

# South Coast Pigeon Federation Incorporated of NSW

## RACING and CLOCK RULES

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### **SCF Inc of NSW Mission Statement:**

*The SCF Inc of NSW is a body of pigeon fanciers in the Illawarra region that have come together under the banner of this federation as a non-profit organisation for the benefit of its' members and the promotion of pigeon racing in Australia.*

### **ADMINISTRATION:**

1. Annual General Meeting to be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of February each year prior to racing for that year.

2. **SCF Boundaries**

Only homing bodies established in the South Coast Pigeon Federation Incorporated bounded by the Wollongong City Council in the North and the municipalities of Shellharbour and Kiama in the south shall be eligible to compete in races conducted by the SCF.

3. **Club Affiliation Fee**

Only members of clubs affiliated with the South Coast Pigeon Federation Incorporated of NSW shall be eligible to compete in races controlled by the Federation. An annual nominal fee of \$2 is to be paid by all clubs wishing to be affiliated with the SCF and is within the SCF Boundaries. Members of clubs outside of the SCF Boundaries may compete in special races organised by the SCF. Permission to compete in these special races must be obtained from the SCF Committee for these members to compete.

4. The SCF Committee shall be empowered to police all affiliated club boundaries. This is to ensure that all flying members compete within their correct club boundaries and to be able to restrict invitational, as well as old and new clubs from changing club boundaries without the SCF Committee and that affiliated club's approval.

## **5. Rule Changes:**

The SCF Inc of NSW RACING & CLOCK RULES can be changed by a ballot of SCF members. For the ballot to be valid there must be a minimum participation rate of 75% of the membership and once that is achieved then a simple majority of those voting is required for an addition or change to be carried. The rule change must be presented to an AGM or Extra Ordinary General Meeting of the SCF prior to it being sent out to all members for a general ballot.

## **6. Change of Racing Conditions:**

No motion can be accepted for the change of the race direction or race survey method for those races conducted by the SCF (in that direction) for the following year after the 1<sup>st</sup> July (or when the life rings become available for sale) e.g., SCF racing conditions for 2008 cannot be altered after 1<sup>st</sup> July 2007.

The exception to this rule is when racing has commenced, or will soon commence, and actions or conditions occur that will make racing the agreed programme impossible to continue (e.g. pigeon health restrictions, fire, government rulings, force majeure). This change will require a meeting to be called of all SCF members, to discuss the change. A ballot will then be conducted, of all members, for approval of the change, as per our constitution.

## **7. Surveys:**

The SCF Inc. of NSW shall use the Waterfall Toll Gates as a breaking point for surveys for the Northern Route, Huskisson Airport as a breaking point for surveys from the Southern Route and a Direct Survey from any Western Race Point.

## **8. Racing Routes:**

8a. The SCF Inc. of NSW shall conduct races on the basis of two years on the Northern Route followed by two years on the Southern Route and two years about alternatively thereafter. As soon as possible the SCF Inc. of NSW Committee shall draw up a schedule of races for the relevant season.

8b. Northern Route : To be defined as those race points flown along the coastline north of The SCF boundary with small deviations inland to accommodate a practical liberation from the appropriate point selected for that distance

8c. Southern Route : To be defined as those race points flown along the coastline south of The SCF boundary with small deviations inland to accommodate a practical liberation from the appropriate point selected for that distance.

8d. Distances over 650 – 700km cannot be practically flown from the mainland along the southern coastline. Therefore races past this distance will be selected from a different direction by the Organising Committee.

9. The position of Transport Liberator for the SCF Inc. of NSW shall be any suitable member or person of the SCF Inc. of NSW that the committee has approved.

**10.** Any member who is in receipt of a pension and has a medical health card will be eligible to join the SCF Inc. of NSW at one third of the Federation fees.

**11. Committee:**

The SCF Committee of Management will consist of the offices bearers (as defined in the Model Rules of our constitution) plus the positions of Race Secretary, Assistant Race Secretary and Ring Secretary.

**12. Honorarium:**

An honorarium may be paid to the positions of Secretary, Treasurer and Race Secretary. This would recognize the efforts of those office bearer's and their contribution to the management of SCF activities. In the event of one person being appointed to more than one of these positions then that portion of the Honorarium would be allocated to that person.

The amount of the Honorarium can be determined by the Committee of Management of the SCF for ratification by the membership.

