

WESTERN PIGEON FEDERATION

RACING BY-LAWS

1. INTERPRETATIONS, MANAGEMENT & DEFINITIONS

- 1.1 The Board shall be the sole authority for the interpretation of the Racing By-Laws and Regulations made there under. The decision of the Board upon any question, interpretation or upon any matters affecting the WPF and not provided for in the Racing By-Laws and Regulations shall be final and binding on all parties, [BOM mtg, 07.08.2023].
- 1.2 Any proposed change in these Racing By-Laws must come from the secretary of any club in writing to the WPF Secretary. This proposed change will be considered by the Board and if warranted will be acted upon by the Board or passed for discussion to the Annual General Meeting or a Special General meeting called for that purpose.
- 1.3 The Board shall have the power to make such Racing By-Laws and Regulations (not inconsistent with these Racing By-Laws) as May from time to time be deemed necessary.
- 1.4 The Board shall have the power to deal with any business arising in meetings that may not be covered by the Racing By-Laws and report the same at the next Board meeting, [BOM mtg, 07.08.2023].
- 1.5 The Board shall have the power to frame regulations for the conduct of races between pigeons belonging to members of the clubs affiliated with the WPF.
- 1.6 All questions and disputes of whatever kind arising and not provided for in these Racing By-Laws and Regulations shall be decided by the Board whose decision shall be final.
- 1.7 On the Second Tuesday' in November in each year a Special Board of Management meeting will be held for the purpose of adopting race stages, times of liberation and all matters pertaining thereto, for both the Sprint and Old Bird Series for the ensuing year.

1.8 CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

- 1.8.1 *All members shall abide by the "Fair Play Code of Conduct and Constitution any member found to be in breach of these shall be referred to the Board of Management, which shall have the power to expel or otherwise deal with such member/s, [BOM mtg, 07.08.2023].*

2. CLUBS AND MEMBERS

- 2.1 All new flyers or rejoining members will be required to join an existing club affiliated with the WPF.
- 2.2 All new flyers or rejoining members must have an electronic clocking system (Benzing, Vision) or an electronic clocking system approved by the WPF.

- 2.3 All existing clubs to be self-sufficient at all times they must have a minimum of 6 flying members at all times otherwise their affiliation may be terminated by the board.
- 2.4 All outside clubs must be self-sufficient at all times they must have a minimum of 6 flying members at all times otherwise their affiliation will be terminated by the board.
- 2.5 If a Club affiliation is terminated, then those members will be required to join a club already affiliated with the WPF.
- 2.6 Only clubs affiliated with the WPF will be recognized as such and no combination of members shall be within the WPF without the permission of the Board. Any contravention of this By-Law will result in those members being expelled from the WPF.
- 2.7 Any member of an affiliated club leaving his present club to join another affiliated club, or any person applying to become a new or rejoining member, before being admitted, must produce a written clearance from his previous club or federation stating that there are no outstanding debts and that there is nothing detrimental to his character as a member. Applicants failing to comply with this By-Law shall be barred from participating in any race.
- 2.8 Any club or member retiring from participation with the WPF before the end of the season must waive and forfeit all rights, monies etc. deposited with the WPF and will be held liable" for an equal part of any deficit on the general expenses account.
- 2.9 The WPF will not recognize any new clubs.
- 2.10 The WPF shall not be held responsible for damage sustained to any clock under any circumstances at any time.
- 2.11 Any member advertising a complete sellout of his pigeons shall not be eligible to participate in any WPF races for three (3) years.
- 2.12 Any breach of the WPF racing by laws may result in disqualification, fines, suspension or all of the above.
- 2.13 Where the word "his" is used in these Racing By-Laws and Regulations, it shall be taken as "her" where the opposite sex may apply.
- 2.14 Social Membership is defined as a non-racing pigeon enthusiasts who want to interact with other flying members, participate in events, and purchase a small quantity of rings. Social Members are not considered Financial Members and, as such, are not entitled to vote at a General Meeting, including the Annual General Meeting" [AGM 28.02.2025].
- 2.15 **JUNIORS**
- 2.15.1 *A Junior is a person eighteen (18) years or younger and studying fulltime [Constitution 15.07.2023].*
- 2.15.1.i 1st Year racing up to and including 480KM [300 mile] Stage.
- 2.15.1.ii 2nd year racing up to and including 640KM [400 mile] Stage.

- 2.15.1.iii 3rd year racing may compete in the whole season.
- 2.15.1.iv Juniors cannot race any classic races. (C&J Morris 10 bird or P O Sullivan, Breeders Plate) Tassie. Produce.
- 2.15.2 *Any of these pigeons that survive the season can be raced again next year.*
- 2.15.3 *All juniors are encouraged to attend basketing nights.*
- 2.15.4 *An entry sheet must be produced each week with all the birds' details on it.*
- 2.15.5 *Production of clocks all juniors are encouraged to produce their own clocks each week.*
- 2.15.6 *50 current rings brought in flyers name at 10 cents each.*
- 2.15.7 *10 current rings obtained by transfer or squeaker sales.*
- 2.15.8 *Juniors are not to donate any of these rings to sales.*
- 2.15.9 *15 pigeons per week can be raced at no cost.*
- 2.15.10 *Juniors cannot take Federation or Section positions.*

