

*South Australian Homing Pigeon Association Inc.*

**RACE BY-LAWS**

***CONTROL OF RACES***

- RBL 1. All races will be flown under the auspices and management of the S.A.H.P.A Inc. Any associated club or body of people wishing to organise and compete in a race not approved on the S.A.H.P.A. program must seek the permission of the Management Committee. This relates to pre-program, post-program and during the program events.  
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 shall have entire management of races, and in all cases of dispute the decision of a majority of such committee shall be final.
- RBL 3. The Committee of Management reserve absolute power to refuse any acceptance actually received should they deem fit to do so.
- a) The release of all pigeons at all race points is to be at the sole discretion of the Release Officer(s). Prior to the commencement of each season members will be informed how release information may be obtained. Members are not permitted to telephone the radio station to seek this information.
- RBL 4. The General Secretary has 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 said Association.

***NOMINATIONS AND ACCEPTANCES***

- RBL 5. Association approved Nomination and Acceptance forms must be used, and written/printed in ink. Details must be recorded in full for each pigeon nominated, ditto marks not being permitted.
- a) Details must be recorded in full for each pigeon nominated on the special prize nomination form. Errors made on the special prize nomination form will result in the disqualification of the pigeon from receiving a special prize.
- RBL 6. Nominations and acceptances will not be received unless accompanied by the full amounts payable, including conveyer fees; or any other fees owing, all to be paid by the time fixed by each hampering centre. This time is to be no later than 8:00pm.
- a) A fee will be charged in conjunction with conveyer fees and will be set aside for administration expenses.
- RBL 7. On payment of a late fee of fifty (50) cents, nominations and birds for hampering will be accepted up to one half hour after the closure time fixed by that hampering centre.

***OWNERSHIP***

- RBL 8. All birds before nomination, must be the absolute property of 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 loft.
- RBL 9. Any infraction to Rule 8 will annul all right to prizes.
- RBL 10. All birds to 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.

***PRIZES, POINTS AND CERTIFICATES***

- RBL 11. There shall be one (1) S.A.H.P.A. Inc. winner per programmed race; that being the bird making the fastest calculated velocity for the event.
- RBL 12. Points shall be awarded to the first thirty (30) owners on this basis, there shall be 30 points for the first owner, and one less for each succeeding owner. An owner will receive only one lot of points in each race, regardless of the number of birds he/she clocks.
- RBL 13. The owners of birds finishing in the first 30 for any race, shall receive SAHPA Inc. 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. SAHPA Inc. special points aggregate certificates shall be awarded to the first 30 owners at the end of each flying season.
- RBL 15. Any Prize-money for S.A.H.P.A. Inc. Races is to be organised, controlled and allocated to flyers by the S.A.H.P.A. Inc. Management Committee.  
Clubs/Groups may raise their own Prize-money for S.A.H.P.A. Inc. Races and is to be organized, controlled and allocated to flyers within the Clubs/Groups by relevant Club/Group Committee.
- RBL 16. A SAHPA Inc. "Bird of the Year" trophy shall be awarded and presented each season. Owners intending to nominate a bird, must inform their Club Secretary as soon as the bird accumulates more than forty (40), SAHPA Bird of the Year points.

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**LOFT POSITIONS**

RBL 17. A plan showing position of Competitor's Registered Loft must accompany Capitation Fee, giving correct number of allotment where Registered Loft is erected, name of Street in which Competitor's Loft is erected, also name of town or District.

Global Positioning System (G.P.S.) co-ordinates will be struck and recorded as near as practical to the Registered Loft position by a S.A.H.P.A. Inc. Designate for which a Twenty (20) Dollar Fee is applicable.

This rule will apply to all New Members, existing Members who have changed their residential place of abode or who have had a absence of Two (2) years or greater from the Sport.

- a) The Chairperson and Secretary of each club will be responsible for Inspection of Lofts of Club Members and for making recommendations for improvements in matters of Health and Hygiene of Lofts.

**FLYING TIME**

RBL 18. 1). When the first bird is clocked at or before midnight, velocities shall be calculated from release time to the corrected clocking time, and all birds which comply shall be placed in order of their respective velocities. When birds are clocked after midnight, but at or before one half hour before sunrise, velocities shall be calculated from release time to one half hour after sunset first day. Flying time for birds clocked after one half hour before sunrise second day shall be from release time to one half hour after sunset first day and shall re-continue from one half hour before sunrise second day.

The bird with the slowest velocity of those clocked at or before midnight shall be credited with a velocity one hundredth of a metre faster than the best bird clocked after midnight, and each preceding bird shall be credited with a velocity one hundredth of a metre faster than each following bird.

2) When the first bird is clocked after midnight, but before one half hour before sunrise second day, flying time shall be from release time to one half hour after sunset first day and from one half hour before sunrise to one half hour after sunrise thereafter.

3) When the first bird is clocked after one half hour before sunrise on the second day or following days, flying time shall be from release time to one half hour before sunrise to one half hour after sunrise thereafter.

4) Sunrise and sunset times shall be as published in the Adelaide morning press.

**EXPLANATORY NOTES**

- a) When the first bird is clocked before one half hour after sunset OR before midnight first day, paragraph 1., will apply.
- b) When the first bird is clocked after midnight but before one half hour before sunrise second day, paragraph 2, will apply.
- c) When the first bird is clocked at any time on any day after one half hour before sunrise second day, paragraph 3, will apply.

RBL 19. No race shall close until all positions, allotted certificates, points and prize-money, including all pools have been filled except when time limits for races automatically close the race. Time limits shall be three calendar days for all races of 950 km or under. Races of over 950 km and up to and including 1360 km, shall close at the end of the second calendar day after the clocking of the first bird or at the end of the fifth calendar day, whichever is the earlier. The bird making the highest velocity to be declared the winner, excepting any competitor making such a velocity the Committee of Management rules to be impossible.

