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**AUCKLAND RACING PIGEON**

**FEDERATION (INC.)**

**RULES**

**and**

**REGULATIONS**

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## **AUCKLAND RACING PIGEON FEDERATION. INC.**

### 1. **NAME.**

The name of the Federation shall be the,  
**AUCKLAND RACING PIGEON FEDERATION (INCORPORATED),**  
Herein referred to as the  
**“FEDERATION”.**

### 2. **OBJECTS.**

- a) The objects of the Federation shall be the promotion of the sport of pigeon racing, and the fostering of all matters pertaining to Racing Pigeons by such lawful means as the Federation decide.
- b) Without limiting any general powers vested in it, the Executive committee shall have powers, as required to borrow, raise money whether with or without security or by issue of debentures, bonds, mortgages or any form of security over all or any of the property or properties of the Federation.

### 3. **CONSTITUTION.**

The Federation shall consist of such affiliated Racing Pigeon Clubs as may be admitted to membership by application, situated within the limits of the boundaries defined in the General rules, Part 2 number 2.1 and the Federation is hereby charged with the overall administration and control of all affiliated Clubs within such boundaries.

4. **MEMBERSHIP.**

- a) Any unincorporated club wishing to become a member of the Federation may do so by submitting an application in writing to the Federation Secretary. A fee of \$5-00 to accompany the application, such application to be dealt with at the Annual General Meeting of the Federation. Any Club wishing to become affiliated to the Federation must consist of no less than three fully paid up financial club members. Federation membership is from 1 August through 31 July of the following year.
- b) Each affiliated club shall pay an annual subscription of \$5-00 dollars. Such subscription shall be payable in advance and due prior to holding the Annual General Meeting. Any club failing to comply shall be deemed to be not financial.
- c) That each affiliated member of a club shall pay an annual subscription Fee to the Federation, with a junior member up to 20 years of age, paying 50% of said fee, to be set at the Federation Annual General Meeting. Each club shall be responsible for collecting the said fee. The Payment along with a list of member's names and addresses to the Federation Secretary by the 31<sup>ST</sup> August each year. Any member of a Club failing to comply shall be deemed to be not financial. That Auckland Federation non financial members will not use the Federation Transporter for racing or Training until the said fees are paid to the Federation.
- d) Any person or incorporated Society may apply, in writing to become a member of the Federation subject to approval by the Executive. In connection with such application the Executive may require all such information to be supplied by the applicant, as the Executive considers necessary or desirable. The Executive will give primary consideration for membership to those people or Incorporated Societies, which are truly representative or interested in the objects of the Federation.
- e) Every member of the Federation shall remain a member until such time as member shall have tendered his/her written resignation from membership to his/her club, and such resignation can only be accepted by his/her club provided always that their retiring members are in good standing and have paid all dues to his/her club and or Federation. The club secretary must inform the Federation Secretary in writing of all club member resignations.
- f) Any club being a member of the Federation may resign their membership by submitting same, in writing to the Federation Secretary. On receipt of such application the Federation Secretary shall immediately advise the President and forthwith convene an Executive Committee Meeting to discuss the application.  
A statement declaring that the applicant club is clear of financial legal obligations should accompany the application. Should all relative matters be in order the Executive shall resolve accordingly in favour of the resignation and shall be the subject of a report to the next Annual General Meeting.
- g) LIFE MEMBERSHIP may be granted to a person nominated, seconded at the Annual General Meeting and voted upon by the membership present by a majority vote. Life members will have full voting rights and be deemed a fully financial member of the Federation.
- h) Any member of the Federation may only be an active flying member of one Club within the ARPF (Inc) boundaries.

- i) In recognition of a ARPF member being an active flier for 30 years; a badge be presented in recognition of their involvement in the sport.

5. **EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND OTHER OFFICERS OF THE FEDERATION.**

- a) The Executive officers of the Federation shall consist of the following.

President  
 Senior Vice President  
 Junior Vice President  
 Secretary  
 Treasurer  
 Transport Manager  
 Race Secretary

**The other Officers of the Federation shall consist of the following.**

Patron/s  
 Assistant Transport Manager  
 Two (2) delegates consisting of:- One (1) voting member,  
 One (1) Supporting member from each affiliated club.

Publicity Officer  
 Futurity Race Secretary  
 National Race Secretary (in applicable years)  
 Clock Stewards  
 Liberation Co-ordinator.  
 GPS Co-ordinator.

