

TOWNSVILLE RACING PIGEON CLUB INC.

ELECTRONIC CLOCKS RULES

Schedule 1 – USE OF ETS SYSTEMS

The use of Electronic Trapping Systems (“ETS”) is approved by the Townsville Racing Pigeon Club Inc. (“TRPC”) for use in all races conducted by the TRPC.

1. In the event that the TRPC Committee determines that an ETS System or a system design does not provide adequate security or presents a potential security question, the TRPC may disapprove the use of that system. The disapproval of any system will be effective immediately upon resolution on the TRPC Committee and the disapproval will be advised to members as soon as reasonably possible by personal notice.
 - (a) The TRPC reserves the right to withdraw the approval of any ETS at any time, if a lack of security occurs with any particular system.
 - (b) If the TRPC Clock Spokesman, his designate, or any race official determines that a lack of security exists with any individual unit, he must notify the TRPC Committee and seek an immediate statement as to the validity of the continued system use. The TRPC Clock Spokesman, his designate or race official must provide a written statement of the reason for concern to the system owner and to the TRPC Committee.
 - (c) Issues of the potential or actual adequacy or otherwise of security will be a matter for determination by the TRPC Committee within its absolute discretion.
2. Use of an ETS by an individual TRPC member must be notified to the TRPC in writing by the member.

Particular ETS Systems

3. A member is free to purchase any ETS he chooses. A member is responsible for ensuring the system (hardware/software) is compatible with other systems used by the TRPC. The TRPC shall have no responsibilities for any system incompatibility.
4. It would be advisable for any member, prior to purchasing an ETS system, to check with the TRPC as to what systems are already in use.

Use of ETS Systems by Members

5. **The serial number of each ETS and the serial number of each antenna must be approved by and registered with the TRPC prior to use.**
6. **Installation of the ETS in a member's loft must be inspected and approved by the TRPC Clock Spokesman or his designate before being accepted for competition use within the TRPC.**
7. **Every ETS sensor antenna must be installed wholly within the confines of the competitor's loft. The sensors/antennas of an ETS must be within the entrance of the loft. (This includes an entry into the face wall of the loft, as long as it is considered the entrance).**
8. **Every sensor/antenna must be sealed as a fixture at point of entry. Point of fixture shall be documented. Numbered seal.**
9. **Multiple entries are permissible, however, the loft measurement will be from the closest entry to all of race points.**
10. **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 TRPC.**
11. **Where an ETS is configured for multiple users, members will be permitted to use one electronic clock for Junior Flyers only.**

Racing Requirements

12. **System control modules or system keys and software used in ETS systems shall be purchased or procured by the system owner.**
13. **Use of ETS must:**
 - (a) **Use an electronic band scanning system that has a re-programmable electronic band.**
 - (b) **Use electronic bands that have read/write chips. Currently the use of 64k/128k bit chips are approved for use.**
14. **The Clock Spokesman 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 TRPC during competitive events.**

15. It shall be the responsibility of each individual competitor to affix or attach electronic bands securely to each of his birds making sure that the band's locking mechanism is securely engaged.
16. During the race entry logging or the basketing process, electronic banded pigeons shall not be handled by the competitor or a representative of the competitor. During the logging process, all band data must be reviewed to ensure band data accuracy by the TRPC Clock Spokesman or his designate.
17. After all race birds have been entered in an ETS, the TRPC Clock Spokesman or his designate shall print a list of the competitor's entries as verification of all birds entered. The printout shall be signed by the TRPC Clock Spokesman or his designate, and the competitor.
18. The printout serves as a race entry sheet. An additional copy shall be printed for the competitor. A normal race entry sheet may be supplied by the competitor and all entries may be checked by the person overseeing the logging of the birds as an additional proof of entry.
19. In the case where an electronic clock race sheet shows a tie, the first bird listed will receive the highest ranking of the tied birds and so forth, down the list.
20. If the data contained in an ETS 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 TRPC Clock Spokesman or his designate will verify the system failure.
21. If the ETS has a continuous clocking function, then that function is approved for use subject to normal clock presentation procedures.
- 22.(a) In the event of a malfunction of an ETS and it being sent for repair, proof of repair must be produced before the ETS can be used for competition again.
 - (b) In the event of the removal of the sensor/antenna for any reason, the sensor/antenna reinstallation must be approved by the TRPC before the ETS can be used for competition again.
23. If any competitor intentionally attempts to corrupt, interfere with, or destroy the electronic data of another competitor, then his entire entry shall be disqualified from competition at the discretion of the TRPC Committee.

24. When closing the race, the TRPC Clock Spokesman or his designate shall print out all data prior to transferring data from the ETS to the computer. The printout will serve as a back-up document for later reference if necessary. All data files should be stored on a back-up diskette in the event data reconstruction becomes necessary but none of the TRPC, the TRPC Committee, the TRPC Clock Spokesman or his designate or other race officials has any liability whatever for any act or omission including, without limitation, loss or corruption of any data. Use of an ETS is at sole risk of the member or competitor using it.
25. Should the ETS display (after a race entry or race) show the complete set, but NOT be able to generate a printout, the TRPC Clock Spokesman or his designate shall view the display data and report it manually. The manual report shall be used for calculating race results. In the event of it being a TRPC controlled race and a printout cannot be generated from a member's timer/recorder, the timer/recorder must be produced for a manual reading by the TRPC on the day or night of the race. Failure to produce the timer/recorder will result in the non acceptance of the member's result.

General

26. The TRPC Committee or its designate reserve the right at any time, without prior notice to inspect the installation and operation of any ETS being used by a competitor within the TRPC.
27. Any application form adopted by the TRPC Committee from time to time forms part of these rules and conditions.
28. The TRPC Members may from time to time amend these rules and conditions as it thinks fit and within its absolute discretion.
29. These rules and conditions are supplementary to and must be read in conjunction with the current TRPC constitution. To the extent of any inconsistency, the latter shall prevail.
30. Headings are inserted for convenience only and are not intended to assist Interpretation.

Rules and Conditions adopted by the TRPC Members.