**13. Life Membership:**

13a. Any nomination for life membership shall be made by two financial members of the SCF Inc. of NSW at the Annual General Meeting.

13b. Voting must be unanimous for the nominated member to be given life membership.

13c. Any life member of the SCF Inc. of NSW shall be entitled to free entrance to membership of the SCF Inc. of NSW with full membership rights.

**14.** Any questions not specified in these rules shall be decided by The Committee of the SCF Inc. of NSW, whose decision shall be final.

**FLYING CONDITIONS:**

**15.** Each club shall appoint a contact officer to receive liberation information from the Secretary or Liberation Stewards.

**16.** In the event that two SCF Combines are scheduled for the same weekend at a distance greater than 550km and are transported together to the same race point that:

16a. The pigeons be liberated on separate days. i.e., Saturday and Sunday liberations as per schedule.

16b. If the SCF Combines are scheduled for release on the same day that a minimum 30 minute break is given between liberations. If the SCF Combines are scheduled for release on the same day that a minimum 30 minute break be given between liberations.

16c. If the SCF Combines are scheduled for release on the same day that a minimum 30 minute break be given between liberations.

16d. If possible, baskets from each race are to be loaded on opposite sides of the truck.

**17.** Should the birds go to the race point and the weather be unfavourable for liberation on any days specified, the following shall apply:

17a. In races of less than 450km the birds shall be returned if they have been in the baskets for 3 nights and no liberation has been possible on the day after the 3<sup>rd</sup> night.

17b. In races of 450km and over the birds shall be returned if they have been in the baskets for 5 nights and no liberation has been possible on the day after the 5<sup>th</sup> night.

17c. In hold over races up to 240km the birds will not be liberated before 9:00am.

17d. In hold over races over 240km the birds will be liberated as early as possible, weather permitting, or as the Committee may direct.

17e. All surplus birds are to be liberated 30 minutes after the mass liberation. Surplus baskets are deemed as all baskets not allocated and paid for the race programme of the SCF Inc of NSW.

**18. Race Duration:**

18a. Should a bird flying in a race under 160 km to the longest marker not return on day of liberation no prize shall be awarded.

18b. In a race over 160 km and up to 450 km birds to the longest marker are to be home before the close of the second day or no prize shall be awarded.

18c. Races over 450 km and up to 850 km to the longest marker to be home before the close of the third day or no prize shall be awarded.

18d. Races over 850 km to the longest marker and up to 1200 km birds are to be home before the close of the fifth day or no prize shall be awarded.

18e. In the event of no birds homing in the specified time, entrance fees less expenses are to be refunded to all competitors.

**19. Velocity Definition and Calculation:**

19a. In this rule the word "DAY" shall mean a period of time extending from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset. The time of sunrise and sunset to be regarded as that reported in "The Sydney Morning Herald" published on the day mentioned.

19b. The velocity of pigeons homing during the period of one hour after sunset and one hour before sunrise shall be calculated from the time of liberation to the time of timing in and placed accordingly.

19c. The velocity of pigeons homing on the second or later days shall be calculated from the time of liberation on the first day to one hour before sunrise on the second day to the time of timing in. The period of time between one hour after sunset and one hour before sunrise shall be omitted in the calculation of velocities.

19d. A bird homing during the period of one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise shall beat a pigeon homing on the second day.

**20.** Clubs that have birds escape early may be disqualified from any combine races held on that day.

- 20a. Only the club or clubs with birds escaped early will be given an option of their birds being brought back or continuing in the Liberation. All other birds will be liberated. All SCF Inc. of NSW combine entry money for those clubs with birds brought back will be refunded.
- 21.** No club shall conduct an Interclub, Open Combine or Sale Race on the race day where the SCF Inc. of NSW conducts a combine race for all SCF Inc. of NSW members without written application and a written reply approved from the committee.
- 22.** All races shall be flown under the velocity principle. That is the birds flying the greatest number of metres per minute between the race point and owner's loft to be the winner (with the exception of Rule 16d).
- 23.** Distances are the only surveys to be recognised by the SCF Inc. of NSW. Distances shall be by any Surveyor recognised by the SCF Inc. of NSW.
- 24.** All SCF Inc. of NSW Race Entry Summary Sheets must be in the hands of the SCF Inc. of NSW Race Secretary by the morning of the day after basketing.
- 24a. All SCF Inc. of NSW members entering an SCF Inc. of NSW Combine are to fill out a separate Combine Entry Race Form which is to be forwarded along with the Race Entry Summary Sheets to the SCF Inc. of NSW Race Secretary by the morning of the day after basketing.
- 25.** All clock rolls and race entry forms must be in the hands of the SCF Inc. of NSW Race Secretary or race details phoned through by 10:00 PM on day of clocking in.
- 25a. All clock rolls and race entry forms must be delivered in a sealed envelope (signed and stamped by the club clock committee) or those results may be liable for disqualification.
- 25b. For those clubs phoning through the results the clock rolls and race entry forms must be delivered to the SCF Inc. of NSW Race Secretary within 3 days (usually Tuesday) of the completion of the race.
- 26.** The SCF Inc. of NSW shall deduct 5 per cent of all combine prize money.
- 27.** No member shall allow his/her pigeons out after midday on day of race, or before midday on the second day of a two-day race. Any member breaking this rule shall be dealt with by the SCF Inc. of NSW Committee and fined \$50.00.