3. BOUNDARIES, DISTANCES & TRACK

3.1 FEDERATION BOUNDARIES

- 3.1.1 *Follows Port Phillip Bay in the South then along the Yarra and Maribyrnong Rivers to Hoffman's Road, then a straight line north to the Tullamarine Freeway and then to Sunbury thus embracing the Keilor Club boundary, then north along the Melbourne-Lancefield Road until it meets the 50km radius from the G.P.O. and then west in a 57km radius from the G.P.O. until the radius hits Lara thus embracing Lara then a straight line to Port Phillip Bay. [AGM mtg, 26.02.2016].*

3.2 OUT OF BOUNDARY MEMBERS (BOM mtg, 02.02.2021)

- 3.2.1 *"Any out of boundary flyer to the West/North-West may apply for special consideration to fly with the Western Pigeon Federation as an out of boundary flyer. They must have initiated the request via a club actively participating in that racing season. Every application will be treated separately and on its own merits with all relevant information provided used in the decision process. If accepted, they will be treated as a WPF member for that season and must comply with all sections of the constitution. They must reapply annually in writing through their elected club.*
- 3.2.2 *Any out of boundary flyer who due to age, ill health or health related travelling concerns may apply for special consideration to fly with the Western Pigeon Federation as an out of boundary flyer. They must have initiated the request via a club actively participating in that racing season. Every application will be treated separately and on its own merits with all relevant information provided used in the*

decision process. If accepted, they will be treated as a WPF member for that season and must comply with all sections of the constitution. They must reapply annually in writing through their elected club.

3.3 DISTANCES

- 3.3.1 *The distances of all flying members, over any course decided upon, will be calculated by an official appointed by the WPF. These distances will be held by the WPF, and a copy of each member's distances will be forwarded to his Club Secretary. All objections to these measurements must be lodged with the WPF Secretary within seven (7) days of the race. The locations of member's lofts must be in the hands of the WPF Secretary two (2) months before the date of the first race on the schedule for the forthcoming season.*
- 3.4 A member must fly, in all races in which he competes during a season, to the same loft or premises, unless incapable of doing so by change of residence or otherwise, in which case the Board may grant permission to fly his pigeons to another loft. Multiple flyers may compete to same loft (Paying all cost separate)
- 3.5 All members are required to notify their Club Secretary in writing of any alteration to the loft location.
- 3.6 The WPF will fly North-East, West, North-West and North tracks in a clockwise rotation with one season on each track.

3.7 LIFE RINGS

- 3.7.1 *No life rings shall be issued by the WPF prior to the 1st [first day] of JULY in each year, and no life or rubber race rings shall be issued by the WPF except through a Club Secretary or his representative.*
- 3.7.2 *Ring Registration Forms / Electronic registrations.*
- 3.7.2.i *Are to be in the hands of the ring Secretary on or before the 1st [first] day of June each year Failure to submit Ring Registration Form on or before the 1st [first] day of June will result in a late lodgment fee of Twenty Dollars (\$20.00). [BOM mtg, 10.07.2018]*

3.8 FOREIGN RINGS

- 3.8.1 *All overseas life rings shall be charged \$2. To transfer or register. All foreign life rings, other than those known by the WPF to be issued on the 1st [first day] July, are to be produced to the WPF Secretary on 1st [first] day of JULY empty for the pigeons to be eligible to compete in the forthcoming Young Bird Series.*
- 3.9 No life rings older than 10 years from the current issues to be used on squeakers.

4. TRANSFERS

4.1 TRANSFERS OF LIFE RINGS

4.1.1 Members are to ensure that all rings needed to be transferred are done, so two weeks prior to the start of the racing season. Failure to do so will render them ineligible for that series and if clocked they will be disqualified.

4.2 TRANSFERS - CLUB SALES

4.2.1 Transfers-of life ring; on pigeons sold at club sales are not required from each member provided that the club conducting the sale forwards to the Ring Secretary a list of birds sold including a list of breeders and purchasers.

4.3 MULTIPLE TEAMS [BOM mtg, 11.05.2021].

4.3.1 If more than one team of pigeons is being raced from the one loft. They must be registered under different flying names. Each team must have its own separately registered ring registration form which must be provided to the ring secretary prior to the commencement of the racing season to clearly indicate which birds will be raced in each team.

5. STRAY PIGEONS

5.1 Any member to whose loft a pigeon other than is own has come shall at once give notice to the Ring Secretary that he has such pigeon. The member reporting such stray pigeon must hold this pigeon in captivity pending collection by the owner. No member shall be held responsible for any pigeon after seven (7) days notice to the Ring Secretary.

5.2 A member must make arrangements within 48 hours to transfer or collect his reported stray pigeon(s) and after seven (7) days of notification by the Ring Secretary the bird must be transferred or collected Failure to do the above the member will be fined fifty (\$50.00) dollars. Failure to pay this fine will render that member unfinancial and unable to compete in future competition.

6. CONDUCTING RACES [BOM, SG mtg, 07.08.2023]

6.1 All outside basketing centers must send two (2) representatives to the WPF rooms with their pigeons on basketing nights to assist with the loading of their pigeons on the transporter.

