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1) Change to The Constitution

Constitution change to boundary from 50km to 100km.

Membership (present rule)

4.3 The lofts of all members competing in Association Races shall be situated within a 50 km radius of the Adelaide GPO.

Proposed change to read:

4.3 The lofts of all **SAHPA** members competing in Association races shall be situated within a **100 km** radius of the Adelaide GPO.

2) Changes to Code of Practice

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5.3 Roles and Responsibility (present rule)

5.3.9 The release panel may move a Race Day Back but not forward.

Change to read:

5.3.9 The Release Panel may move a race day either back or forward if weather conditions on the programmed day of release are unsuitable. Preference on Race Days would be Saturday / Sunday / Monday / Friday.

7.4 Rain, Fog, Heat and Winds

New addition:

7.4.3 Releasing Birds in Winds

The Race Release Panel will use the SAHPA Race Speed Estimator spreadsheet, by entering wind direction and wind speed estimates from the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM). A calculation of the estimated average speed of the pigeons at various points en route will be derived, which then calculates the estimated average velocity of the pigeons for the entire race. If the average velocity for the entire race is estimated below 900 metres/min (54km/hr) or above 2000 metres/min (120km/hr) the race should be held over or rescheduled to another day.

3) Changes to Race By-Laws

Hampering (present rule)

RBL23. Four (4) competing flying members and two (2) other club or SAHPA members, which is a total of six (6), must be present to constitute a hampering center. If less than four (4) competing flying members and two (2), they should also sign the other or SAHPA members then the hampering of birds must be with other club/s. Clubs who find it difficult to comply with the above may hamper at the SAHPA Inc. headquarters. When phoning your bird and member numbers through you must state the names of the two (2) SAHPA members overseeing the hampering, they should also sign the other four (4) member's race compiling sheets stating their name and date. This is to be done on both hampering and result nights.

Change to now read:

RBL23. Four (4) members must be present to constitute a hampering center. The members must be registered as club members, when tallying up the number of members they cannot be of the same family living at the same address. If a club falls below 4 members they must hamper with another club. Clubs who find it difficult to comply with the above may hamper at the SAHPA Inc. headquarters. When notifying the General Secretary with your club's bird and member numbers you must, if less than 4 competing numbers, advise the names of the noncompeting members overseeing the hampering. They should also sign the club clock off sheet stating their name and date. This is to be done on both hampering and result nights.

Non SA Rings (Present rule)

RBL 35. (a) No old life rings shall be sold while there are unsold current year rings on hand. Should stocks of current year rings be exhausted, the Ring Secretary may, upon approval by the Management Committee, sell old rings at the same price as the current year rings.

(b) Foreign rings are not eligible for SAD or YBC races. Only South Australian rings or those issued by the SAHPA Inc. will be allowed to enter these races with the exception of young birds sold through the LDC Sires Auction, as these have been verified as young birds. Prepaid birds from the LDC Sires Produce race with foreign rings are not eligible for the SAD or YBC races. All South Australian country clubs that use their own prefix rings e.g. ANG or LM etc. can apply to the SAHPA COM to have the received date of their rings verified and are not been issued before the SAHPA rings of the current year.

(c) Life rings over ten years of age and private prefix rings cannot be used in any SAHPA sanctioned event.

Change to read:

RBL35. (a) No old life rings shall be sold while there are unsold current year rings on hand. Should stocks of current year rings be exhausted, the Ring Secretary may, upon approval by the Management Committee, sell old rings at the same price as the current year rings.

(b) Foreign rings (non SA rings) are only eligible to compete in young bird races conducted by SAHPA Inc, if at least one of the conditions listed below are met.

- Young birds sold through the SALDC Sires Auction, as these have been verified as young birds. (Prepaid birds from the LDC Sires Produce race with foreign rings are not eligible)
- Either the Australian club/federation that issued the rings or the owner of the ring has produced evidence that the ring was issued after 1st June and the SAHPA Committee of Management has accepted that evidence.

(c) Life rings over ten years of age and private prefix rings cannot be used in any SAHPA sanctioned event.

Short Distance Championship Series – (Present Rule)

RBL 40 - The SAHPA Inc. will conduct a Short Distance Championship Series (SDC Series) on all races under the heading of club races on the official SAHPA Inc. yearly program. A sub-committee of at least three (3) members of the SAHPA Inc. shall be responsible for the organization and management of the series. The sub-committee shall be known as the SDC subcommittee.

Change to read:

RBL 40 – The SAHPA Inc will conduct a Short Distance Championship Series (SDC) on all races shown on the SAHPA Race program with a status of (SDC). A maximum of 30 birds can be entered to compete in the SDC result by any flyer. If the flyer has more than 30 birds hampered for the race they must mark up to 30 birds with SDC on the nomination sheet to be part of the SDC result. If the flyer does not mark the nomination sheet then by default the first 30 birds listed on the nomination sheet will be deemed SDC entries. Flyer's entering 30 or less birds do not need to mark their nomination sheet. Short Distance Championship aggregate points will be distributed as per the standard used by SAHPA for Aggregate Points. Only birds entered from a Hampering Centre that complies with **RBL 23** can appear in the SDC result.

Qualification for Long Distance Races – (New Race By-Law 2020 only)

RBL 21 That there are no qualifications for birds on all SAHPA races

To be changed to

RBL 21 Vacant

RBL 38. Vacant

To be changed to

RBL 38. The SAHPA Management Committee shall each season include in the minutes when the race program is publish a specification of the Long Distance races that require qualification and the race points that provide qualification. Birds competing in these long distance races must have first qualified during the current

season in at least one race on the line of flight from one of the specified races points. The onus is on flyer to provide proof.

Explanatory Note: To be issued in the Committee minutes each year.

Note for 2020 Season – For the Marla race 2020, birds must have raced at least in one of the races from Ceduna, Maree, Lyndhurst, The Twins or Coober Pedy.

For the Springhurst and Benalla races for 2020, birds must have raced at least in one of the races from Hamilton or Terang. Should one of these qualifying race points be changed at a later date to a shorter point or different race point due to weather forecast the SAHPA Committee will recognize the bird has been qualified.

4) Subsequent Race By-Law changes implemented from 2021

Qualification for Long Distance Races – (Revise Race By-Law 38 from 2021)

RBL 38. (a) The SAHPA Management Committee shall each season specify the Long Distance races that require qualification and the race points that provide qualification. Birds competing in these long distance races must have first qualified during the current season in at least one race on the line of flight from one of the specified races points. The onus is on flyers to provide proof.

(b) From 2021 no young bird can compete in any race further than 800km.