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## SAHPA Rules No 2 - RACE BY-LAWS

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### CONTROL OF RACES

RBL 1.1 All races will be flown under the auspices and management of the SAHPA. Any associated club or body of people wishing to organize and compete in a race as part of the SAHPA program must seek the permission of the SAHPA Committee of Management (SAHPA COM). This relates to pre-program, post-program and during the program events.

RBL 1.2 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 (through the Race Release Panel) shall have entire management of races, and in all cases of dispute the decision of a majority of such SAHPA COM members shall be final.

RBL 3. The General Secretary and the SAHPA COM 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. Affiliated clubs, through their management committees, are deemed to be responsible (in the first instant) for ensuring their club membership comply with SAHPA Constitutional By-Laws.

RBL 4. The release of all pigeons at all race points is to be at the sole discretion of the Chairman of the Race Release Panel. Release information will only be available via the SAHPA website.

### NOMINATIONS AND ACCEPTANCES

RBL 5. Association approved Nomination and Acceptance forms (ie hamper & basket lists) must be ~~used and~~ written/printed in ink. Details must be recorded in full for each pigeon nominated, ditto marks not being permitted. Basketing lists of electronic timing systems are approved.

RBL 6. From time to time, the SAHPA COM may determine an additional race payment from flyers. This will be discussed with clubs and the membership prior to implementation.

## OWNERSHIP and DUTY OF CARE

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.

RBL 9. Vacant.

RBL 10. All birds hampered for tosses and racing on SAHPA transporters shall 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 to birds by the SAHPA COM and the personnel charged with the transport and release for tosses and races.

## RESULTS, AWARDS, PRIZES, POINTS AND CERTIFICATES

RBL 11. Results shall be calculated on the SAHPA Race Result System (SRRS) and accessed via the SAHPA website and in accordance with RBL 18 below.

RBL 12. Aggregate Points shall be awarded to the first thirty (30) owners in all SAHPA 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 on the SAHPA Inc. yearly program shall receive SAHPA certificates stating the bird's colour, 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 14.1 SAHPA aggregate point's certificates shall be awarded to the 30 owners with the most aggregate points at the end of each season.

RBL 14.2 Prizes, awards, trophies, aggregate points, certificates etc are to be awarded at the sole discretion of the SAHPA COM. The SAHPA COM will take advice from clubs on these matters and publish a list of awards with the SAHPA race programme each year prior to racing being started.

RBL 15. Any Prize money, for SAHPA races is to be organized, controlled, and allocated to flyers by the SAHPA COM. Clubs/Groups may raise their own prizemoney/trophies for SAHPA races and is to be organized, controlled, and allocated to flyers within the Clubs/Groups by relevant Club/Group Committee.

RBL 16. A SAHPA 'Bird of the Year' trophy shall be awarded and presented each season. Points shall be awarded to the first (30) birds in all SAHPA races on the official SAHPA Inc. yearly program. The first bird shall receive 30 points with one less point for each succeeding bird.

## LOFT LOCATIONS.

RBL 17.1 Members may only fly to one address which must be advised to the General Secretary

RBL 17.2. Global Positioning System (GPS) co-ordinates will be struck and recorded as near as practical to the Registered loft position by the SAHPA Clock Chairman or his/her designate. This rule will apply to all new members, existing members who have changed their residential place of abode or who have had an absence of two (2) years or greater from the sport.

RBL 17.3. The Chairperson and Secretary of each club are responsible for inspection of lofts of club members and for making recommendations for improvements in matters of health, hygiene and position of electronic landing boards of lofts. Familiarisation with the SAHPA CODE of PRACTICE is required for all members.

## RACE CALCULATIONS and FLYING TIME 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 **fast** or **slow** variation.
- Printed time of EBSS clocks adjusted for clock **fast** or **slow** variation.

**Hours of Darkness** – ‘Hours of Darkness’ for each day shall be from one half hour **after** sunset to one half hour **before** sunrise as determined by the SAHPA COM and utilised in the SRRS to calculate race results – see RBL 18.6.

RBL 18.0 The winner of an SAHPA 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 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.

RBL 18.2. Flying time for birds clocked **after** one half hour before sunrise second day up until one half hour before sunrise on subsequent days shall be from release time to the corrected clocking time **excluding hours of darkness**.

RBL 18.3. Flying time for birds clocked after one half hour before sunrise third day and subsequent days shall be from release time to the corrected clocking time excluding hours of darkness.

RBL 18.4. Birds homing on the day cannot be beaten by any bird or birds homing on any subsequent day unless sub-paragraph RBL 18.5. applies.

RBL 18.5. 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.

RBL 18.6. The City of Adelaide shall be used for Sunrise and Sunset calculations in the SRRS and the SAHPA COM shall determine the relevant agency which supplies these timings for races.

RBL 19. The time limit for races shall be –

- Three calendar days for all races up to 950km
- Five calendar days for races between 950km and 1360km

RBL 20. Vacant

RBL 21. There are no race qualifications for birds on any SAHPA races. For example, young birds are not required to have an SDC race before competing in an MDC or LDC race. Races conducted by other clubs (such as SA Long Distance Club) as part of the SAHPA greater programme may have specific restrictions or requirements for qualification.

#### CHECK VERIFICATION OF RACE BIRDS

RBL 22. Birds finishing first, second, third and fourth positions in all races on the official SAHPA program, must be tossed and verified 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 and verified. The committee of management reserves the right to verify any pigeon. The appropriate form duly filled in must be presented to the Association prior to prize money or points being allocated.