6.2 All outside basketing centers must ensure all vehicles transporting the units to the WPF federation center have either two outside center representatives present in the vehicle or a second vehicle following the first ensuring the unit is always in view.

6.3 If multiple vehicles, then both should travel in a convoy ensuring arrival to the WPF rooms at the same time [tolerance 5 minutes] and have either two people present in each vehicle or a third vehicle following the second unit ensuring the units are always in view.

- 6.4 All clubs basketing within the WPF rooms must ensure a minimum of two members remain in the rooms on basketing night to assist with loading their pigeons onto the transporter.
- 6.5 Failure to abide by the by-law may result in the whole basketing center's pigeons being removed from the race subject to further investigation.
- 6.6 The WPF, in all races shall provide food and water for all pigeons under their charge. (covered in Code of Practice).
- 6.7 All pigeons should arrive at the race point a minimum of four (4) hours prior to the scheduled liberation time in all WPF races or within a time as decided by the
- 6.8 **Liberation Committee.** (covered in Code of Practice VRPB 2023).
- 6.8.1 *The time of liberation in WPF races shall be subject to two hours either way of the scheduled liberation time. (covered in Code of Practice)*
- 6.8.2 *In the event of unforeseen circumstances, such as adverse weather, the pigeons may be liberated from the nearest race point possible from which to constitute a race. (covered in Code of Practice)*
- 6.8.3 *Any member or unauthorized person contacting the convoyer or Liberation Committee or in any way interfering with the liberation of the pigeons shall be debarred from that race and future competition in the WPF for such time as the Board may determine.*
- 6.8.4 *Any member of the WPF sending pigeons for liberation to the race point on the day of a race, other than through his club, shall be disqualified for the remainder of the season.*
- 6.8.5 *No independent races are to be held during the current racing season unless such races are approved by the Board.*
- 6.8.6 *The WPF shall not be held responsible for any loss or damage to any pigeon at any time under any circumstances.*
- 6.8.7 *In the advent of a holdover for the liberation of the birds in the **Breeders Plate** race the birds will be returned if liberation is not possible by Tuesday and the race will be held again in three weeks' time.*

7. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- 7.1 All pigeons competing in the WPF must be rung with an intact life ring, not defaced. Only WPF registered life rings or life rings recognized by the WPF will be accepted. All life rings registered with the WPF must have a contact phone number so lost birds can be reported and returned to its owner.
- 7.2 All pigeons entered in the **SIRE PRODUCE** race are to be rung with a current issue life ring.

7.3 All pigeons competing in WPF races must be basketed as directed by the WPF under the supervision of the representatives appointed by the WPF.

7.4 **Bird limits [SG mtg, 15.01.2023].**

7.4.1 *A bird limit of 50 birds per member shall apply up to and including any race less than 240 miles [390km].*

7.4.2 *A bird limit of 40 birds per member shall apply to any race greater than 240 miles [390km].*

7.4.3 *An exception to a limit may apply if specified on the race schedule for a particular race or racing season or where the Board may decide that there is insufficient transport for the conveying of the pigeons to a certain race point.*

7.5 No pigeon which, in the opinion of any member of the Board or elected Room Steward, is in any way suffering from disease or injury, shall be allowed to compete in any WPF.

7.6 All pigeons entered by any member must be entered through his club and basketed at any Basketing Centre approved by the Board. The member's clock may be set at any authorized Clocking Centre of the WPF.

7.7 If a flyer wishes to take his/her birds out of their basket, they may do so by handing their birds to a handler to be rung. A flyer may discreetly select handlers of his choice on basketing nights, with the exception of the WPF Breeders Plate.

7.8 **BASKETING OF PIGEONS**

7.8.1 *Clubs should ensure that no more than the following numbers of pigeons are placed in the units on the respective basketing nights.*

FRIDAY - 35,

THURSDAY - 30,

WEDNESDAY - 25.

Units with insufficient pigeons should be labeled with the numbers and sex of the pigeons to enable them to be topped up at the basketing centre. These numbers may be reduced at the discretion of the President or Secretary

7.9 **WIRE BASKETS AND UNITS [BOM, SG mtg, 29.07.2023]**

7.9.1 *Outside clubs must transport their birds via the safest and most practical route as agreed by the clubs committee, to ensure arrival to the WPF Federation rooms.*

7.9.2 *An outside basketing centre must ensure all vehicles transporting the units to the WPF Federation Centre is followed by another vehicle always ensuring the car and unit in front is always visible.*