### **PIGEON DETAILS:**

- 28.** No pigeon shall be allowed to be entered for a race unless it is rung with an intact life ring (as made) and recognised by the SCF Inc of NSW.
- 29.** All birds entered in competition must be registered to the person in whose name they are entered. All winners of prizes to be shown alive within 24 hours, if required. Officials of the SCF Inc. of NSW will toss prize winners within 100 metres of the loft to those who claim them. Pigeons will be tossed within three days of clocking in.
  - 29a. Any bird not homing to that loft be referred back to the SCF Inc. of NSW Committee.
  - 29b. Only one membership to compete from one loft.
  - 29c. Any bird sold at an SCF Inc. of NSW sanctioned sale may compete in any SCF Inc. of NSW Combine.
  - 29d. The Committee may refuse the entry of any bird.
  - 29e. Any member not complying with this rule shall be disqualified.

### **RACE ENTRY DETAILS:**

- 30.** All entry forms to state letters, ring numbers, year, colour and sex of each bird entered. Entry Forms not properly filled in will be rejected by the officer in charge. Birds entered for competition must not bear any private rings, excepting those put on by the committee and or those that use a manufactured approved electronic timing ring accepted by The SCF. The entry forms must be signed by the competitor.
  - 30a. All combine entries should be correctly identified in the "other" column of the SCF Inc. of NSW race entry sheet, the member responsible for lodging the rubber race ring numbers shall sign his name directly under the last entry.
  - 30b. Only a standard sized official race entry form as supplied by the SCF Inc. of NSW or a computer Print Out that has been sanctioned by the SCF Inc. of NSW, or a print from an ETS that has been approved by the SCF Inc may be used.
- 31.** All lettering and numbering on rubber race rings, race tags and race entry forms must correspond.

### **BASKETING:**

#### **32. Bird Numbers**

There must be a minimum of 75 birds basketed in a club to enable the SCF Transporter to pick up from that club. Should there not be a minimum of 75 birds basketed then that club must either:

- 32a. Take their baskets to the nearest club for loading onto the Transporter and notify The Executive of the SCF Inc. of NSW of such.
- 32b. Take their birds to the nearest club for ringing and basketing and notify The Executive of the SCF Inc. of NSW of such.

### **33. Member Numbers**

- 33a. There must be four members of a club competing and present in an ordinary club race to enable any member of that club to have his combine race birds rung and basketed in their respective club.
- 33b. Should there not be four members of a club competing in a club race; a member of that club must take his combine race birds to the nearest club for ringing and basketing.
- 33c. There must be four members in a club competing with continuous running clocks or ETS before any member can have his clock set or checked in their respective clubroom to compete in any race controlled by the SCF Inc. of NSW.
- 34.** Only the Secretary and his assistant, the Treasurer and the Ringing Committee shall be permitted to remain beyond the barrier when the birds are being race rung and basketed.
- 35.** No member shall be permitted to handle their own birds whilst being race rung and basketed to compete in any race.
- 36.** That all members' birds be evenly distributed in the baskets.
- 37.** That all birds in the race baskets to be either rubber race rung or be rung with an approved electronic timing ring. Any person found tampering with race rubbers or electronic timing rings or removing them from a pigeon will be disqualified.
- 38.** That any member may have his pool birds double race rung if desired.
- 39.** All race baskets shall be tied at both corners of drop door and centre flap with string.
- 40.** Water is to be supplied in the basket troughs during basketing of birds and emptied prior to loading.
- 41.** Bird limits are 22 birds per basket; maximum for all races.

