

# BY-LAWS AND RACE RULES

## BOUNDARIES:

The State of Tasmania.

## RACE SECTIONS:

The Executive Committee will define race sections. Any Club affiliating with the TRPF will be allocated a race section prior to the commencement of the racing season.

All loft measurements must be taken off the same system and measurements are the responsibility of the TRPF Race Secretary. The TRPF Secretary shall check and record all co-ordinates and measurements received.

## DETERMINING VELOCITIES:

All races shall be flown under the velocity system, that is, the actual flying time (after making allowances for clock loss and gain etc) divided into the distance for that particular racepoint with the result expressed at a rate of metres per minute.

The bird flying the highest velocity shall be declared the winner.

All velocities are to be calculated and rounded off to the second decimal point. In the event of a dead heat prizemoney to be divided equally.

Should any competitor be credited by the Secretary with such a velocity that the Executive Committee considers impossible on the day, then the Committee shall have the absolute power to disqualify the bird in the said race, although there may be no evidence to suggest or support fraudulent practice of the competitor or any other person responsible for the marking or dispatching of the birds to or at the racepoint.

Protest as to the published result of any race must be lodged and in the hand of the Secretary within seven days of the publication of such results.

It is the affiliated Clubs responsibility to ensure validation of the flyers velocity and phone/fax/email the results (within 24 hours) at the conclusion of the race. A provisional result will be declared followed by a full result sheet recording the top 20 positions clocked that has been submitted to the TRPF Race Secretary.

## OWNERSHIP:

Each bird entered in a race conducted by the TRPF must be the bona fide property of the person in whose name it is entered and must be rung with a perfect and intact recognized homing club or federation life ring by which the bird will be identified on an entry sheet for that particular race. All birds must home to the surveyed loft of owner. It is the affiliated Clubs responsibility to ensure all entered birds are the bona fide property of their members.

## LIFE RINGS:

As of 2021 only life Rings that are issued by affiliated Clubs and/or recognized by the TRPF shall be able to compete. Date of issue of life rings shall not be before the 1<sup>st</sup> June each year.

#### RACE ENTRY FORMS:

Details of each pigeon entered under colour, sex, club initials, year and number shall be recorded together with type of pools, nominations or lofts for which each bird is competing. All entries must be entered on proper entry sheets.

#### MARKING OF BIRDS:

All birds entered in races will carry race ring of an approved type bearing at least one number and one other symbol.

Upon the production of the race sheet and the birds, the sheet will be handed to a Clerk who will endorse the numbers of the rubber ring allotted to each pigeon in the space provided on the race sheet for such particulars and all alterations signed.

Race Sheets insert and or electronic basketing sheet will be placed together with the tabs of the rubber rings in an envelope for each competitor. Such envelopes are to be sealed for the duration of the race. No competitor or partner shall handle their pigeon whilst being fitted or after being fitted with rubber rings prior to the dispatch of birds.

Owner must not operate ringer whilst their birds are being rung.

#### ACCEPTANCE OR REFUSAL OF ENTRIES:

It is the affiliated Clubs responsibility to refuse the entry of any birds, which in their opinion, is suffering from a contagious disease, carrying any vermin or which they believe should not be sent as applied to the physical condition of that pigeon.

All birds to be accepted by the affiliated Clubs are entirely at the owners risk once they leave the owners hands. It is the responsibility of the affiliated Clubs to validate the flyers entry in the TRPF and the velocity sent forward.

Clubs will be supplied prior to the racing season with result sheets. These are necessary to provide the TRPF with information for merit certificates and must be fully completed.

#### PERMISSABLE FLYING TIME

Up to 250 km	24 hours after liberation
250 to 650 km	1 hour after sunset on day 2
650 to 960 km	1 hour after sunset on day 3
960 to 1130km	1 hour after sunset on day 4
1130 km plus	1 xtra day for each additional 160 km

Distance to be calculated to the longest Northern flyer competing - excluding Hobart.

The duration of a day shall mean the period of time from 1 Hour before sunrise until 1 Hour after sunset. Sunrise and Sunset to be regarded as occurring as supplied by the Department of Meteorology. The period of time between 1 hour after sunset and untill hour before sunrise shall be termed hours of darkness, and are to be omitted in calculation of velocities. In the event of a bird or birds homing during the hours of darkness, when the race is more than one day's duration, then the position or positions of such bird or birds in race shall be calculated by velocity system on actual flying time (taking into account the hours of darkness up to timing in).

The last clocked bird's time with one hour added will then be the new time taken as the start of hours of darkness to the one hour before sunrise. All birds clocking time on the following day will have hours of darkness time deducted when calculating velocities. In the event of birds homing in the hours of darkness, the Club shall notify the TRPF Race Secretary as soon as possible and prior to sending in race result sheets. Hours of darkness shall be determined by the use\_ of the Internet EG: (Weather zone).

#### LIBERATION:

liberation will occur if the wind speeds are no stronger than 25 knots (approx 45km), with a limit on any wind with easterly in it to 10 knots, excepting south easterly which will be limited to 15 knots.

#### CLOCK RULES:

##### APPROVED CLOCKS:

Only continuous running, stamping clocks may be used, it is the responsibility of the affiliated clubs to ensure approved clocks are used. Members using electronic clocks are reminded that in ALL instances the pigeon must be considered trapped before crossing the pad. This means the bird must have entered inside the loft be it by the door or trapping box (internal or external). It is the responsibility of each Club to inspect the electronic clocking system of any members who install them to ensure the comply.

