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## 2026 SAHPA – Race and Awards Planning – Revised 05/05/2026

### A) SAHPA Race Distance Definitions.

1. All races up to and including **450kms** are deemed to be Short Distance Championship SDC, with sponsor naming rights assigned to Benzing Australia Series.
2. All races from **451kms to and including 650kms** are Middle Distance races and are deemed Assoc races towards SAHPA Aggregate Points.
3. All races **over 651kms** are Long Distance races and are deemed Assoc races towards the SAHPA Aggregate Points, races run by SA Long Distance Club are not included in the SAHPA Aggregate Points
4. All distances as above refer to distance from **race point to Adelaide GPO.**
5. Races Category
  - a. **Benzing Australia Short Distance Championship** 11 events  
**– 10 SDC races: 45 chips – SDC Aggregate winner gets 50 chips–**

Stirling North	Peterborough 1
Carrieton	Bookaloo
Hawker	Yunta
Pimba	Parachilna
Peterborough (come back race) 2	Olary
  - b. **Middle Distance** - 10 races:

Glendambo Open	Lyndhurst Open
Fowlers Gap SAD \$300	Glendambo YBC \$300
Lyndhurst YBD \$300	Wilcannia Open
Marree Open	Wilcannia 5B
Marree 5 B	The Twins 5B
  - c. **SAHPA Long Distance** – 5 races

Coober Pedy Open	
Emmdale Open	Tibooburra Open
Marla Open	Cobar Open
  - d. **SA Long Distance Championship** includes:  
SAHPA Long Distance Races plus Alice Springs, Coober Pedy Cock Special.

## **B) SAHPA Points Tables**

1. The **Short Distance Championship and SA Long Distance Championship** races will have separate points allocation tables, there will be no separate points for Middle Distance.
  - a. **SAHPA Aggregate Points Table** which will include Middle Distance and Long-Distance races marked as Assoc races on the program.
  - b. Individual certificates for each bird will not be provided.
  - c. Flyer Performance certificates will be awarded – to any flyer that had a bird placed in the top 30 birds in each series. The certificate will show a row for each bird that was in the top 30 positions.
  - d. The Certificates will be based on the open result top 30 birds.
  - e. SALDC races will have their own points allocation table.

## **C) Small Team Flyer Championship ( 100T Club)**

- a. All flyers that have **100 or less birds** on their Prepaid List will be part of the Small Team Championship (100T).
- b. The Results system will show a result for the 100T club – Small Teams
- c. Flyer Performance certificates will be awarded – to any flyer that had a bird placed in the top 30 birds in each series. The certificate will show each bird that was in the top 30 positions.
- e. The Aggregate Points winner of the Small Team Flyer Championship will receive a \$150 prize.

## **D) Prizemoney**

- The SAHPA will pay \$150 to the winners of each Middle Distance and Long Distance Assoc race.
- Please note that SAHPA Winner prizemoney includes \$100 towards the flyer purchasing their own Trophy, if they would like the SAHPA Secretary to buy them a trophy please let him know.
- The winners of the three prestigious derbies, YBD, YBC and SAD will receive \$300 each.
- SAHPA aggregate points winner will collect \$150
- Winner of the North / North West Lines name goes on a Shield
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## **E) Trainers**

1. In 2026, Flyers will be allowed to send Trainers in addition to their maximum of 30 birds.
2. Trainers do not have to be scanned, but it is recommended if they are nominated for Sires Produce that they are scanned as proof the birds have raced on the line of flight. If a flyer chooses to have the birds scanned, please make

sure they mark the 30 birds in the race on their sheets, if nothing marked it will be assumed the first 30 birds on their list are in the race.

3. There will be a charge of \$1/bird for any Trainers sent.
4. Trainers will only be allowed for all short distance race this year.
5. Club Secretaries are to collate the number of Trainers each week and notify the SAHPA Secretary when they ring through the number of birds. Please collect the money each week and at the end of the Short Distance races, the Club Secretary will deposit the monies collected in the SAHPA Bank and put in a reference of the club and send an email to [sahpa.treasurer2015@gmail.com](mailto:sahpa.treasurer2015@gmail.com) summarising the flyers and number of birds that have been paid up.
6. To avoid the Truck and Trailer having too many crates to load, please make sure that your club does not send up more crates than you have allocated.
7. Toss birds to be release 30mins after the Open birds, if under 200 birds then they get released together. GMOL birds will be released 30 mins separate from Race birds.

**If a member presents Trainers for those 2 races, please contact SAHPA Secretary on mob 0448883512 to see if we can fit them on before basketing the birds as they may be turned away if we get too many.**

#### **F) Clocks**

1. Please note the SAHPA COM will be enforcing the rule from our Clocking Bylaws.
  - 1.1 SAHPA competitors shall register one (1) clock (brand and serial number) for use in all races in each yearly SAHPA race programme. Should this registered clock become unsuitable for use (for whatever reason), the competitor may use a 'club spare' at each club or make use of suitable clock (electronic or mechanical). This second clock shall be duly registered.
  - 1.2 Club clock registers to be sent to general secretary before SAHPA races.

#### **G) 2026 SAHPA Other Race/Hamper/Clocking Details**

1. A copy of the nominations sheet will be sent to the SAHPA each week.
2. SAHPA Committee of Management are going to enforce the rule that clubs should be mixing birds from each flyer into the crates. We will expect copies of the ETS Allocation sheets to be attached to basketing lists so we can cross check the clubs are following this rule. We may also conduct random inspections are clubs on the night of basketing. If the club breaches this ruling they will get one warning and any subsequent breaches will result in that Club's members results being removed from the Race results system the day after.
3. A copy of flyer nomination (hamper) sheets is to be held by club secretaries for whole season. If the flyer has birds competing in the SALDC Sires Produce

then the sheets should be available to help verify that any birds they present for basketing of Sires have flown on the line of flight.