### **TIMING IN:**

- 42.** In event of a competitor timing in a wrong pigeon, in the slot that is registered on leaving the club rooms he will be allowed to time in the next bucket or thimble and in this case the member must notify the Secretary of same before clocks are opened.
- 42a. Any number of birds may be timed in after the first race bird has been timed in.

### **DISQUALIFICATION CLAUSES:**

- 43.** Any person or persons carrying on any fraudulent practices shall be expelled from the SCF Inc. of NSW and may be prosecuted.
- 43a. Any club disqualifying a member must report same to the SCF Inc. of NSW within 7 days.
- 43b. Any member who has been disqualified has the right to appeal to the governing body of the SCF Inc. of NSW if unsuccessful; they have the right to appeal to the Australian Pigeon Fanciers Association Inc.
- 43c. A deposit of \$20.00 shall be lodged with an appeal within seven days of disqualification and if the appeal is deemed frivolous same shall be forfeited to the SCF Inc. of NSW.
- 44.** Any person or persons found guilty of racing stray pigeons shall be disqualified from the SCF Inc. of NSW for a period of one full season.
- 45.** Any member failing to claim his bird after having same reported to him in writing by the Ring Secretary within seven days shall be fined \$20.00.
- 45a. All transfers must be in writing on the approved SCF Inc. of NSW Transfer form and signed by both the breeder and flyer/owner by the first main series race of the year.
- 45b. All Out of Area IGBF flyers are to use the SCF Inc. of NSW Transfer form to register birds. This form must be signed by both the breeder and flyer/owner.
- 45c. All rings must be registered in the flyers name with the SCF Inc. of NSW Ring Secretary prior to the commencement of the SCF Inc. of NSW Racing Season.
- 46.** Protests shall be dealt with by the SCF Inc. of NSW Committee. All protests must be in handwriting to the Secretary and be in his/her hands within seven days after the alleged grievance taking place. A fee of \$20.00 shall accompany each protest and if the protest is deemed frivolous same shall be forfeited to the SCF Inc. of NSW.

**PRIZES:**

- 47.** One loft one prize in all SCF Inc. of NSW Combines, except IGBF.
- 48.** Prize money is calculated on one prize for every 5 competitors or part thereof for all SCF Inc of NSW Combines.
- 49.** Prize money allocation will be determined by the following table:

	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
1	0.4000	0.3500	0.2945	0.2735	0.2545	0.2435	0.2330	0.2275	0.2215	0.2155	0.2070	0.2050	0.2030
2	0.3300	0.2800	0.2405	0.2165	0.2045	0.1920	0.1865	0.1805	0.1745	0.1650	0.1630	0.1610	0.1600
3	0.2700	0.2200	0.1905	0.1695	0.1595	0.1490	0.1425	0.1365	0.1305	0.1240	0.1220	0.1210	0.1200
4		0.1500	0.1515	0.1345	0.1265	0.1155	0.1095	0.1035	0.0960	0.0940	0.0930	0.0920	0.0910
5			0.1230	0.1095	0.0970	0.0905	0.0845	0.0805	0.0740	0.0730	0.0720	0.0710	0.0695
6				0.0965	0.0845	0.0785	0.0745	0.0670	0.0660	0.0650	0.0640	0.0625	0.0615
7					0.0735	0.0695	0.0655	0.0600	0.0590	0.0580	0.0565	0.0555	0.0545
8						0.0615	0.0550	0.0540	0.0530	0.0515	0.0505	0.0495	0.0485
9							0.0490	0.0480	0.0465	0.0455	0.0445	0.0435	0.0425
10								0.0425	0.0415	0.0405	0.0395	0.0385	0.0375
11									0.0375	0.0365	0.0355	0.0345	0.0300
12										0.0315	0.0305	0.0250	0.0260
13											0.0220	0.0220	0.0220
14												0.0180	0.0180
15													0.0160

Prize Money Distribution Ratio for the number of Prizes in the Race

- 50.** SCF Combine Placing's will be 1 to 15 excepting the SCF Grand National which will be 1 to 20 with points allocated for each position.
- 51.** A limit of purchase of IGBF life rings is restricted to twenty (20) life rings per loft at a cost of \$3 each. This limit does not apply to IGBF rung birds purchased at SCF Sanctioned Sales.
- 52. Tied Pointscore** – In any pointscore where two or more flyers finish with the same number of points then they shall be declared the joint winners of that prize. Any prize money won by those flyers shall be pooled and divided equally amongst the winners of that position.
- 53.** In the case of only one or more competitors timing in for any race where there are more prizes than prize winners, the winner or winners are to take all prize money (pro rata).