- 7.9.3 *If multiple vehicles, then the outside basketing centre must ensure all vehicles transporting the units to the WPF Federation Centre are followed by another vehicle always ensuring the car and unit in front is always visible.*
- 7.9.4 *E.G., two vehicles towing trailed with units will require a third vehicle following.*
- 7.9.5 *When using a WPF provided 8 tier unit, seal all tiers using two (2) WPF approved numbered seals one on each side of each loading door.*
- 7.9.6 *Ensure the unit release door is closed correctly with the handle inserted into the locking slot and seal the unit release door handle using a WPF approved numbered seal.*
- 7.9.7 *When using baskets, all race baskets are to be sealed using numbered seals, two (2) on the side door, one (1) on each side and two (2) on the release door, one (1) on each side halfway up the door.*
- 7.9.8 *All seal numbers must be recorded on an appropriate document confirming the seal numbers.*
- 7.9.9 *All seal numbers must be checked prior to the units being loaded onto the transporting vehicle by a room steward or approved center delegate to ensure they are still secure and have not dislodged.*
- 7.9.10 *Each seal sheet must be signed by the room steward or delegate [not to be the driver transporting the pigeons] confirming the seals are present, the numbers recorded are correct and the units are in fact sealed.*
- 7.9.11 *The seal sheets along with any other documents must then be placed in a sealed envelope and initialed by two members prior to leaving the outside basketing center [the BOM will commit to developing a secure online lodgment system to remove the paperwork].*
- 7.9.12 *All outside clubs/centers/members are responsible for ensuring the Racing By-laws are adhered to.*
- 7.9.13 *If an outside clubs/centers unit arrives with a seal missing the BOM will make every effort to determine what occurred.*
- 7.9.14 *In the event a resolution on the night cannot be made in a timely manner all units relating to the outside club/center will be taken off the truck and retained in the Federation rooms until the race has concluded pending further investigation irrespective of the type of verification method [race rubbers or EBSS rings] used.*
- 7.9.15 *Any breach of the WPF Racing By-laws may result in disqualification, fines, suspension or all-inclusive.*
- 7.10 *Entry forms must be filled in from the top with no vacant lines. Any entry sheet with more than three mistakes or alterations shall not be accepted and the flyer must rewrite sheet prior to basketing.*

- 7.11 The Club Secretary must print and sign his name after the last entry and the Penciller and Ringer must print and sign their names after the last entry or on the back of the entry sheet. Any extra pigeons or wrong numbers must be authorized and initialed by the Room Supervisor and the Club Secretary notified.
- 7.12 All entries by members in WPF Federation races must pay full entry cost as per Race Program before they can be entered into Special races. All Special races such as the WPF Cup or any other special race must be on a separate entry sheet and pay the appropriate entry cost for that special race. The entry sheet must be in the hands of the WPF Secretary on the night of basketing.
- 7.13 The Board may conduct random checks of race rubbers after basketing. This will be done in the presence of two (2) members of the club whose pigeons are to be checked and carried out by the Board and other such members of the WPF whom the Board may appoint. The checking shall be carried out in such a fashion to cause as little as possible disturbance to the pigeons. The Board shall have the right to apply penalties ranging from a fine of twenty dollars (\$20.00) to expulsion from the race as is deemed appropriate by the Board.

8. CLOCK SETTING

8.1 CLOCKS

- 8.1.1 *All members in WPF races must have a clock specially made for timing homing pigeons and all makes and models are to have approval of the Board. No alteration shall be allowed to any clock, other than may be sanctioned by the Board.*
- 8.1.2 *All clocks used by members in WPF races must be set and sealed as decided by the Board and shall have a number thereon. No member shall have more than one (1) clock for each WPF race, which shall be set and issued to him from the club in which he is represented on the WPF, and such shall bear the name of the member. A list of member's names, clock makes, and clock numbers shall be forwarded to the Chairman of the Clock Committee prior to the commencement of racing.*
- 8.1.3 *Every clocking centre shall have a chronometer that is to be checked against the WPF master timer before and after every race.*
- 8.1.4 *All clocks shall be kept in the custody of the club during the racing season or under seal. All clocks are to be started at the actual time obtained from the club chronometer and a record of the time kept. The club chronometer is to be checked and reset, if required, on the telecom time telephone line of 1194, then checked against the WPF master timer.*
- 8.1.5 *Clocks are to be set on the night of basketing.*
- 8.1.6 *No member may set, open or read his own clock for any WPF race. If a flyer opens his/her clock for any reason he will be disqualified from the race for which the clock is set,*
- 8.1.7 *When setting clocks all clock tapes must have two (2) WPF stamps on them and both stamps are to be filled in completely with the member's name, and race details (loft*

number, club, race, and date) plus the signatures of the person setting the clock and the person checking the clock. Under the signature of the person setting the clock his name must be printed and the same for the person checking the clock. The person setting the clock must then write his name between the two (2) completed stamps and the clock tape must then be torn between the two (2) stamps and through the clock setter's name. The clock tape ends are then placed in an envelope, which is sealed when clock setting is complete and forwarded to the WPF Secretary at the WPF rooms on basketing nights with the entries or before clocking.

- 8.1.8 *There is to be at least twenty (20) minutes between the first (1st) pullover and the second (2nd) pullover when setting clocks and the second (2nd) pullover is to be on the even five (5) minutes.*
- 8.1.9 *When all clocks leave the clubrooms, they must have hole two (2) showing unless otherwise sanctioned by the WPF.*
- 8.1.10 *All clocks competing in WPF races must be sealed with numbered seals and the numbers of these seals are to be recorded after clock setting and after clock pullover prior to clock opening, on separate sheets which will be forwarded to the WPF Secretary on race nights with the WPF clock sheets. All clocks are to be sealed only with materials supplied by the WPF.*

8.2 **DOLONEEERS**

- 8.2.1 *All clocks when being set shall have the dolometer set to zero (0). Any movement of the dolometer between zero (0) and ten (10) is considered normal movement of the clock, however, any movement in excess of ten (10) indicates a fault within the clock which will need to be rectified before the clock is used again.*
- 8.2.2 All clocks are to be **set as running clocks**.