**Executive Officers and Other Officers of the Federation shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Federation.**

- b) Nominations for the respective Executive Officers and Other Officers to be submitted in writing, with the nominee's signature of assents on the nomination paper, by the end of May in each year to the Federation Secretary. Such nominations to be circulated to the affiliated clubs along with notice calling the Annual General Meeting.
- c) The Annual General Meeting **may** appoint an auditor who will hold an authoritative position within the Federation. The Federation Accounting Year will run from 1 June to 31 May of the following year.
- d) The Executive shall have the power to form sub-committees as required to further the interests of the Federation and to delegate such powers and duties for each sub-committee as may be required also that the said sub-committee's shall implement their duties.
- e) The President of the Federation shall occupy the chair of the Executive and any other meetings or special meetings called.
- f) Any member of the Executive Officers absent from three consecutive committee meetings without lawful reason or permission shall forfeit his/her position on the Executive.

## 6. **DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

- a) The Executive committee is hereby charged for the purpose of administration of the Federation.
- b) The Executive committee shall have the custody and control of all books, papers, documents, records and other property of the Federation. Subject to any express provisions of these rules and to such directions as may arise the executive, manage and administer funds of the Federation, authorize and control the expenditure thereof and pay such honoraries as the Federation authorizes.
- c) The Executive in addition to exercising and performing the powers, duties and functions conferred on it by these rules, may do things necessary to ensure that the affairs and business of the Federation shall be efficiently administered between meetings of the Federation and for the purpose may from time to time make such appointments as may be necessary for assisting the Executive to carry out it's duties, give such orders and directions to and require such particulars and information from all or any affiliated clubs or club member as may be necessary.
- d) The Executive shall have the power to conduct all appeals against the decisions of any affiliated club, to order such inquiries as may be deemed fit. Require the production of such records, papers or other items as may be considered necessary for their conduct of such appeal or inquiry or refer any matter back to any affiliated club.
- e) The decision of the Federation Executive on any matter not provided for in these rules shall be binding on any affiliated club or member thereof.

## 7. **MEETINGS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.**

The Executive should meet at least once every three months but the President shall, upon the request of any affiliated club convene a meeting of the Executive Committee at such time and place as may be necessary.

## 8. **MEETINGS OF FEDERATION COMMITTEE.**

Consisting of the following:-

Executive Officers, Other Officers which includes Club Delegates, Excluding Patron/s and Vice Patron/s.

The Federation committee should meet at least once every three months but the President may or upon the request of any affiliated club shall convene a meeting of the Federation Committee at such time and place as may be necessary.

The Secretary shall notify each affiliated club in writing/email of the time and place of each meeting.

9. **ATTENDANCE OF CLUB MEMBERS AT EXECUTIVE AND FEDERATION COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

- a) Any Financial member of any affiliated club may attend a general meeting of the Executive and Federation Committee and with the consent of the Chairperson speak on any matter under consideration at the meeting without voting powers. The Chairperson of the meeting has the discretion to convene any Executive meeting to which only Executive members shall attend.
- b) In an inquiry or appeal being heard by the Executive Committee any support people deemed necessary to resolve the issue may attend the Meeting and speak on the matter under consideration without voting powers.

10. **DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY AND/ OR TREASURER**

- a) The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Federation, Executive Committee or any special meeting and in addition carry out the particular duties on him/her by these rules or as may be directed by the Executive.
- b) He/she shall receive and be responsible for all monies and pay same into the Auckland Racing Pigeon Federation Account at such bank as the Executive Committee may direct.
- c) He/she shall keep full and proper accounts in such form as the Executive Committee thinks fit, and the auditor appointed by the Federation at each Annual General Meeting should be a fully professional Accountant and shall audit such accounts.

11. **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.**

- a) The Annual General Meeting of the Federation shall be held no later than July 31<sup>ST</sup> of each year, when officers for the incoming year shall be elected. The annual reports and financial balance sheets to be discussed and confirmed.
- b) All remits submitted shall be received discussed and deliberated upon, at the Annual General Meeting. A voting majority of 60% of all votes cast will be required to pass a remit. The Executive Committee shall put into practice all remits passed by the Annual General Meeting. The sum of Five Dollars for each remit submitted, must accompany the remit. If the remit or amendment is carried the \$5 sum is refunded, however if lost the \$5 sum is retained in Federation funds.
- c) The Federation Balance sheet, together with all nominations, remits agenda and minutes of the last Federation Annual General Meeting to be sent out to all financial members of the Auckland Racing Pigeon Federation, prior to the forthcoming Auckland Racing Pigeon Federation (Inc) Annual General Meeting.
- d) The Futurity and National Secretaries, at the Annual General Meeting shall present a report and the Balance Sheet for the Auckland Futurity Race and Young Bird National. The Transport Manager, at the Annual General Meeting shall present a report and the Balance sheet for operating the transporter.
- e) No other business other than that stated on the agenda shall be transacted at the Annual General Meeting unless notice thereof has been given in writing to the Secretary at least 28 days prior to the meeting and the matter circulated to clubs in accordance with the provisions of rule (12).