**CLOCK RULES Part A**  
***Conventional Timers***

- 54.** Only approved continuous running, printing clocks and Electronic Timing Systems (ETS) shall be used in the SCF Inc. of NSW Combine Races.
- 55.** Benzing Computer clock. These clocks have been approved by the SCF Inc. of NSW to be used in all club and SCF Inc. of NSW races subject to the following rules.
  - 55a. The clock shall be used in conjunction with the Benzing printer.
  - 55b. More than one clock can use the same printer under the supervision of the clock committee.
  - 55c. The security code number to be printed out by the printer prior to leaving the checking centre.
  - 55d. If the word STOP can be seen when the Benzing computer clock is presented for checking against the master timer the clock shall be disqualified.
  - 55e. The clock tape from the Benzing computer clock printer will be removed stamped and signed by 2 members of the clock committee.
- 56.** All members' clocks which are specially made for the timing of homing pigeons, must be in use in their respective clubs for at least one month before competing in a combine race.
- 57.** All members must have their name in some prominent place on their clock.
- 58.** All members shall be responsible for the winding of their own clocks.
- 59.** All clocks competing in races controlled by the SCF Inc. of NSW shall be fully wound when set.
- 60.** Each member shall be responsible to see that the members name, race point, date and signature of one of the committee and plus the club stamp are on the clock roll before closing and that all these are visible through the side sight window of the clock.
- 61.** The Clock Committee is responsible to see that each competitor's clock is properly sealed with an approved seal and sealing implement before handing over prior to a race. Members must return their clock with seal intact, within a reasonable time, even if birds do not return home in race time, to have seal and clock roll checked.
  - 61a. Members to see that seal and clocking bucket are to their satisfaction on receiving their clock from the Committee and may be signed for if required.
  - 61b. Should any competitor's clock not be returned to the club as issued the competitor shall be fined the sum of \$20.00, shall forfeit all prize-money (if any) and shall be liable for disqualification.

- 62.** All clocks in combine races to be started and checked to the timing pip of the phone time available on number 1194.
- 62a. Members arriving late on clock setting night may have their clock set up to one hour late. On checking off night all clocks are to be struck off at the designated time. Late arrivals on clock checking night are to be disqualified. In the event of extenuating circumstances the matter may be referred to the SCF Inc. of NSW Committee on appeal.
- 63.** In all combine races clocks can be set at 8:00 PM on the day of basketing (usually Friday or Thursday) prior to liberation and checked at 8:00 PM on the day of liberation. If basketing is held on any other day, other than that stated, then clocks can be set at 8:00 PM on the day prior to liberation and checked at 8:00 PM on the day of liberation. This rule may be amended on advice by the SCF committee for special races. For all clocks, excluding Electronic Timing Systems, the following is required:
- 63a. That all clocks be set to run one minute before setting time.
- 63b. All clocks shall have a check strike after the given checking time by the Committee.
- 63c. All clocks shall have a second check strike by two members of the clock committee and shall go out on at least number three bucket.
- 63d. Clubs are to check clocks at 8:00 PM on the second Day in the case of 2 day races.
- 64.** In the event of no liberation on Saturday or Sunday all non battery powered clocks shall be reset after a run time of 72 hours from the time of setting at 8:00 PM – and hence every 72 hours thereafter until the birds are liberated.
- 64a. Once the birds have been liberated the clocks are to then run on.
- 64b. All battery powered clocks are exempt from resetting.
- 65.** Any clock failing to start at the setting time may be set on the next hour and the Secretary is to be notified of same. If the clock fails to start a spare may be used.
- 66.** All open thimbles shall be placed in the clocks, open end facing downwards, race rings to be wholly inside of all thimbles.
- 67.** The rubber race ring removed from the first pigeon homing to the loft of any competitor from any race controlled by the SCF Inc. of NSW shall be entered in the slot which is registered for the clock when it is issued at the club rooms.
- 67a. If not, that slot shall be disqualified and the next slot shall then become the new registered slot.
- 67b. The clock committee shall be notified of such by the user of the clock prior to removal of the seal of the clock. Failure to do so shall result in that clock being disqualified.
- 68.** Competitors shall have the right to view another competitors' clock at any time during the progress of a race. Any competitor taking his clock to another place whereby he may gain an unfair advantage shall be disqualified.