Note: Whilst the SAHPA Inc. event may be closed, clubs/groups may elect to close their race at their own discretion.

When two or more birds record and equal velocity to the third decimal, the position shall be declared a dead heat and the prize divided. Time limits for races over 1360 km shall be determined at the time other regulations concerning these events are fixed.

The common distances covered by this rule shall be calculated from the race-point to the Adelaide GPO.

RBL 20. Vacant

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**TOSSING BIRD**

RBL 22. Each bird gaining first, second and third position in each SAHPA race, must be tossed by the Chairperson or the Secretary of the owner's club within seven (7) days of homing and the prescribed form duly filled in and presented To the Association before prize-money will be paid. The Committee of Management reserves the right to toss any Pigeon. The onus is on the owner to arrange his/her bird(s) to be tossed.

**HAMPERING**

RBL 23. Six (6) competing members will constitute a Hampering Centre. If less than six (6) Competing Members are present the Hampering of Birds shall be at the sole discretion of the General Secretary. However, Clubs may hamper together if not instructed otherwise by the Management Committee.

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- RBL 24. The number of pigeons per hamper will be advised by the General Secretary from time to time. Hampers must be clearly marked as to the sex of the pigeons.
- RBL 25. Pigeons must be race-marked with rubber race rings, the prefix letter (where available) and number to be shown on the nomination form by a recorder. Each member's rubber ring duplicates shall be placed in his/her own envelope and all envelopes, together with original nomination forms and clock setting sheets, shall be kept in a sealed container under the control of club/group chairperson. The duplicate nomination forms are to be sealed in an envelope and handed to the General Secretary (or delegate) on the night of hampering. In the event of a recording error being made on a nomination form or race rubber duplicate by a third party or representative of the club/group, then the matter will be referred to the SAHPA Inc. Race Secretary for his/her adjudication.
- RBL 26. No less than four members shall be present at any table when race marking commences and is in progress.
- RBL 27. Each hamper must be duly wired and sealed with one wire and seal to each end of the drop front and small door. Trough openings are to be permanently sealed. All doors must be fitted with chains or similar restraining device. Each hamper must be clearly painted with the club name.
- RBL 28. All birds competing in races must be rung with solid rings, such rings to be registered and approved by the Association.
- GENERAL**
- RBL 29. All associated club members must purchase their metal rings from the Association, and affiliated clubs are asked to do the same.
- RBL 30. *Lines of flight for the 2007 Season be North/North West and the South East Line.*  
Lines of flight and length of time of operation, shall be determined by members of the SAHPA Inc. at a Special General Meeting called for this purpose is to be held in August of the final year of any current Line/s of Flight Program. The only resolutions to be considered at any such Special General Meeting called for this Purpose, are resolutions which pertain to Line or Lines of Flight and the number of Year or Years they are to be flown.  
Once the Lines of Flight and Length of Time of Operation have been determined by the Members, at any such Special Meeting called for the Purpose, the SAHPA Management Committee shall draft the Race Program (allowing for race points and distances only). Such Race Program shall be made available and/or posted to all members by no later than the last race on the SAHPA program calendar.
- RBL 31. A foreign ring levy is payable, once only, on rings other than S.A. Rings (with the exception of International Rings which as of the commencement of the 2007 Season will be banned from competing in all Races conducted under the Auspices of the S.A.H.P.A. Inc.)  
The owner/s wishing to Race a Pigeon rung with a Foreign Ring must pay, to the Ring Secretary before the commencement of the Season, the amount of the foreign ring levy.  
The levy will be the same as that charged for a standard S.A. Ring. Failure to pay this levy will cause the disqualification of the Pigeon from any Prize Money and Points earned in S.A.H.P.A. Inc. Races. The Ring Secretary will issue a Receipt showing the Ring Numbers on which the Levy has been paid.
- RBL 32. Before a Pigeon rung with an S.A. Ring is flown by a person other than that to whom the ring was sold, the Registered Owner must sign a transfer to the new Owner. The new Owner must produce this form to the Ring Secretary together with the transfer fee applicable at that time. The Ring Secretary will issue a Receipt showing the ring numbers on which the Transfer Fees has been paid. Pigeons rung with S.A. Rings and purchased at Associated Clubs' Squeaker Sales will not attract a Transfer Fee. However, the Secretary of the Club conducting the Sale must submit Purchasers of all Pigeons to the Ring Secretary. Failure to transfer Pigeons in the above manner will cause the disqualification of the Pigeon from any Prize Money and points earned in S.A.H.P.A. Races.
- RBL 33. All expenses, including money set aside for a trophy, will be deducted from each association race before prize money is allocated.
- RBL 34. A trophy or similar will be presented to an owner winning an Association race.
- RBL 35. 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 Management Committee, sell old rings at the same price as the current year rings.
- RBL 36. The S.A.H.P.A. Inc. have a Thirty (30) Bird Maximum Limit on all Races carrying S.A.H.P.A. Aggregate Points. This Rule to apply for the 2007 Season and beyond.
- RBL 37. The Committee of Management shall have power to disqualify any bird from competing in any or all races flown under these By-Laws.
- RBL 38. The Main Race Unit (Transporter) shall use a Medium of a type of Straw for all S.A.H.P.A. Inc. Programmed Races.
- LOADING OF BIRDS**
- RBL 39. The loading of birds from each SAHPA Inc. club, onto the SAHPA Inc. Transporter for all SAHPA Inc. races be divided equally on each side of the unit and evenly distributed throughout the unit.