- f) At all meetings whether Annual, Special Federation or Executive voting shall be by show of hands or by ballot if majority of members present at such meetings desire same.

12. **NOTIFICATION OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.**

Not less than 28 days before the date fixed for the Annual General Meeting the Secretary shall forward to all clubs notice of such meeting, together with an agenda containing details of all matters and remits to be considered at the Annual General Meeting.

13. **ALTERATION OF RULES.**

- a) The rules of the Federation may be altered, added to or rescinded by remits only, considered and passed by a majority vote at the Annual Meeting. All proposed remits shall be submitted by clubs in writing to the Secretary not less than 30 days before the date fixed for the Annual General Meeting. Vote majority to be at least 60% of the votes cast to effect any change.
- b) No additional rule or remit to be accepted that would allow private pecuniary gain. Members may be reimbursed for expenditure incurred and paid reasonable remuneration for services rendered.
- c) No amendments or alterations to be accepted that affect Rule 13 (b) or the dissolution of the Federation under Rule 15.

14. **SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING.**

A Special General Meeting of the Federation may be convened by the President at any time or on receipt by the Secretary of requisition signed on behalf of any affiliated club setting forth the subject of the meeting.

The Secretary shall then give each affiliated club not less than 14 days notice in writing of time, date and place of such Special General Meeting, and the matter considered must have a 60% majority vote to become effective.

15. **DISSOLUTION OF FEDERATION.**

The Federation shall not be dissolved except on a notice of motion considered at an Extraordinary General Meeting called for that specific purpose. The Secretary shall then give each club not less than 14 days notice in writing of time, date and place of such Extraordinary General Meeting, and the nature of the business to be considered. Carried by a 60% majority of the financial members of all clubs affiliated to the Federation present and in any case shall be subject to confirmation at a further Extraordinary General Meeting to be held within 21 days of such a decision.

In the event of any motion for dissolution being carried, any funds shall, after payments of all liabilities incurred by the Federation be divided equally amongst all affiliated Clubs financial at the time the original motion was carried.

16. **APPEALS**

Any member of his/her club aggrieved by the decision of his/her club shall have the right of appeal to the Federation Executive. Notice of such appeal shall be lodged in writing with the Secretary of the Federation within 14 days of the clubs decision and notification shall also be given to the club whose decision is appealed against.

Any member or club aggrieved by the decision of the Executive Committee shall have the right of appeal to the Executive Committee for reconsideration of such decision. Any member or club lodging an appeal or protest must deposit a fee of \$10 along with the appeal or protest. If the appeal or protest is upheld the deposit will be refunded.



17. **SPHERE OF INTEREST.**

At any inquiry or appeal conducted by the Executive Committee no person shall sit as a member in the determination of any matter in which he/she is in any matter interested. The decision of the Chairperson as to what constitutes a sphere of interest shall be final.

18. **MALPRACTICE OR MISCONDUCT.**

- a) Any affiliated Club or member/s thereof found guilty of malpractice or dishonorable conduct shall be liable to a fine or disqualification or by the resolution of the Federation Executive Committee, may be expelled from the Federation, provided that the expulsion of any section, club or member thereof shall be subject to confirmation at the next Annual General Meeting of the Federation.
- b) Any affiliated club or member found in breach of 18 (a) shall be liable to expulsion of up to and including 10 years and or a fine of \$250-00

19. **REGISTRATION OF DISQUALIFIED AND SUSPENDED PERSONS.**

The Federation Secretary shall keep a register of all persons disqualified or suspended by the Federation of any affiliated section or club. Every club shall notify the Federation Secretary within seven days, the name and address of any person it has disqualified, or suspended, and term imposed. NO club shall accept as a member, any person who has been disqualified, until the Executive Committee has granted clearance.