9. **CLOCK PULLOVER AND READING**

- 9.1 Any member, after clocking, desirous of having his clock checked against the chronometer may make personal application to the Chronometer Steward for such purpose, however the clock must run for thirty (30) minutes before the Chronometer Steward will pull the clock over.
- 9.2 A thimble must be used with a thimble clock. Early model La Ledoise clocks that do not have a plastic cover over the barrel holes and all Super Toulet clocks shall be used with a thimble in all WPF races. All other makes of clocks currently being used shall be used as directed by the manufacturer. All new makes and models of clocks must be approved for use by the Board before they can be used in WPF races.
- 9.3 **FAULTY CLOCK.**
- 9.3.1 *If a member's clock is found to be faulty or has stopped prior to clocking then a spare club clock, set for that race, can be used. In the event of any clock being found faulty prior to a race pigeon homing, the member may clock his pigeon in any clock that has been set by*

the Clock Committee for that race. The faulty clock is to be produced to the WPF Clock Committee after the race before that clock is used again in a WPF race.

- 9.4 If a wrong pigeon is clocked the member must notify a Club Clock Committee member or Club Secretary before the clocks are opened.
- 9.5 A deadline of 8.30 pm has been set for all chronometer checks.
- 9.6 In the event of a club's chronometer stopping, the club concerned will ring the WPF rooms or the nearest club to effect a pullover of the clubs clocks. The stopped chronometer shall be forwarded to the Clock Marshall who shall examine the chronometer and advise of the reason for the stoppage.
- 9.7 All clocks competing in WPF races must be produced on the day of clocking at a designated time as determined by the board unless restrictions are in place which prevents this from happening.
- 9.8 **Benzing live [BOM mtg, 11.06.2019]**
- 9.8.1 *There will be no limit on the number of times a member will be able to use Benzing Live in season 2019.*
- 9.8.2 *Cannot be used for the Breeders Plate or the National race in season 2019.*
- 9.8.2.i Members must produce their Benzing clocks at the WPF rooms for the Breeders Plate & National race in season 2019.
- 9.8.3 *Members using Benzing live must complete a Loft evaluation within 1 hour of the clock bird's arrival to allow time for the results to be emailed to the WPF President and Benzing ETS Clock Marshall for verification.*
- 9.8.3.i In the event of a 2 bird clocking the loft evaluation must be done within 1 hour of the second bird's arrival to allow time for the results to be emailed to the WPF President and Benzing ETS Clock Marshall for verification.
- 9.8.3.ii In the event of an evening production the loft evaluation must be done 1 hour prior to production time to allow time for the results to be emailed to the WPF President and Benzing ETS Clock Marshall for verification.
- 9.8.4 *Members should ensure they print out and bring to their club/federation a copy of their loft evaluation report. If they are unable to do so they should make contact with either the WPF President/ Secretary or Benzing ETS Clock Marshall requesting them to print it on their behalf and produce it within the allocated time frame.*
- 9.8.5 *Members using the Benzing live system who cannot attend a production day/night due to circumstances out of their control will be allowed unlimited use for the whole season in which they can rely on the benzing live system functionality to produce their results. They must ensure they make contact with either the WPF President or the Benzing ETF Clock Marshall to advise them of this and ensure an evaluation report is printed and produced on their behalf.*

- 9.8.6 *Special consideration by the WPF Board of Management may be given to those suffering health issues that may prevent them from attending production day/night on a regular basis.*
- 9.8.7 *All members using Benzing live will be required to fill out a Benzing live club declaration form supplied by the WPF.*
- 9.9 In the event of pigeons being clocked on the day following liberation, all clocks are to be presented at 7.00pm however the two hours will still prevail if the pigeons are clocked late.
- 9.10 All outside clubs must produce at their own club rooms on the day of clocking at a designated time as determined by the board unless restrictions are in place which prevents this from happening.
- 9.11 The Club Chronometer Steward ONLY is allowed extra time required to produce his clock.
- 9.12 At the clock checking time at the conclusion of a race all clocks are to be pulled on the even five (5) minutes for the first (1st) pullover. If the clock does not have a print for every hole showing then the clock will be automatically disqualified.
- 9.13 At the production of clocks after a race, all clocks must be produced and they will be struck against the WPF master timer or club chronometer after checking against the WPF master timer and thus obtain the total variation, which shall be added or deducted in the usual way except in the event of gaining at a rate of more than five (5) seconds per hour, the registered Arne on the tape will be taken as the time of arrival, and in the event of a clock losing at a rate of more than five (5) seconds per hour, double the varied slow is to be added to the registered time. In the event of a clock ceasing to work after the pigeon has been clocked, the clock the event of a clock ceasing to work after the pigeon has been clocked, the clock shall be deemed to be a slow clock.
- 9.14 The hole number showing in the clock prior to opening must be written on the WPF clock sheet along with clock number and loft number.
- 9.15 Unless in the opinion of the Board a clerical error has occurred, the number on the rubber race ring produced from the clock must correspond with that on the entry form.
- 9.16 Any false reading or irregularity on the clock tape or with the clock must be fully explained on the clock tape or WPF clock sheet on the night of the race.
- 9.17 The hole number showing in the clock on the night of setting must be the same numbered hole which contains the rubber race ring at the reading of the clock. If the rubber race ring is not in the hole showing on the night of setting the clock tape will be read on the hole which contains the rubber race ring.
- 9.18 If the clocking print that matches the hole number the rubber ring comes out of is unreadable, for whatever reason then the next readable print will be read.
- 9.19 All clock tapes must bear the name of the member, his loft number, his club, the race point, the date and the signatures of the Clock Committee members who set and checked

