

TASMANIAN RACING PIGEON FEDERATION



CONSTITUTION & BY- LAWS

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CONSTITUTION

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NAME:

The body formed shall be known as Tasmanian Racing Pigeon Federation, herein after referred to as the TRPF.

The principal objectives of the Society are:

To foster, develop, encourage and promote the sport of pigeon racing.

To promote and organize a combined competition covering all aspects of pigeon racing and showing.

Protection and advancement of the interest of its members in all matters connected with the sport.

The establishment and operation of a system of transportation and liberation with reliable liberators to attend the birds in liberation at different race points.

AFFILIATIONS:

The Society may enter into any arrangements for reciprocal concessions or affiliation with any association or federation with like aims and objectives to it and for the benefit of its members.

EXECUTIVE:

At the Annual General Meeting the financial members of the society shall elect the office bearers for the ensuing year, those Office Bearers being -

President •	Vice President	Secretary
Assistant Secretary	Treasurer	Business Manager
Race Secretary	liberator	

DUTIES OF OFFICE BEARERS:

PRESIDENT: The President shall preside at all General and Executive meetings; shall preserve and maintain order; sign the minutes of the previous meeting when confirmed by vote and shall have a general vote as well as the casting vote at any meeting.

Any member disobeying the President's ruling may be ordered to appear before the Executive and may be fined or dealt with in accordance with the Committee's finding even to the extent of suspension or expulsion.

The President, being a full flying member, shall not whilst occupying the Chair, move a motion for discussion at the meeting. Should the President desire to do so he or she will vacate the Chair and hand the conduct of the meeting to the Vice President whilst the motion is being discussed.

SECRETARY: The Secretary shall attend to the general business of the TRPF, maintain minutes of all TRPF meetings, attend to all correspondence, keep a record of all attendances at meetings.

RACE SECRETARY: The Race Secretary shall receive and audit all club tapes and results for all races conducted by the TRPF; check same and declare a provisional race result. The race Secretary is responsible for checking and providing race co-ordinates for each financial member of the TRPF. The Race Secretary records and prepares winning certificates for presentation at the Annual General Meeting.

TREASURER: The Treasurer will receive all money, give official receipts therefore, deposit all money with the bank handling the TRPF finances, have charge and maintain all proper books of account, cheque and receipt books and bank accounts, pay all accounts properly incurred by the TRPF and prepare a financial statement to be audited and presented to all affiliated clubs two weeks prior to the Society's AGM.

VICE PRESIDENT: The Vice President shall, in the absence of the President possess all powers of the President and shall in such case act as Chairperson of the TRPF.

RACE LIBERATOR: The Race Liberator has the responsibility of arranging liberation at race points as per TRPF roster. The Race Liberator is accountable to the TRPF for final liberation decisions and any communication with the Race Liberator must ONLY be conducted via The President or Business Manager.

BUSINESS MANAGER: The Business Manager is responsible for liaison matters with the shipping organisation relating to the transportation of birds from Tasmania to Victoria. In addition the Business Manager is responsible for making a presentation to the shipping organization including presenting the TRPF endorsed costed roster each year. It is also the responsibility of the Business Manager to liaise with and organize 2 VHA races with the shipping organization. Duties will also encompass organization of trailer movements; storage of TRPF trailers and equipment; organization of annual trailer overhaul; liaise and arrange repairs to trailers with mainland liberators. The Business Manager is responsible for the costing of annual race roster for consideration and implementation by the Management Committee. The Business Manager will prepare and coordinate publicity articles for inclusion in relevant professional journals and local media.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE: The Management of the TRPF shall be the Executive Committee plus two delegates nominated from each affiliated Club. This Committee will be responsible in ensuring any emergencies consistent with the rules and objectives of the TRPF are addressed and dealt with in a fair and timely manner.

CASUAL VACANCY: The Executive Committee shall have the power to appoint members to fill any vacancy in any office.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

The AGM of the society shall be held each 12 months, the meeting will be held in November. At the Annual General Meeting the Secretary shall ensure that an Annual Report of the Society's activities is tabled.

The Treasurer shall provide a Balance Report to the Management Committee two weeks prior to the AGM showing income, expenses and a report on the next season's expenses.

At the AGM all office bearers shall retire.

An independent Chairperson is appointed and the meeting shall be proposed by one member and seconded by another, a majority of votes the decider for election.

GENERAL MEETING:

A General Meeting will be held immediately following the AGM and in February each year.

The Secretary of the Society shall notify all members by phone or publication of such meeting taking place a week in advance. General Meetings shall be held at TRPF headquarters in Latrobe on the day appointed and not less than twice per year. The purpose of the February General meeting each year is to set Annual Fees and subscriptions and consider/endorse the costed roster and proposed budget for the next flying season as put forward by the Business Manager.

SPECIAL MEETINGS:

A Special Meeting may be called at any time by the Secretary or upon the President's instruction. Any member wishing to have a special meeting called to address any matters that may arise must provide ten (10) days notice in writing stating the reason to the TRPF Secretary.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP:

Any Club wishing to join the TRPF must have a minimum membership of four (4) flying members and these members would be required to be present during all basketing and clocking functions to comply with the TRPF Rules. Failure to comply would see their membership banned or suspended.

ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS:

Future entry of a Club to the TRPF can only be obtained via Club or Association affiliation.

Affiliation can be obtained by application to the TRPF Secretary and the procurement of a majority vote from Club delegates and the Executive Committee.

A membership will be considered lapsed if an affiliated Club is in any way unfinancial with the TRPF four (4) weeks prior to the commencement of the racing program. Any Club wishing to rejoin must reapply in writing to the Secretary of the TRPF.

MISCONDUCT:

Any Member or Club who in the opinion of the Executive Committee is guilty of misconduct shall be liable to a fine or suspension. Suspension shall mean the forfeiture of all claims against the TRPF and its assets.

DISPUTES:

All disputes of whatever kind shall be decided by the Executive Committee and their decision' is binding. Any member involved in a dispute shall have the right to appeal in writing to the Executive Committee within 14 days of the Executive Committee's decision.

ALTERATION TO RULES:

The Executive Committee can only alter Rules.

The Constitution can be amended by a two-thirds majority provided the amendments are expressed in writing 21 days prior to the AGM or General Meeting called for that purpose.

The Secretary will then send notice to Club Secretaries to discuss with their members.

DISSOLUTION OR CHANGE OF SOCIETY'S NAME:

The dissolution or change of name of this Society can only be done by two-thirds majority of the financial members present at the AGM or a General Meeting called for this purpose. All finances and assets of the TRPF will be disposed of as directed by the members attending this meeting.

FINALITY & INTERPRETATION:

Notwithstanding any of the foregoing rules, the Executive Committee is empowered to suspend or cancel the membership of a club or individual given reason to do so. Any questions arising and not covered by these rules shall be dealt with at a meeting called for that purpose.

The application of these rules will be governed by common sense with the intent centered on the smooth running of the TRPF and the fairness to its members. Their decision will be final without recourse to law by any party.

The TRPF will not accept any responsibility for any person's property whilst commuting to/from or on any TRPF premises.

JUNIOR/DISABILITY MEMBERSHIP:

Any person under the age of 16 or disabled be granted free membership of the Federation.

