

## **S.A.H.P.A. Inc. Rule No 2. RACE BY-LAWS**

### ***CONTROL OF RACES***

- RBL 1. All races will be flown under the auspices and management of the S.A.H.P.A Inc. Any associated club or body of people wishing to organize and compete in a race not approved on the S.A.H.P.A. program must seek the permission of the Management Committee. This relates to pre-program, post-program and during the program events.  
Members are not permitted to privately release birds from race-points on the same day as the scheduled race.
- RBL 2. The Committee of Management shall have entire management of races, and in all cases of dispute the decision of a majority of such committee shall be final.
- RBL 3. The General Secretary and the committee of management reserve absolute power to refuse any entry or entries received which do not conform strictly to the By-Laws controlling such races as held under the auspices of the SAHPA.
- RBL 4. The release of all pigeons at all race points is to be at the sole discretion of the Release Officers. Prior to the commencement of each season members will be informed how release information may be obtained. Members are not permitted to telephone the radio station to seek this information. Release information will generally be available via the race release telephone number and or via the SAHPA website.

### ***NOMINATIONS AND ACCEPTANCES***

- RBL 5. Association approved Nomination and Acceptance forms must be used, and written/printed in ink. Details must be recorded in full for each pigeon nominated, ditto marks not being permitted. Electronic timing basketing lists of electronic timing systems are approved – see ETS Race Bylaw 41 and the EBSS Rules and Conditions.
- a) Details must be recorded in full for each pigeon nominated on the special prize nomination form. Errors made on the special prize nomination form will result in the disqualification of the pigeon from receiving a special prize.
- RBL 6. Nominations and acceptances will not be received unless accompanied by the full amounts payable, including conveyer fees; or any other fees owing, all to be paid by the time fixed by each hampering centre. This time is to be no later than 8:00pm.
- a) A fee will be charged in conjunction with conveyer fees and will be set aside for administration expenses.
- RBL 7. On payment of a late fee of fifty (50) cents, nominations and birds for hampering will be accepted up to one half hour after the closure time fixed by that hampering centre.

### ***OWNERSHIP***

- RBL 8. All birds before nomination, must be the absolute property of and ring registered to the competitor(s) in whose name they are nominated and flown, and must be flown to a loft on the registered premises of competitor(s). No competitor(s) will be allowed to fly to more than one registered premises. Any infraction to this rule will annul all rights to prizes.
- RBL 9. Vacant.
- RBL 10. All birds to be entirely at owners risk from the time they leave the owner's hands, but every care will be taken to prevent losses or injury.

### ***PRIZES, POINTS AND CERTIFICATES***

- RBL 11. The winner of an Association Race is the bird making the fastest calculated velocity for the event, except where Race By-Law 18 (4) applies. Where Race By-Law 18 (4) applies, the winner is the bird with the fastest velocity of those home on the day (as defined in Race By-Law 18) except where a bird on the second day would have flown a higher velocity with its flying time having been from release time until corrected clocking time (including hours of darkness) in which case that bird is the winner. The velocity flown by all birds shall be determined by dividing the corrected flying time into the distance from the race point to the particular loft and expressed in metres per minute to the third decimal point. Should two or more birds record an equal velocity to the third decimal they shall be declared joint winners.

- The Committee of Management may disqualify any bird making a velocity it rules to be impossible.
- RBL 12. Aggregate Points shall be awarded to the first thirty (30) owners in all races under the heading of Association Races on the official SAHPA Inc. yearly program. The first owner shall receive 30 points with one less point for each succeeding owner. An owner shall receive only one lot of points in each race.
- RBL 13. The owners of birds finishing in the first 30 in all races under the heading of Association Races on the official SAHPA Inc. yearly program shall receive SAHPA Inc. certificates stating the bird's color, sex, ring number, the date of the race, the race point and distance, the velocity, the position gained and the number of owners and birds competing.
- RBL 14. SAHPA Inc. aggregate point's certificates shall be awarded to the 30 owners with the most aggregate points at the end of each season.
- RBL 15. Any Prize-money for S.A.H.P.A. Inc. Races is to be organized, controlled and allocated to flyers by the S.A.H.P.A. Inc. Management Committee. Clubs/Groups may raise their own Prize-money for S.A.H.P.A. Inc. Races and is to be organized, controlled and allocated to flyers within the Clubs/Groups by relevant Club/Group Committee.
- RBL 16. A SAHPA Inc. "Bird of the Year" trophy shall be awarded and presented each season. Points shall be awarded to the first (30) birds in all races under the heading of Association races on the official SAHPA Inc. yearly program. The first bird shall receive 30 points with one less point for each succeeding bird.