20. **COMPLAINTS.**

Any Financial member of an affiliated club having cause to complain against the operation of the Federation shall submit a complaint, in writing through his/her club Executive to the Federation Secretary. The Federation Executive shall have power to deal with the complaint and find accordingly.

21. **COMMON SEAL.**

The Federation shall have a Common Seal, which shall be kept in the custody of the Secretary and shall be affixed only pursuant to a resolution of the Federation Executive and in the presence of TWO (2) Members of the Executive.

**PRESIDENT**

**Craig Gray** \_\_\_\_\_

**SNR VICE PRESIDENT**

**Neale Maxwell** \_\_\_\_\_

**SECRETARY**

**Colin Webster** \_\_\_\_\_

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# GENERAL RULES - Part 2

## 2.1 FEDERATION BOUNDARIES

- a) That the **NORTHERN BOUNDARY** of the Auckland Racing Pigeon Federation (Inc) is defined as a point from the **Mouth of the Kaipara River** (6508377 Metres North & 2637350 Metres East) following the coastline up and around South Head to the **Waionui Inlet**.
- b) That the **SOUTHERN BOUNDARY** of the Auckland Racing Pigeon Federation (Inc.) is defined as two straight lines from **West** a point near **Port Waikato** (642000 Metres North & 266000 Metres East) to a point just **South of Meremere** (643000 Metres North & 271000 Metres East).from this point to a point on the **East Coast** near **Miranda** (644000 Metres North & 272000 Metres east). This line to be extended to the **Firth of Thames**.

## 2.2 MEASUREMENTS

### a) LOFTS

Every affiliated member must have his/her loft co-ordinates calculated, approved and stored in the Federation Computer by the 21<sup>st</sup> October 2000. New Zealand Grid co-ordinates North, East will be obtained as the result of measurements taken utilising technology provided by the Global Positioning System (GPS). Measurements are to be taken by the official GPS co-ordinator to be appointed at the Annual General Meeting of the Federation and one (1) Club Executive member, at the actual pigeon entry point into the competitors loft and recorded on a "GPS co-ordinates Work Sheet." (Provided by the Federation Secretary.) An Executive member cannot officially measure his/her own loft. Every new competitor shall pay the cost of \$30.00 for procuring his/her co-ordinates measurements. The \$30.00 cost to be apportioned \$20.00 to the GPS co-ordinator and \$10.00 to the Federation.

No affiliated member's pigeons will be accepted into any race until the Federation Secretary has received the original copy of the "GPS Loft Co-ordinates Work Sheet" for his/her loft. This Work Sheet must be duly approved and signed by one (1) Club Executive and a Federation Executive Committee member. The Federation Executive Committee may order a re-check of any measurement submitted or order that new GPS based measurements are taken. Any costs involved will be borne by the Federation. Any member requesting a re-check of his/her loft shall bear the cost for same.

### b) RELEASE POINTS

New Zealand Grid co-ordinates North, East measurements are to be taken utilising GPS technology from each release point as directed by the Federation Executive Committee. These measurements are to be stored and maintained in the Federation Computer by the Federation Secretary and made available to all affiliated members and clubs upon their request.

### 2.3 LIFE RINGS

- a) That all life rings will be procured by the Federation and issued to affiliated Clubs, the Western Union and the Eastern Union by the Federation Secretary, as agreed by the members of this Federation, at a price and a date authorised by the Executive. No club or union shall issue any life rings to club members prior to the first day in August of each year, this ruling must be adhered to.
- b) That the Federation, affiliated Clubs and the Unions shall keep a Register of all Life rings sold and shall keep a record of the name of every purchaser showing the serial numbers and code of the rings sold to each club member. That any birds not officially registered, under the competitors name or Out of Area and handler names they will be disqualified from all races they enter.
- c) All affiliated Clubs, Unions and Futurity Secretaries are required to send a copy of the current years life ring register with all names of owners, including Out of Area and Handlers names. To be signed by Secretary/Ring Secretary and forwarded to the Federation Secretary by the 30th of December of each year. Any life rings sold after this date, must be registered with the Federation Secretary.
- d) That non financial members of the Federation may purchase life rings from clubs at a premium price to be set by each club. These life rings are to be registered with the Federation same as financial members.
- e) Any person/s obtaining Life Rings from outside the Auckland Racing Pigeon Federation (Inc) Boundaries must register those rings with the Federation Secretary. As per rule 2.3 (f).
- f) Any transfers must be registered **five days prior** to any pigeon/s entering any race, with the Federation Secretary on the Official Federation Transfer Sheet
- g) In the event of a member/person who purchased life rings from a Club, Union or the Federation passing away, the appropriate ring secretary has the authority to transfer all rings on their register and fill out a transfer of ownership form when required to be signed off and recorded by the Federation Secretary.