4. Only flyers with placings in the top 30 are required (through their club secretaries) to send clocking sheets to the SAHPA race adjudicator – these must be sent within 7 days of the original hamper date for that race.
5. All SAHPA race nominations are limited to 30 birds per flyer.
6. Secretaries are to enter results into the Results system. The Results system will default to First Bird Clocked result but Overall results and the First Three Birds will also be available.
7. The **Bird of the Year** points to be calculated for top 30 Overall result, same as the **ACE Pigeon Awards**.
8. Weekly results for all race series shall be published on the front page of the SAHPA website as acknowledgement of excellent performance.

#### **H) SALDC Role in 2026**

1. The SALDC COM shall be responsible for the organisation of the following races:
  - a. Coober Pedy Cock Bird Special
  - b. Wilcannia Sires Produce
  - c. Alice Springs
  - d. To Be Advised
2. SALDC will be responsible for advising race points and tossing programmes to fit the LDC races.

#### **I) Special Races 2026**

1. Coober Pedy Vin Blanden (Nom 1 Bird) \$5 per nomination
2. ANRPB Emmdale National up to 10 bird Nomination \$10 per bird, ANRPB will donate \$1000 prize money as well.

#### **J) SAHPA Race Income for 2026**

1. **Bird transfer fees** will not be required in 2026 – now included in cost of racing. Owners are still required to advise the ring secretary of changes in ring ownership prior to race 1 of the SAHPA programme.
2. Crate seals and cardboard will be supplied at no cost to clubs – all will be expensed as race consumables and included in cost of racing.
3. Club Secretaries will collate the number of birds for each flyer on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2026 and email/SMS/ring them through to the SAHPA Secretary mob

0448883512 by 6pm on Monday. On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2026 the SAHPA Secretary will publish the price per bird on the SAHPA Website.

- a. Pre-paid Lists will be sent to the SAHPA on basketing night of the first (1<sup>st</sup>) race Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May, members are to pay their Club Secretary on or before Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May. Club Secretaries are to pay the monies into SAHPA Bank account by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June.
- b. Revised pre-paid list of any late ring numbers will be lodged no later than the night of hampering for the 4<sup>th</sup> Race of the season 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2026, late prepaid nominations will not be accepted. The late registration fee is 50% on top of the normal.
- c. Preferably all payments are to be electronic into account **BSB 065 518 ACCOUNT 1003 8108** or, by club arrangement with the SAHPA Treasurer. One payment per club.
- d. **Nomination fees do not include SALDC races.**
- e. Charges for **2026 life rings** have been set at \$1 per ring for the 2026 breeding season. Preferably all payments are to be electronic or, by club arrangement with the SAHPA Ring Secretary into **BSB 065 518 ACCOUNT 1003 8108**.
- f. Foreign ring levy is set at \$1, AUS and AUST Rings cannot be used on Derby races. International rings are not allowed.
- g. Old Birds older than 8 years of age cannot be raced in SAHPA.

### **K) Association Pools**

In 2026 a subcommittee is organising a Pools competition, please see below the information about paying \$100 to nominate 10 birds. If we get 50 flyers at \$100 each, the pool will be \$5000 divided over 10 races, \$500 a week in prizes.

- Nominate a list of 10 birds (any aged) for \$100 (no more, no less) as long as birds are registered on an Individual SAHPA member pre nom sheet.
- The \$100 one off fee entitles you to enter any or all 10 birds in 10 Association races, including Lyndhurst Open, Glendambo Open, Marree Open, Marree 5B, Wilcannia Open, Wilcannia 5B, The Twins 5B, Coober Pedy Open, Tibooburra Open and Emmdale Open. Subject to change by SAHPA.
- Will not include POOLS race in YBD, YBC, SAD (as young birds and we are allowing all ages in Pools), and the longest race Marla.
- Money to be paid by Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July (last race of Short Distance Series), together with your nominated list form (attached) of 10 pool birds emailed to [darren.aquilina@y7mail.com](mailto:darren.aquilina@y7mail.com).
- Money to be paid into Para Hills Inv Club account.

**BSB:105-122 Acc: 448 217 340** or cash to Darren (0421 770 610) Para Hills secretary.

Club secretaries should be given a copy of the nomination sheets as back up

- Open merit clocking, multiple clocking allowed. Prizes will depend on number of competitors entered.
- Pool birds **MUST** be entered into SAHPA results system on evaluation night by club secretaries. All birds will be identified as pool birds so no need to tick pool bird when entering results. There will be a drop-down option to view the pools result.
- **ALL MONIES RECEIVED WILL BE PAID OUT.** Once nominations close, you will be advised of the weekly prize money.
- Prizes to be paid out by bank transfer within two weeks after the last pools race.
- Race is deemed over on the same day as all SAHPA prizes are taken or as SAHPA Race Bylaws 6.2.1 or 6.2.2, whichever comes first.
- If only one bird is clocked before allocated week deadline, then that bird will win the prize pool for that allocation week. If two birds are clocked 65% goes to the winner and 35% goes to second. If prizes are unclaimed (no pool birds' home that allocated week), We jackpot the amount unclaimed the following Direction Line week. However, if prizes are unclaimed at end races that money is absorbed into the overall prize pool and recalculated to be given to prize winners.

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