#### **LOFT POSITIONS**

- RBL 17. A plan showing position of Competitor's Registered Loft must accompany Capitation Fee, giving correct number of allotment where Registered Loft is erected, name of Street in which Competitor's Loft is erected, also name of town or District.  
Global Positioning System (G.P.S.) co-ordinates will be struck and recorded as near as practical to the Registered Loft position by an S.A.H.P.A. Inc. Designate for which a Twenty (20) Dollar Fee is applicable.  
This rule will apply to all New Members, existing Members who have changed their residential place of abode or who have had a absence of two (2) years or greater from the Sport.
- a) The Chairperson and Secretary of each club will be responsible for Inspection of Lofts of Club Members and for making recommendations for improvements in matters of Health and Hygiene of Lofts.

#### **FLYING TIME**

- RBL 18 1) Flying time for birds clocked on the day (which includes between midnight and one half hour before sunrise second day) shall be from release time to the corrected clocking time.
- 2) Flying time for birds clocked **after** one half hour before sunrise second day up until one half hour before sunrise third day shall be from release time to the corrected clocking time **excluding hours of darkness.**
- 3) Flying time for birds clocked **after** one half hour before sunrise third and subsequent days shall be from release time to the corrected clocking time **excluding hours of darkness.**
- 4) Birds homing on the day cannot be beaten by any bird or birds homing on any subsequent day unless sub-paragraph (5) applies.
- 5) A bird homing **on the second day** beats a bird home **on the day** if it would have flown a higher velocity with its flying time having been from release time until corrected clocking time (including hours of darkness). This also applies to birds home on subsequent days until the closure of the race.
- 6) Sunrise and sunset times shall be as published in the Government Gazette

#### **Definitions:**

##### **Release Time:**

Release time is the time and date pigeons are released from the release point by the SAHPA convoyer.

##### **Corrected Clocking Time:**

Corrected clocking time is:

- Stamped time of mechanical clocks adjusted for clock **fast** or **slow** variation.
- Printed time of EBSS clocks adjusted for clock **fast** or **slow** variation.

**On the Day:**

On the Day is the period from the release time until one half hour before sunrise second day.

**Hours of Darkness:**

The "Hours of Darkness" for each day shall be from one half hour after sunset to one half hour before sunrise.

RBL 19. The time limit for races shall be:

- a) three calendar days for all races up to 950km;
- b) at the end of the second day after the clocking of the first bird or at the end of the fifth calendar day, whichever is the earlier, for races between 950km and 1360km;
- c) determined at the time other regulations are fixed for races over a distance above 1360km.

The distances referred to in this rule shall be calculated from the race point to the Adelaide GPO

RBL 20. Vacant

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

**TOSSING BIRD**

RBL 22. Birds finishing first, second and third position in all races under the heading of Association races on the official SAHPA Inc. yearly program, must be tossed within seven (7) days of homing by the chairperson or secretary of the owner's club or hampering centre. The onus is on the owner to arrange for his /her bird/birds to be tossed. The committee of management reserves the right to toss any pigeon. The appropriate form duly filled in must be presented to the Association prior to prize money or points being allocated.

**HAMPERING:**

RBL 23. 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 centre. If less than four (4) competing flying members and two (2) club 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.

RBL 24. The number of pigeons per hamper will be advised by the General Secretary from time to time. Hampers must be clearly marked as to the sex of the pigeons.

RBL 25. All birds competing in S.A.H.P.A. Inc. Races must comply with one of the following:

1. Birds must be rung with rubber race rings, the prefix letter (where available) and number to be shown on the nomination form by a recorder. The rubber ring tags for each member shall, be placed in envelopes together with original nomination form and clock setting sheets kept in a sealed container under the control of club/group chairperson. In all races under the heading of Association races on the official SAHPA Inc. yearly program.
  - Duplicate nomination forms are to be sealed in an envelope and handed to the General Secretary (or delegate) on the night of hampering.
  - In the event of a recording error being made on a nomination form or rubber tag by a third party or representative of the club/group the matter shall be referred to the SAHPA Inc. race secretary for adjudication.