### 2.4 RACE PROGRAMME

- a) The race programmes for both the Old & Young Bird seasons, including the liberation times and method of transportation shall be decided by the Race Programme Setting Committee. The Committee shall consist of one member from each affiliated club, as nominated by the club, and submitted to the Federation Secretary and any member may be replaced in unforeseen circumstances.  
The meeting of the Committee must be held not less than 35 days before the fixed Federation AGM date. The selected Race Programme will be submitted to all members at the Federation AGM. The Federation Secretary will call for Race Programme Committee nominations from each affiliated club as part of the requested AGM remit submissions.
- b) Federation race programmes once finalised shall be binding and may only be changed by the Race Programme Setting Committee. Races can only be changed under special circumstances.

### 2.5 RACE RULES

- a) All birds must be the bona-fide property of the person in whose name they are entered. They must be officially registered through the members club or union and the Federation Secretary.
- b) No bird shall take part in any Federation Race unless bearing the official Life ring from a recognised Club or Union and be registered with the Federation.
- c) All birds entered in Young Bird Races shall bear Life rings of the current season issued in accordance with the provisions of Rule 2.3.
- d) All the above Race Rules in 2.5 are governed by rule 2.3 (a) and (b) on page 12 and must be adhered to at all times.
- e) That no club, financial member or union hold a race from the same or any other race point on the same day/weekend as a Federation race.

## 2.6 **BASKETING OF PIGEONS**

- a) That all Federation Races are basketed at a place and time nominated by the Federation Executive.
- b) That all Basket nights as per programme be adhered to.
- c) That all announcements on Basket nights as issued by the Federation, on their Official race programme are adhered to.
- d) All pigeons to be entered into races must be presented for checking and ringing at the time and place stipulated by the Executive Committee.
- e) Pigeons must not be handled by the owner during Ringing/electronic registering for a race but maybe passed to a basketing steward for ringing or electronic race entry logging and remainder of the basketing procedure.
- f) All pigeons will be rung with ONE **rubber** race ring **or have an electronic ring attached** and may be wing stamped at the prior discretion of the Executive Committee or the Secretary shall have the power to refuse to accept any pigeons for basketing which may be suffering from an infectious disease, likely to spread vermin, or the inclusion of which is likely to be detrimental to the health of other competitor's pigeons.
- g) For races utilising the metal crates to transport pigeons to Race Release Points:
  - 1) Maximum of **18** pigeons per crate for one night basketing.
  - 2) Maximum of **16** pigeons per crate for over one night basketing.

For all races using cartons or crates for South Island or any Airfreight or Courier Company the number of pigeons per carton/crate to be left to the discretion of the Basketing Stewards in conjunction with the President or Executive Member in attendance.

## **BASKETING OF PIGEONS continues.**

- h) The Basketing Steward, together with a member of the Executive Committee, shall have the power to remove pigeons already hampered.

The purpose of the removal being:

- 1) Sick pigeon(s) or
  - 2) The sorting of pigeons incorrectly place with opposite sex, or
  - 3) To obtain the correct number per hamper, or
  - 4) For any other genuine or good and lawful reason.
- i) The Clock reading register, electronic clocking basketing list, Race sheets, and envelopes containing the race rubber ring slips, shall be held in safe custody, by the Race Secretaries until the clocks are opened. If the Race Secretary is a competitor, the President or a Member of the Executive Committee shall hold the Race sheet and sealed envelope containing the race rubber ring slips and electronic clocking basketing list for his/her entries.
- j) The deadline for basketing of pigeons for Federation races is **8 p.m.** Late arrivals may be received by any present Executive Officer/s ONLY, but only after due regard to an explanation given.

## 2.7 PIGEON FOOD

- a) For North Island races the mix to be 25% barley / 25% wheat / 25% maize / 25% sorghum.
- b) For South Island races the mix to be 20% barley, 20% wheat, 20% maize, 20% peas and 20% milo.

