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To: Club Secretary & Clock Chairperson

The following is a list of the clock rules for 2014, if after reading you find questions unanswered then please email me on [private@toploft.com.au](mailto:private@toploft.com.au) or call Mobile 0417829011.

1. **Race compiling sheets** for 2014 season are to be used for ONLY member entering in the SAHPA race series with **Manual** clocks (printable copy under useful documents on Web page), these forms should be filled out and signed by club official and members on the hamper night and attached to all nomination forms and kept under lock and key until result night. Electronic clock printouts must have all information on the printed form i.e. Race point, Owners name, Flyer number, date and signed by owner and a club official.

**Hamper night** for 2014 season NO nomination forms are to be sent to the SAHPA. All forms should be filed and kept at your clubs/clock centres in case they are requested by the COM at a later date. Make sure they are locked away and safe.

**Result night** birds from a manual clock needing a velocity must be entered onto the race compiling sheet and all information must be filled in e.g. thimble hole number, rubber number etc. MAKE SURE RACE COMPILING SHEETS ARE ATTACHED TO THE NOMINATION FORMS OR A RESULT MAY NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Birds finishing in the top thirty need to have their paper work sent to the SAHPA in envelopes provided ASAP as per normal.

2. **Electronic Clock firing**. It has been noted over the last few seasons that some electronic clocks are out by up to three seconds and this has been put down to clubs that have say a base station for a Tipes and using that time in the Tipes to fire off another brand, it is recommended that clubs have a base station for all brands of electronic clocks in their club or fire them off on Telstra 1194. All manual clocks should be fired off on Telstra 1194.
3. **Clock FAST and SLOW**. The rules for this are: **Manual clocks** have one (1) second per hour + or – over the full run of the race e.g. Clocks start 7.00pm Friday hamper and stopped 6.00pm Saturday result night = 23 hours = +23 to -23 seconds if started Thursday night the time allowed would double and so on. **Electronic clocks** are allowed only + or – two (2) seconds over the **full** run of the race with the same penalties as the manual clocks.

4. **Velocity calculations.** If a clock is within the allowable FAST or SLOW for that race then process as normal but if they are over, then for a SLOW clock you record it as a DEAD (0) clock and DOUBLE the slow amount and add it to all birds print times for that member. Where the clock is over the allowable FAST then you record it as a DEAD (0) and make **NO** adjustments to the print time for that member. Clocks continually over time should be reported to the Clock Chairperson for evaluation.
5. **Clock check fires on two day races.** This should be handled at your clocking centres but you need to follow a couple of steps, have a master timer running, advise members of your contact details and times they can ring you, record the members name, flyer number, club and clock number and check fire time in a note book or on a compiling sheet but the member requesting the check fire should not know the time that they have been fired until result night when this time will be used to calculate the velocity for the birds before the check fire. All other birds after the check fire will use the fire-off time at the clocking centre to calculate the velocity. If you are not able to carry out this check fire then have your member contact me for this **but not** between 12 midnight and 6am, Phone: **0417829011.**
6. **Clocking centre fire-off time.** This is normally 20:00(8pm), if your clocking centre wishes another time then please call me on 0417829011 or even better email me at [private@toploft.com.au](mailto:private@toploft.com.au) in advance so this can be recorded.
7. **What constitutes a hampering centre?** You must have a minimum of four (4) competing members present and another two (2) full SAHPA members to oversee. When phoning your bird & member numbers through you must state the names and flyer numbers of the two (2) SAHPA members overseeing the hampering, they should also sign the other four (4) member's race compiling sheets stating their names, flyer numbers and date. This is to be done on both hampering and result nights.
8. **Computer results** You will notice over the next couple of weeks a warning to inform you that before entering results into the computer you must fill in your club pages with both fire off times and owners and birds competing. After the first couple of weeks of warnings you will be locked out and **will not** be able to enter any results for your club until this has been done. Call if you do not know how to fill this out and I will assist you over the phone.
9. Below you will see a copy of the hampering rule and Fast and Slow rules. All Centres should have a copy of the Current Constitution/Clock By-Laws on hand. A copy is available on the website under useful documents on the front page.

**RBL 23.HAMPERING:**

Four (4) competing flying members and two (2) other club/ SAHPA members must be present to constitute a hampering centre. If less than four (4) competing flying members and two (2) club/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.

**Clock By-Law 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). e.g. 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.

If you have any questions then please contact me so we can get it sorted out before it turns into a bigger problem. Like most people I will not have all the answers but I do have good support from the Management Committee that I can call on for advice.

Regards, Your SAHPA Clock Chairperson 2014

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