OR

Birds must have on a leg an EBSS band that will trigger an electronic scanning device

RBL 26. No less than four members shall be present at any table when race marking commences and is in progress.

RBL 27. Each hamper must be duly wired and sealed with one wire and seal to each end of the drop front and small door. Trough openings are to be permanently sealed. All doors must be fitted with chains or similar restraining device. Each hamper must be clearly painted with the club name.

RBL 28. All birds competing in races must be rung with solid rings, such rings to be registered and approved by the Association.

**GENERAL**

RBL 29. All SAHPA club members are asked to purchase their life-rings from the Association and affiliated club members are asked to do the same.

**RBL 30.** The Line or lines of flight and the length of time to be flown shall be determined by members of the SAHPA Inc. at a Special General Meeting called for this purpose. Such meeting shall be held in **June** of the final year of the existing line or lines of flight program. The only resolutions to be considered at the meeting are resolutions that pertain to line or lines of flight and the length of time to be flown. The Management Committee shall each season draft the Race Program for the following season. The race program shall be made available and / or posted to all members by no later than the **Young Bird Championship** race on the SAHPA program.

RBL 31. A foreign ring levy is payable, once only, on rings other than SA Rings with the exception of rings on pigeons purchased at squeaker sales (including sires produce sales) conducted by Associated clubs or the Special Races Committee. An owner wishing to race a pigeon rung with a foreign ring must pay to the Ring Secretary before the commencement of the season the amount of the foreign ring levy. The levy is the same as that charged for an SA ring. The Ring Secretary will issue a receipt showing the ring numbers on which the levy has been paid. Failure to pay the levy will cause the disqualification of the pigeon from any prize money and points earned in races under the heading of Association races on the official SAHPA Inc, yearly program. **BIRDS RUNG WITH INTERNATIONAL RINGS ARE BANNED FROM RACING SAHPA RACES WITH EXCEPTION OF BIRDS PURCHASED AT SIRES PRODUCE SALES.**

RBL 32. Before a Pigeon rung with an SA Ring is flown by a person other than that to whom the ring was sold, the new owner must except in the circumstances outlined in Paragraph (2), produce to the Ring Secretary a signed transfer card from the registered owner and pay the appropriate transfer fee. The Ring Secretary will issue a receipt showing the ring numbers on which the transfer fee has been paid. Failure to transfer pigeons in the above manner will cause the disqualification of the pigeon from any Prize Money and points earned in races under the heading of Association Races on the official SAHPA Inc. yearly program.

- ❖ Pigeons rung with SA rings and purchased at squeaker sales (including sires produce sales) conducted by associated clubs or the special races committee do not need to be transferred in this manner. However the club or committee secretary must submit the names of purchases of all pigeons to the Ring Secretary.

RBL 33. All expenses, including money set aside for a trophy, will be deducted from each association race before prize money is allocated.

RBL 34. A trophy or similar will be presented to an owner winning a race under the heading Association Races on the official SAHPA Inc. yearly program.

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 to be 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.

RBL 36. A maximum of 30 birds may be entered in races under the heading of Association races on the official SAHPA Inc. yearly race program. A lower maximum may be specified on the yearly program for specific races 5 birds or 10 birds.

RBL 37. The Committee of Management shall have power to disqualify any bird from competing in any or all races flown under these By-Laws.

RBL 38. Vacant .

**LOADING OF BIRDS**

RBL 39. A rotation system shall be used by the transport loading Stewards when loading birds from each Associated Club onto the SAHPA Inc. transporter for all races on the official SAHPA Inc. yearly program.

**SHORT DISTANCE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES**

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 sub-committee.

**ELECTRONIC BAND SCANNING SYSTEMS (EBSS)**

RBL 41. The operation of EBSS by any SAHPA member is subject to the rules and conditions of installation and use of electronic band systems. These rules and conditions of installation are noted on the document named Rules and Conditions of Installation and use of electronic band scanning systems.

**COMPLETE SALE OF RACE AND STOCK BIRDS**

RBL 42. Any member who has a "Complete Sale of Race and Stock Birds" (regardless of the specific words used) may not participate in any race conducted under the auspices of the SAHPA Inc. in the two calendar years following the sale. A member who has a sale clearly described as a "Reduction Sale" may continue racing.