the clock. The clock tapes must have two (2) puncture marks only, one at the beginning and one at the end both circled and initialed by a Clock Committee person and the hole number containing the rubber race ring noted. Clocks must be checked for variation on the night of setting and noted. All clocks must be sealed on the night of setting with a numbered seal which shall be intact on return to the club. Sealed clocks must run a minimum of twenty (20) minutes from the time of starting before the time check pullover. Should the above requirements not be strictly adhered to, the member will be automatically disqualified except where the member's club is deemed to have made a clerical error. In which event the Board may alternatively fine the member's club the sum of twenty (\$20.00) dollars and for every error during the current season the fine may be increased by twenty (\$20.00) dollars.

- 9.20 All clocks will be read to the nearest second. If the second is split, then the reading is made on the proximity to the nearest second.
- 9.21 All velocities are to be calculated on the system of seconds and meters reduced to sixtieths (60ths).
- 9.22 The WPF Board of management has the power to impound any clock which they suspect may be faulty.
- 9.23 All clocks running greater than 30 seconds fast or slow in 24 hours be given to the Clock Marshall for correction. If they continue to run at greater than 30 seconds fast or slow they will have to be repaired.
- 9.24 If a clock stops the clock can be opened by the Clock Marshall and the rubber removed and clocked in another clock set for the race. If the Clock Marshall's clock stops the President of the Federation will act as the Clock Marshall.
- 9.25 All clocks set for the last race of the season must be presented for pullover Flyers not presenting their clock may be fined.
- 9.26 All paperwork relating to a race is to be placed within a large envelope and sealed with Club, date and race point. The rubber rings of all clocked birds shall be placed back on the tags and stapled to the right hand top corner of the entry sheet. The clock tape shall be stapled to the left hand top corner of the clocking sheet.

10. DECIDING RACES

- 10.1 Races up to three hundred and seventy (370) kilometers shall close at dark on the day of liberation, from three hundred and seventy (370) to six hundred and fifty (650) kilometers at dark on the day following the day of liberation, from six hundred and fifty (650) to eight hundred and twenty-five (825) kilometers at dark on the third day including the day of liberation, over eight hundred and twenty-five (825) kilometers at dark on the fourth day including the day of liberation. In the event of a race not being won within the specified time the Board shall have the power to extend the time as required.
- 10.2 In the event of no pigeons being clocked on the day and no pigeons being clocked until after sunrise on the second day the race will close at sunset on the first day and re-open at

sunrise on the second day.

- 10.3 In the event of the Federation not being filled on the day the following will apply; the race will close at sunset or half an hour after the last pigeon is clocked whichever is the latter and it shall reopen at sunrise or half an hour before the first pigeon is clocked whichever is the earlier.
- 10.4 If only one (1) pigeon is clocked in race time, then the member racing this pigeon will only be credited the first place points on the WPF aggregate and all the prize monies but the pigeon must be in the pools to be eligible for the pools money otherwise the pools money will be refunded.
- 10.5 In races in excess of six hundred and forty (640) kilometers (400, 500 and 600 allies) any member may clock two (2) pigeons, both of which may be eligible for federation positions but only the first pigeon clocked will be eligible for prize money and WPF aggregate points.
- 10.6 All pigeons must fly to a members loft and be the absolute property of the member in whose name they are raced and be shown within twenty four (24) hours of the close of the race alive, if required, to the appointed representative of the WPF, who shall have the power to liberate the pigeon(s) at the members loft, and such pigeon(s) must return to the members loft in his presence. Any infraction of this rule shall annul all rights to prizes and future competition in WPF races. The WPF shall be at liberty to send a representative to investigate the legitimate ownership of any pigeon, the expense of such investigation as fixed by the WPF to be borne by the defaulting member and to be recoverable as and for liquidated damages.

10.7 **VERIFICATION OF PIGEONS**

10.7.1 In all Federation races including the Breeders Plate race only the first (1st) position pigeon and two (2) other position pigeons, randomly selected and gaining prize money in the race are to be verified by a Board Member. Extra pigeons may be required to be verified if it is deemed necessary by the Board. All Section winners to be verified each week by the club secretary all birds must be reported to the ring secretary no later than 24hrs after the race. to avoid disqualification.

- 10.8 If after the third decimal of any velocity, two or more members velocities are even, then such members shall be deemed to have the same velocity and shall equally share the value of the prize money for those positions.
- 10.9 The names and details of clocking of all members eligible for any Federation and Section positions should be entered on the WPF Clock Sheets presented to the WPF Secretary at the end of a race. Should the above requirements not be strictly adhered to, the Member will be automatically disqualified except where the member's club is deemed to have made a clerical error. In which event the Board may alternatively fine the member's club the sum of twenty (\$20.00) dollars and for every error during the current season the fine may be increased by twenty (\$20.00) dollars.
- 10.10 The official result of a race will be on the next basketing night following a race. Members

have fourteen (14) days from this time in which to lodge an appeal to this official result.

