

## **S.A.H.P.A. inc. Rule No 3 CLOCK BY-LAWS.**

1. All competitors must use continuous-running printing clocks. Such clock(s) must be in good order and must be approved by the Committee of Management. Any member of the Group Clock Committee objecting to any clock must give reasons for such objections, and such clock(s) may be rejected by the Committee of Management.
2. If any clock is rejected by the Committee of Management, the owner shall be informed of the fact and reason for such a rejection in writing. The responsibility for accurate running, clear and readable clock print rests with the owner.
3. Club Secretaries must send to the General Secretary a list of clock numbers, stating the names of members to whom the clock belongs.
4. All clocks must be plainly marked with the name of the club and owner to whom the clocks belong.
5. **Dolometer** If in the opinion of the S.A.H.P.A. Clock Chairperson or S.A.H.P.A. Race Secretary any clock(s) which are presented for checking have the dolometer or similar device at such a variation from correct setting point to create the impression of the clock(s) have been mishandled the said clock(s) shall be disqualified.
6. When the gain or loss is at the rate of one second or less per hour ( from clock start time to clock result time) the variation will be struck and deducted from (in case of FAST clock) or added to (in case of SLOW clock) the recorded times on the clock tape print out.  
In the event of a clock gaining more than one second per hour (from clock start time to clock result time) the clock tape will be left as printed with no adjustments to tape recorded time(s) i.e. clock recorded as a DEAD clock.  
In the event of a clock losing more than one second per hour (from clock start time to clock result time) the loss must be doubled and added to the recorded time(s) on the clock tape and then recorded as a DEAD clock.  
Clocks consistently running over the allowed margins of FAST & SLOW should be reported to the SAHPA Clock Chairperson.
7. Clocks must be in the hands of the Group Clock Committee at the time fixed by each clock centre on setting night, and to be handled by the Clock Committee and Readers only whilst in the possession of the Association.
8. All clocks to be set, sealed, read and checked by at least three members of the Group Clock Committee.
  - a) Where the number of competing member's clocks presented to be read is less than six (6) the firing, opening, reading and checking of such clocks, shall be at the sole discretion of the SAHPA Inc. Clock Chairperson.
9. No seals to be broken except in conformity with Rule 8. All clocks shall be set by Observatory time.
10. In the event of any competitor not clocking his/her bird(s), his/her clock(s) must be returned to the Group Clock Committee with seals intact by time specified for such races.
11. The penalty for non-return of clocks by time specified is: First Offence, fine fifty (50) cents and still return of the clock; Second Offence, fine and disqualification for any time the Committee of Management may decide upon.
12. Any competitor's returning clocks with seal not intact may forfeit all rights and privileges and claims for that particular race and further penalized.
13. Any clock used in a race, which has not the race ring in the thimble and the thimble mouth down in the receptacle for same shall be disqualified for such race.
14. All thimbles used and operated to be made by the makers for each particular clock or acceptable to the SAHPA Inc. Clock Chairperson.
  - a) No more than one race rubber in to be placed in each thimble or receptacle.

**THIMBLE LESS CLOCKS**

If a race rubber is carried into the incorrect disc hole during the act of firing or at any time prior to the opening of the new clock, the owner of the clock will be awarded the time of the print that corresponds to that disc hole. If a race rubber is not in a thimble hole, that race rubber will be disqualified with the owner having no right of appeal.

15. Any member may have his clock prints of any particular race upon application to their club secretary for same within fourteen (14) days after race, subject to approval of the Committee of Management.
16. When birds are clocked after 6.00 pm and before closing time members will be allowed 2 hours to present clocks and bird verification book to Group Clock Committee (Sunday or otherwise).
17. The Association will not recognize any stopped clock except as provided for in rules 20, 21 and 22.
18. When all positions of a race have not been filled and the race is still open, all clocks produced for verification shall be checked, fired and may be opened at the discretion of the SAHPA Inc. Clock Chairperson. This check print will be used in calculating the pigeon's velocity.
19. In the event of any clock stopping before a bird is clocked, the owner of the stopped clock may time his/her bird in another owner's clock providing that person has permission to do so.
  - a) Any competitor who, prior to the clocking of their bird, finds their clock is at fault, can have it replaced with a spare clock that has been set by the Group Clock Committee for the race.
  - b) Group Clock Committees must ensure that clocks used as spares are in excellent working order and are available from the S.A.H.P.A. Clock Chairperson, the General Secretary, the Group clock Chairperson, the Group Secretary or a member so authorized by the Group of S.A.H.P.A. Clock Chairperson.
  - c) The faulty clock must be produced to one of the above-mentioned officials, in exchange for the spare clock, who shall be responsible for the production of the faulty clock for examination by the S.A.H.P.A. Clock Chairperson, on clock reading night. The faulty clock is to be cleared by the S.A.H.P.A. Clock Chairperson before such clock is used again. The unnecessary use of a Group or Association spare clock will result in no time being given.
20. In the event of any clock stopping after a bird is clocked, the owner of the stopped clock may take their clock and bird to the Chairperson or Assistant Chairperson of the Group Clock Committee and the Chairperson or Assistant Chairperson may, if he/she thinks fit, break the seal of the stopped clock and transfer the race rubber to his/her own clock. The owner's clocking time will that of the Chairperson's or Assistant Chairperson's clock print.
21. A stopped clock shall be treated as a slow clock and double the slow time added.
22. No smoking is permitted at tables where clocks are being opened and tapes are being read.
23. Any owner requiring a print reading must produce bird verification book showing the details of each pigeon that requires a reading. The Race Secretary may request any owner, if required, to produce a clocked bird on the day of clocking or at any other time.
24. Race velocities will be corrected to the third decimal place.
25. The end of the clock tape shall show the race-point, date, owner's name and club twice, with an authorized signature between, the clock end is to be torn across this signature.
26. No competitor shall use more than one clock for each Association race.
27. Any variation to these clock by-laws is at the discretion of the SAHPA Inc. Clock Chairperson.