- 69.** In the event of any clock stopping one hour or more before the arrival of his birds, such clocks may be taken to the club Secretary or his assistant for the purpose of re-setting. In the event of a clock stopping after the pigeon has been timed in, members may go to either the President or the Secretary of their Club or SCF Inc. of NSW with clock intact, have their clock opened, thimble and/or rubber ring removed and timed in to another clock. The time registered on the second clock is to be recognised as the clocking time.
- 70.** In the event of a competitor finding their clock has stopped at the arrival of their birds, they may time in at their nearest club members' clock and notify the Secretary of same as soon as possible.
- 71.** All clocks are only to have a puncture before the first striking print and a puncture after the last print, all other puncture marks must be stamped and signed, otherwise the roll is to be disqualified.
- 72.** Dolometers on all clocks will be allowed 15 points or 1/4 turn of their circumference. All clock Dolometers to be set to zero and clock showing more than these amounts allotted shall be disqualified.
- 72a. All clocks with inbuilt arrows, to be spaced the same all the way through on every print.
- 73.** All clock rolls shall be read to the back second anti-clockwise in all readings.
- 74.** When the gain or loss of a clock is at a rate of less than two seconds per hour the variation at the time of clocking shall be calculated and either deducted (for a gaining clock) or added (for a losing clock) from the registered times on the clock roll. In the event of a clock gaining more than two seconds per hour the registered times on the rolls shall be taken as the times of arrival. In the event of a clock losing at the rate of more than two seconds per hour, the variation shall be taken and double the time lost at the times of timing in shall be added to the registered times on the rolls.
- 75.** All variations are to be worked out fractionally.
- 76.** Any clock roll found defective or disputable is to be referred back to the governing body.

**CLOCK RULES Part B**  
**RULES AND CONDITIONS OF INSTALLATION AND USE OF ELECTRONIC TIMING SYSTEMS**

*Use of ETS (Electronic Timing Systems)*

- 77.** The use of an Electronic Timing System is approved by the South Coast Pigeon Federation incorporated ("SCF") for the use in all races conducted by the SCF.
- 78.** In the event that the SCF Committee determines that an ETS or a system design does not provide adequate security or presents a potential security question the SCF may disapprove the use of that system. The disapproval of any system will be effective immediately upon the resolution of the SCF Committee and the disapproval will be advised to the members as soon as reasonable possibly either by personal notice or in the SCF's Newsletter.
- 78a. If any race secretary or race official determines that a lack of security exists with any individual unit; he must notify the SCF committee and seek an immediate statement to the validity of the continued system use. The Race Secretary or race official must provide a written statement of the reason for concern to the system owner and to the SCF Committee.
- 78b. Issues of the potential or actual adequacy or otherwise of security will be a matter for determination by the SCF Committee within its absolute discretion.
- 79.** Use of an ETS by an individual SCF member must be authorized in writing by the SCF.
- 80.** A SCF affiliated Club shall not make the use of an ETS mandatory.
- 81.** Where clock checking for a Combine race is done at central venue users of ETS are permitted to have their systems checked/knocked of/printed in an alternate venue approved by the SCF Committee.
- 81a. ETS clocks are to be checked off approximately 30 minutes before the normal designated clock checking time
- 81b. The race sheets for each competitor must be delivered in a sealed envelope (signed and stamped by the clock committee as per rule 22a) to the Combine venue ASAP.

*Particular ETS Systems*

- 82.** A member is free to purchase any ETS he chooses. A member is responsible for ensuring the system (hardware/software) is compatible with other systems used by the SCF or the members of an SCF affiliated Club.
- 83.** It would be advisable for any member, prior to purchasing an ETS system, to check with the SCF as to what systems are already in use.