##### CLOCK CHECKING:

Each clock shall be set in the flyers own clubroom for any TRPF race. Tapes shall contain the date and racepoint, the flyers name and the signature of the club's Clock Steward. No member shall sign or seal their own clock. In all races conducted by the TRPF each clock will be sealed with twine or wire and an approved type seal, and shall be returned with seal intact.

##### SETTING OF CLOCKS:

Responsibility of affiliated clubs.

##### FIRING OF CLOCKS:

In all races conducted by the TRPF all clocks must be fired off a master timer on the hour. Master timer to be checked regularly and must be set by Smart phone. For the allowance of variation, or a clock not starting correctly a second firing of at least one minute must be completed.

##### DOLOMETERS & ANTI-ACCELERATION DEVICES:

All clocks approved by affiliated clubs must have anti-fraud features and devices of a standard equal to the STB and Benzing clocks.

All Dolometers shall be set on zero and each clock shall be set to bring up number one bucket at first print. It is the affiliated clubs responsibility to ensure clocks returned have not been tampered with.

**THIMBLE CLOCKS:**

Thimble clocks must have at least X thimble or a follower (or full thimble).

**CLOCK OPENING:**

Each clock cannot be opened unless there are at least THREE Club Committee members present. It will be the duty of these Club Committee members to check each clock prior to them being open. The clock tape will be removed and Clock Stewards will examine all buckets in clock, they will rotate the drum, marking the tape corresponding to each bucket before removing any rubbers. Should any bucket be empty, corresponding print must be deleted from the tape. Clock Stewards will examine signatures, punch and anti-fraud print mark on tapes. Punch marks should only appear at the commencement and termination of prints. Other punch marks must bear signatures. Should punch or print marks indicate unauthorized opening or starting of the clock, the clock shall be disqualified and the competitor to be dealt with by the Club's Committee. Clock Stewards will remove rubbers in sequence. The rubber from each bucket will be checked against the tab and the race sheet prior to the next rubber being removed from the following bucket.

**READING OF THE TAPES:**

Clock tapes insert and or electronic evaluation sheets will be handed to the tape reader who will be responsible for the checking of the stamping print at the starting of the clock, the checking print, and prints of all pigeons timed in. Should a print from the second 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 prints. 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, the amount of loss shall be added to all subsequent prints. Should the clock stamp in between seconds, the time shall be taken to the next on all prints. (Example: Gain 6 1/2 sees goes to 7 seconds). Time as read shall be endorsed on the tape against each imprint and the competitor shall be entitled to inspect same should they be dissatisfied with the reading as given.

**CLOCK LOSS OR GAIN:**

Loss or gain allowed per day is 24 seconds. In the event of a clock losing or gaining at this rate a warning will be given and if not regulated will be unable to be used in any TRPF race. Should a clock gain at the rate of more than 24 seconds then only 24 seconds will be allowed for each 24 hours, for any losing clock all lost time will be added on.

**CLOCK STOPPING:**

In the event of a clock stopping prior to Race Start, then the member may ask club officials to reset, sign and seal the clock. In the event of a clock stopping after the commencement of a race, the member may:

Exchange it for another clock that has been set for the race, OR

They may, with permission time into another competitor's clock of the same club. If the competitor times into another competitor's clock such occurrence must be reported to a Club official or TRPF Race Secretary.

#### VIEWING CLOCKS:

Affiliated clubs shall have the right to inspect a competitor's clock at any time during the progress of the race. Any competitor not presenting their clock for inspection when asked to do so will be disqualified from that race. Any competitor taking their clock to another place to time in, whereby they may gain an unfair advantage shall have their time disallowed.

#### ILLEGAL CLOCK STAMPS:

In the event of a competitor timing in a wrong pigeon in the first thimble, they will be allowed to time in a second thimble and in this event the competitor must notify Club Secretary of same. Any number of birds may be timed into one clock. In the event of a competitor double clicking their clock at any time, such occurrence must be reported to the club officials.

#### SPARE CLOCKS;

Clubs should try to have sufficient spare clocks for use in case of emergency. Each member is entitled to have two clocks set.

#### CLOCK USE:

All clocks are to be used as designed by manufacturers otherwise disqualified. Any wind-up clock to be allowed to run continuously for up to five days, then must be reset at clubrooms to avoid running down of clocks. All clocks should be reset at the same time and under normal race rules.

#### CLOCKING OF BIRDS:

Clocking of birds (ie two bird or open clocking) shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting and placed on the corresponding year's roster.

#### RACE POINTS AND CERTIFICATES:

All TRPF race will attract outright points from 1<sup>st</sup> position to 10<sup>th</sup> position with 10 points allocated to first place down to 1 point for 10<sup>th</sup> position. All TRPF races will have Section points for positions 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> with 3 points allocated to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2 points to 2<sup>nd</sup> and 1 point to 3<sup>rd</sup>.

A prestigious award will be allocated to the Top Loft of the season and an award to each Section Winner for the Season. This will be determined by the flyer that amasses the most points in a season.

Awards will be given for the following:

- Top Loft
- Top Section Winners
- Camp Quality Classic
- The Derby
- The Championship
- The Ladies Bracelet
- Bird of Year ( Certificate )

Each outright winner will receive a certificate

Each section winner will receive a certificate