10.11 Should any member be credited by the WPF Secretary with having such velocity as the Board considers impossible on the day, then the Board shall have the absolute power to disqualify the said pigeon in the said race, although there may be no evidence to suggest or support any fraudulent practice of the member or any other person for marking or dispatching of the pigeon to or at the race point.

10.12 PROTESTS

10.12.1 *Protests of any description against any official result must be accompanied by a deposit of twenty (\$20.00) dollars and must be made through the club that such member is represented' rough, within seven (7) days of the declaration of the official result of that race, and if the said protest is considered frivolous by the Board the deposit shall be forfeited.*

11. PAYMENTS

11.1 ACCOUNTS

11.1.1 *All accounts rendered on clubs or members must be paid within fourteen (14) days of the date of issue of the account. Accounts not paid within fourteen (14) days will incur a fine of twenty (\$20.00) dollars. Failure to pay the account and fine within twenty-eight (28) days of the date of issue of that account will render all members of that club or that member ineligible to compete in WPF races until such account is paid.*

11.2 PRIZEMONEY

11.2.1 *All prize money and pools will be paid to the members fourteen (14) days after the official result of the last race for the current racing season is posted. Prize money will be paid on the basis of one (1) position for every ten (10) or part thereof members competing at the beginning of that racing season. Pools will be paid on the first three (3) pooled pigeons clocked with only one (1) pigeon per member being eligible for pool money.*

12. RULES AND CONDITIONS OF INSTALLATION AND USE OF ELECTRONIC BAND SCANNING SYSTEMS

12.1 The use of Electronic Band Scanning Systems ("EBSS") is approved by the Western Pigeon Federation ("WPF") for use in all races conducted by the WPF.

12.2 In the event that the WPF Board of Management ("BOM") determines that an EBS System or a system design does not provide adequate security or presents a potential security question, the WPF may disapprove the use of that system. The disapproval of any system will be effective immediately upon resolution on the WPF executive committee and the disapproval will be advised lb the members as soon as reasonably possible by personal notice.

12.2.1 *The WPF reserves the right to withdraw the approval of any EBSS at any time, if lack of*

security occurs with a particular system.

- 12.2.2 *If the, WPF BOM determines that a lack of security exists with any individual unit, the BOM will do an immediate statement as to the validity of the continued system the BOM must provide a written statement of the reason for concern to the system owner.*
- 12.2.3 Issues of the potential or actual adequacy or otherwise of the security will be a matter for determination by the WPF BOM within its absolute discretion.
- 12.3 Use of an EBSS by an individual WPF member must be notified to the WPF in writing by the member's respective affiliated club.
- 12.4 A WPF affiliated club shall not make use of an EBSS mandatory.
- 12.5 A member is free to purchase any EBSS he chooses. A member is responsible for ensuring the system (hardware/software) is compatible with other systems used by the WPF or the member's affiliated club. The WPF or the club shall have no responsibilities for any system incompatibility.
- 12.6 It would be advisable for any member, prior to purchasing an EBSS system, to check with the WPF as to what systems are already in use.
- 12.7 The serial number of each EBSS and the serial number of each antenna must be approved by and registered with the WPF prior to use.
- 12.8 Installation of the EBSS in a member's loft must be inspected and approved by the WPF president before being accepted for competition use within the WPF.
- 12.9 Electronic pads must be underneath the common roof line and build into the face wall of the loft. The sensors/antennas of an EBSS 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.)
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- 12.10 Every sensor/antenna must be sealed as a fixture at the point of entry; Point of fixture shall be documented.
- 12.11 Multiple entries are permissible, same rule as to apply as normal rubber ring clocks. Distance measured to centre of traps.
- 12.12 No sensor/antenna may be employed or placed at the loft another competitor or moved to any other position of the competitor's loft without the prior application to, and approval by the WPF.
- 12.13 System control modules or system keys and software used in EBS systems shall be purchased or procured by the system owner.
- 12.14 Users of EBSS must:
- 12.14.1 *Use an electronic band scanning system that has a re-programmable electronic band.*

12.14.2 Use electronic bands that have read/write chips. Currently the use of 64k/128k bit chips are approved for use.

12.15 The president or secretary of each competing club 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 individuals specifically authorized by the WPF during competitive events.

12.16 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. He is then required to print out an assignment report of all his birds' life rings and band numbers and submit one copy to the WPF secretary 7 days before the first federation race. After this list has been submitted, no bird may be added, however, faulty rings may be replaced. Whenever a ring has been replaced a new list must be submitted before the bird is raced again.

12.17 The Club and the WPF shall retain a copy of the report in its records and another copy shall be delivered to the competitor as his verification of eligibility of each bird.

12.18 During the logging process, all band data must be reviewed to ensure band data accuracy.

12.19 After all race birds have been entered in an EBSS, the club president, secretary or room steward shall print a list of the competitor's entries as verification of all birds entered. The printout shall be signed by the president, secretary or room steward and the competitor.