### *Use of ETS Systems by Members*

- 84.** The serial number of each ETS and the serial number for each antenna (Trap) must be approved by and registered with the SCF prior to use.
- 85.** Installation of the ETS in a members loft must be inspected and approved by the SCF before being accepted for competition use within the SCF.
- 86.** Every ETS sensor antenna must be installed wholly within the confines of the competitor's loft. The sensor/antenna of an ETS must be within the entrance of the loft. This includes an entry into the face wall of the loft, as long as it is considered the entrance.
- 87.** Every sensor/antenna must be sealed as a fixture at point of entry. Point of fixture shall be documented.
  - 87a. No sensor/antenna may be employed or placed at the loft of another competitor or moved to any position of the competitors loft without prior application to, and approval of the SCF.
  - 87a System control modules or system keys and software used in ETS systems shall be purchased or procured by the system owner.
- 88.** Users of ETS must:
  - 88a. Use an electronic band scanning system that has a re-programmable electronic band.
  - 88b. Use electronic bands that have read/write chips. Currently the use of 64, 128 and 256 bit chips are approved for use.
  - 88c. Use only electronic bands approved or supplied by the scanning system manufacturer.
- 89.** The Race Secretary of each competing SCF affiliated Club shall secure all individual system control modules or system keys during competitive events. The use and operation of these security controls shall only be permitted by the individuals specifically authorized by the SCF affiliated Club or the SCF during competitive events.
- 90.** The SCF requires that each electronic band must be checked by a club official to ensure the band's locking mechanism is securely engaged prior to competition.
- 91.** After all electronic bands have been securely placed on each bird, the race Secretary or a Race Committee member shall scan or read a competitor's bird band number prior to race season in which the bird may be entered in one or more races and print out an assignment report of all bird's band numbers. The report shall be signed by race Secretary or other designate.
- 92.** The Club or the SCF shall retain a copy of the report in its records and another copy shall be delivered to the competitor as his verification of eligibility of each bird.

- 93.** Electronic banded birds shall not be handled by the competitor or a representative if the competitor during the race entry logging or basketing process. During the logging process, all band data must be reviewed to ensure band data accuracy by the Race Secretary or Race Committee member.
- 94.** After all race birds have been entered in an ETS; the Race Secretary shall print a list of the competitor's entries as verification of all birds entered. The printout shall be signed by the Race Secretary or other designate and the competitor.
- 95.** The printout serves as a race entry sheet. An additional copy shall be printed for the competitor.
- 96.** In cases where an electronic clock race sheet shows a tie, the first bird listed will receive the highest ranking of the tied birds and so forth, down the list.
- 97.** If the data contained in an ETS becomes defective, erased, or corrupted between race entry and the return of pigeons to the competitor's loft, all entries for that competitor shall be disqualified for any race result. The Race Secretary will verify the system failure.
- 97a. In the event of a malfunction of an ETS and it being sent for repair, proof of repair must be produced before the ETS can be used for competition again.
- 97b. In the event of the removal of the sensor/antenna for any reason, the sensor/antenna reinstallation must be approved by the SCF before the ETS can be used for competition again.
- 98.** If any competitor intentionally attempts to corrupt, interfere with or destroy the electronic data of another competitor, then his entire entry shall be disqualified from competition at the discretion of the SCF Committee.
- 99.** When closing the race, the Race Secretary or other designate shall print out all data prior to transferring data from the ETS to the computer. The printout will serve as a backup document for later reference if necessary. All data files should be stored on a backup diskette in the event data reconstruction becomes necessary but none of the SCF, The SCF Committee, The Race Secretary or other race officials has any liability whatever for any act or omission including, without limitation, loss or corruption of any data. Use of any ETS is at the sole risk of the member or competitor using it.
- 100.** Should the ETS display (after a race entry or race) show the complete set, but not be able to generate a printout, the club race secretary or race committee member shall view the displayed data and report it manually. The manual report shall be used for calculating race results.
- 100a. In the event of it being a SCF controlled race and a printout can not be generated from the members Timer/Recorder, the Timer/Recorder must be produced for a manual reading by the SCF on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday night after the race day. Failure to produce the Timer/Recorder will result in non-acceptance of the members' results.

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- 101.** The SCF Committee or its designate reserve the right at any time, without prior notice to inspect the installation and operation of any ETS being used by the competitor within the SCF.
- 102.** Any application form adopted by the SCF Committee from time to time forms part of these rules and conditions.
- 103.** The SCF Committee may from time to time amend these rules and conditions as it thinks fit and within its absolute direction.
- 104.** The rules and conditions are supplementary to and must be read in conjunction with the SCF Racing & Clock Rules. To the extent of any inconsistency, the later shall prevail.
- 105.** Headings are inserted for convenience only and are not intended to assist interpretation.