#### HAMPERING and CLOCKING REQUIREMENTS

Members participating in SAHPA, LDC races are asked to complete all race results by 9pm on the day their birds are clocked to ensure top 30 results are not compromised by late entry. Late birds on day two may be entered by that later time.

In the event of a member being unable to attend his/her club, or another club for clock reading, the member is required to advise his club official before 8.00pm on the night of clocking. The club official shall advise the General Secretary or Clock Chairman forthwith.

Member(s) unable to attend clock reading may be required to photograph the clock reading to be forwarded as a text to the club official. It is acknowledged that this procedure might not be technically possible for all members.

RBL 23. Four (4) members must be present to constitute a hampering centre to be eligible for SAHPA race awards.

- 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 four (4) members, they must hamper with another club.
- Clubs which find it difficult to comply with the above may hamper at the SAHPA headquarters.
- On the night of hampering, clubs are to notify the General Secretary of total bird numbers, member numbers and crate numbers by the time specified by the SAHPA COM.
- Club secretaries must (if fewer than four (4) competing members are present), advise the names of the noncompeting members overseeing the hampering.
- Non-competing members (but registered as club members) shall sign the club attendance register and/or hamper and clock sheets stating their name and date of attendance. This is to be done on both hampering and clocking nights.

RBL 24. Vacant

RBL 25.1. All non-EBSS (mechanical clocking) banded birds competing in the SAHPA race programme must comply as below:

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.
2. The rubber ring tags for each member shall be placed in envelopes together with original nomination form and clock setting sheets and held securely by the club secretary.
3. A second hamper sheet and the clocking sheet for birds in line to take race awards shall be sent to the General Secretary within 7 calendar days of the race for review.
4. 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 race secretary for adjudication.

RBL 25.2. All EBSS (electronic clocking) banded birds competing in the SAHPA race programme must comply as below:

1. Following scanning for basketing, a hamper sheet shall be printed and held securely by the club secretary – and a second sent to [sahpa.clocks@gmail.com](mailto:sahpa.clocks@gmail.com) or SAHPA GenSec on hamper night.
2. Hamper and clocking sheets for birds in line to take race awards shall be sent to the General Secretary within 7 calendar days of the race for review.

RBL 26. No fewer than four members shall be present when race hampering, and evaluation commences and is in progress unless a procedure such as Benzing Live Loft Evaluation is available to the club - see SAHPA Rule No3 Clock By-Laws.

RBL 27. Each hamper must be duly sealed following hampering then transferred to the SAHPA for transport loading. Each hamper must be clearly marked with the club's name and a number.

## LINES OF FLIGHT

RBL 28. The line or lines of flight and the length of time to be flown shall be determined by members of the SAHPA 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 SAHPA COM shall each season draft the race program for the following season. The race program shall be made available and / or posted to all members no later than the Young Bird Championship race on the SAHPA program.

## LIFE RINGS

RBL 29 LIFE RINGS – BRANDED ‘SA’ - All SAHPA club members and affiliated club members are asked to purchase their life-rings from the SAHPA.

RBL 29.1 All birds competing in races must be rung with solid rings, such rings to be registered and approved by the SAHPA COM.

RBL 29.2. Branded ‘SA’ rings shall be made available after the 1<sup>st</sup> July of each year.

RBL 29.3 Before a pigeon rung with an ‘SA’ prefixed ring is raced by a person other than the person to whom the ring was sold, the new owner must ensure the pigeon ring(s) are transferred through the SAHPA ring secretary. Failure to transfer pigeons in the above manner will cause the disqualification of the pigeon from any awards earned in races on the official SAHPA COM program.

RBL 29.3.1. Pigeons rung with ‘SA’ rings and purchased at squeaker sales (including Sires Produce sales) conducted by associated clubs, or the SA Long Distance Club (SALDC) do not need to be transferred in this manner. However, the secretary of the club conducting the sale must submit the names of purchasers of all pigeons (plus ring details) to the ring secretary for ring ownership transfer.

RBL 29.4 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 COM, sell old rings at the same price as the current year rings.

RBL 29.5 Life rings over eight years of age cannot be used in any SAHPA sanctioned event.

## RBL 30 FOREIGN RINGS

RBL 30.1 All non-‘SA’ rings are deemed ‘foreign’ rings.

RBL 30.2 A foreign ring levy is payable, once only, on rings other than ‘SA’ rings. The levy charge shall be the same as the cost of ‘SA’ branded rings.

RBL 30.3 Foreign rings may be approved by the SAHPA COM if the birds are confirmed as young birds.

RBL 30.4 An owner wishing to race a pigeon rung with a foreign ring must register the ring with the SAHPA ring secretary prior to the commencement of the SAHPA race season. Non-registration of the ring will cause the disqualification of the pigeon from any prize money and points earned in SAHPA races on the official SAHPA race program.

RBL 30.5 BIRDS RUNG WITH INTERNATIONAL RINGS ARE BANNED FROM SAHPA RACES.

## LOADING OF RACE BIRDS

RBL 36. A maximum of 30 birds per flyer may be entered in SAHPA races. A lower maximum may be specified by the General Secretary on the yearly program for specific races and/or on a race by race basis.

RBL 37 Vacant

RBL 38. The SAHPA COM will allocate crate numbers to clubs each year once club, flyer and numbers are known.

#### LOADING OF BIRDS

RBL 39. A loading plan for the loading of crates (by clubs) on the transporter shall be issued to members by the General Secretary each year prior to racing.

#### ELECTRONIC BAND SCANNING SYSTEMS (EBSS)

RBL 40. 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 in SAHPA Rule No 3 Clock by Laws.

#### COMPLETE SALE OF RACE AND STOCK BIRDS

RBL 41. 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.

END of RULE 2