unofficial until 7 day for protest and merit cards to be presented after clock off, the night of the next race. Where placing to be given in the presents of all members to be congratulated.

(41) REGISTRATION OF TRANSFERS AND FLYING BIRDS

All member birds for racing the next season must be registered by the last week before the starting of the first race of that season, that is for transfers as well. . If a bird is found not to be registered it will not be able to go into the race basket and unable to compete for that year.

(42) PROTESTS

Protests of improper conduct affecting the well being of the club shall be dealt with by the members whose decision shall be final.

No protest shall be entertained unless made in writing and lodged with the Secretary within seven (7) days after the grievance or happening takes place all protests shall be accompanied with a deposit of five dollars (\$5.00) to be forfeited to the funds of the club in the event of the protest being dismissed on the grounds of frivolity, or for any other good reason.

(43) MISTAKES.

If a mistake made in putting birds in wrong basket and found in basket. The committee person, he or she may remove that bird and place in correct basket, without consulting other committee members.

If a ring number is incorrectly written down on race sheet you are entitled to correct it but if a colour of a bird is incorrect and does not match the bird written down the said bird can not fly that week.

(44) TRANSPORTER.

Once the baskets are sealed and loaded on to the transporter they are to remain there until the release point.

Any late birds arriving after loading the transporter are to be placed in to baskets of their own.

(45) RACING STRAYS

Any person or persons found guilty of racing stray pigeons one or more times shall be disqualified for a period of one full season.

New Rule

Transport Vehicle to be at Liberation Site.

Birds in Transported 1 (One) Night only, for every one hundred Kilometres travelled one hour at Liberation Site.

Birds in transported 2 (two), nights Journey not to begin before 4am. And parked no later than 4pm

Birds to be feed & watered by 8^{am}

Birds in transported more than 2 (two) nights e.g Brisbane, Mungindi, Transported to be at site no later than 1 (one) pm the day before liberation.

Race committee to instruct driver on exact times

Townsville Racing Pigeon Club Inc.
Surplus Birds

Any Members of the TRPC.INC can put their Pigeons in the Basket with out a race rubber on the bird.

Any one out side of the Club who would like to put their Birds in the Race Basket with out becoming a member of the Club can do so; They are Surplus Birds which do not have races rubbers on.

Members with Surplus Birds pay the same as the Race fees. Non -Members of TRPC INC will be charged extra.

All Surplus Birds must be written down on Surplus Sheets with hens and cocks marked and the number of birds going to the race.

All Surplus Birds go through Last.