12.20 The printout serves as a race entry sheet. An additional copy shall be printed for the competitor.

12.21 In the case where an electronic race sheet shows a tie, the first bird listed will receive the highest ranking of the tied birds and so forth, down the list.

12.22 If data contained in the EBSS becomes defective, erases, or corrupted.

12.23 Between race entry and the return of pigeons to the competitor's loft, all entries for that competitor shall be disqualified from the race results. The WPF BOM will verify the system failure.

12.24 If the EBSS has a continuous clocking function, then that function is approved for use subject to normal clock presentation procedures.

12.24.1 In the event of a malfunction of an EBSS and it being sent for repair, proof of repair must be produced before the EBSS can be used for competition again.

12.24.2 In the event of the removal of the sensor/antenna for any reason, the sensor/antenna reinstallation must be approved by the WPF before the EBSS can be used for competition again.

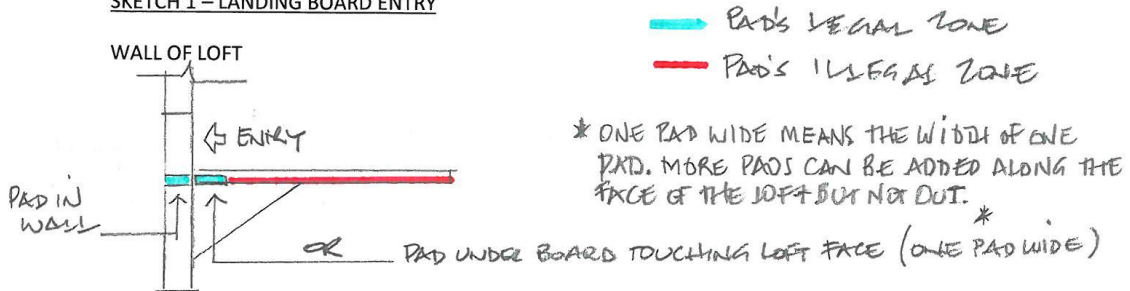
12.25 When closing the race, the club president, secretary or clock chairperson shall print out all data prior to transferring data from the EBSS to the computer. The printout will serve as a

back-up document for later reference if necessary. All data files should be stored on a diskette in the event data reconstruction becomes necessary but none of the WPF, the WPF executive committee 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 EBSS is at the sole risk of the member or competitor using it.

- 12.26 Should the EBSS display (after a race entry or race) show the complete set, but not be able to generate a printout, the WPF BOM shall view the display data and report it manually. The manual report shall be used for calculating race results.
- 12.27 In the event of it being a WPF controlled race and a printout cannot be generated from a member's timer/recorder, the timer/recorder must be produced for manual reading by the WPF 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.
- 12.28 The WPF BOM or its designate reserves the right at any time, without prior notice to inspect the installation and operation of any EBSS being used by a competitor within the WPF.
- 12.29 Any application form adopted by the WPF BOM from time to time forms part of these rules and conditions.
- 12.30 The WPF BOM may from time to time amend these rules and conditions as it thinks fit and within its absolute discretion.
- 12.31 These rules and conditions are supplementary to and must be read in conjunction with the current WPF racing and clock rules. To the extent of any inconsistency, the latter shall prevail.
- 12.32 If a mistake is made and a bird number greater than the allowed limit is entered on the entry sheet, then the bird/s exceeding the limit entered must be removed by scratching/ highlighting those entry/ies and the entry sheet then being signed by the room steward. A copy of the entry sheet must be handed to the President / Secretary on the night of basketing [BOM mtg, 03.03.2020].

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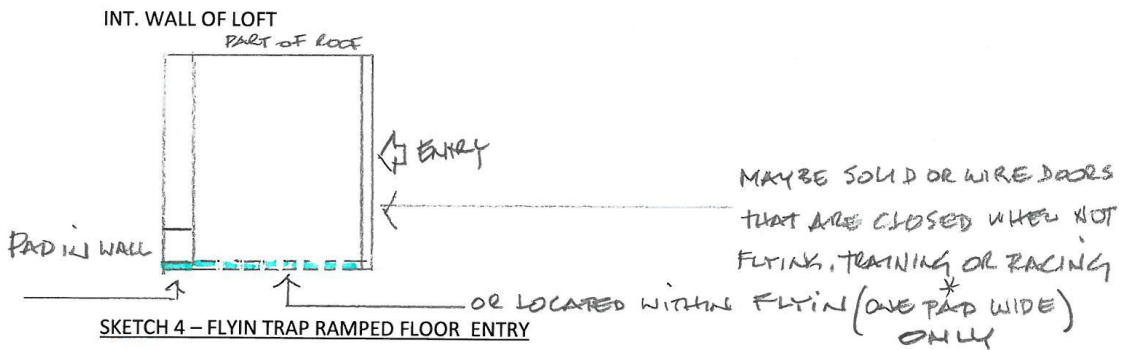
SKETCH 1 – LANDING BOARD ENTRY



SKETCH 2 – SPUTNIK TRAP ENTRY



SKETCH 3 – FLYIN TRAP ENTRY



SKETCH 4 – FLYIN TRAP RAMPED FLOOR ENTRY