## 2.8 KEITH SECURITY SYSTEMS

- a) On basketing night the hamper number (e.g.55) to be recorded against each bird after it has been placed into its respective hamper.
- b) Should there be any accidental escape of pigeon/s en route or at the Liberation point, the transport driver together with two other persons or three (3) authorised persons are to:
  - 1) Note and record the hamper/s from which the bird/s escaped.
  - 2) Note and record the metal and race ring numbers of all the bird/s remaining in the hampers.
  - 3) All the noting and recordings to be committed in writing and signed by the three persons doing the checks.
  - 4) If transporter driver is in possession of a stamp and ink pad then all bird/s remaining in the hamper/s will be wing stamped by the driver and recorded.
- c) The transport driver or liberator to advise the President, Secretary or Transport Manager of the incident and of the action taken together with the ring number of all the bird/s remaining in the effected hamper/s as soon as possible.
- d) On receipt of such information the Federation Secretary to:
  - 1) Advise the President.
  - 2) Advise the owner/handler of the escaped bird/s as soon as possible.
  - 3) Make an announcement prior to strike off advising all fliers of the incident
- e) All monies, whether entrance fees, pool or special ring fees (e.g. Futurity) to be repaid to owner/s of escaped bird/s, which are automatically eliminated from the race due to their escape.

As a result of applying the above procedures the race is to continue and not be cancelled due to the accidental escape of bird/s.

## 2.9 **DRUGS AND STIMULANTS**

- a) For the purpose of this rule the definition of Drugs and Stimulants shall include any substance capable of affecting the performance, speed, stamina of a Racing Pigeon and includes all drugs, hormones, vitamins and minerals administered other than orally through the drinking water or normal feed as levels stipulated by the manufactures or other responsible authority as part of the bird's normal diet or daily feed.
- b) In this regard no pigeon shall be presented for basketing and/or raced in any club, union or Federation race if it has been so treated or has had administered to it such drugs or stimulants by any other method, e.g. injected or vaccinated with any drug, stimulant, nutriment product or medication capable of affecting the racing Pigeon's performance, speed or stamina. It likewise will be illegal to administer any drug or other substance, which shall cause depression in the pigeon or pigeons thereby reducing their performance in a programmed race. This provision does not impose any restriction on the legitimate use of normal medication for the treatment of common pigeon disease problems such as canker, coccidiosis, respiratory or worm diseases, etc.
- c) Any person found guilty of contravening this rule shall be disqualified for LIFE. In addition, any person who assists in administering or possesses knowledge of any other person who unlawfully administers any drug, stimulant or medication for the purpose of cheating and fails to disclose or bring to the notice of the Federation such practice, if a racing pigeon fancier, shall be disqualified for LIFE. That legal proceeding shall be instituted against a non-racing pigeon Fancier known to be involved practices.
- d) Any pigeon found dead, injured, sick or in a distressed condition in the pigeon Transporter shall be forwarded by the Federation to a Veterinary or other consultant authority for examination and diagnosis of the cause.
- e) Upon such disease or condition being found to exist the fancier or fanciers concerned shall not again be permitted to participate in any properly constituted race until a certificate from a Veterinary Surgeon or any responsible pigeon authority approved or acceptable to the Federation be furnished indicating that the loft or lofts concerned are free from such complaint or disease.
- f) The Executive Committee shall appoint a person/persons to have the power to visit and inspect the loft of any bona fide member of an affiliated Club, also to remove any bird suspected of being sick or under the influence of drugs or illegal stimulants for examination by a Veterinary Surgeon or other competent person. To take samples of water, food or other apparent mixtures for analysis, the owner to be present at the examination, if he/she desires.

Federation Executive to have the power to detain any pigeon, belonging to any fancier for the purposes of faecal (dropping) or blood analysis for illegal substances. Fanciers may be present at the time of blood sampling or faecal collection.

## 2.10 **RACE BASKETING CRATE FEES**

The Annual General Meeting shall set each year, such fees necessary to cover the cost of crates for Combine and Federation races.

### 2.11 **RACE FEES**

- a) Race fees shall be decided by the Executive Committee and shown on the race programmes issued for a particular season.
- b) That all competitors entry fees or dues must be paid for on the night of basketing. No competitor's birds need be accepted for any race until the said fees for such race have been deposited with the Secretary.

### 2.12 **DELIVERY OF PIGEONS**

- a) The Secretary or his/her nominees may have the pigeons delivered to the race point by road, rail, boat or air, but will not be responsible for any delay in transit, which may result in the race being declared void.
- b) The Executive Committee and/or the Race Secretary may order a check of Life rings and race rings of all pigeons at any point during transit or after arrival at the race point, but such checks shall be carried out by not less than three (3) persons, and a written report on such checks shall be signed by all parties concerned.

### 2.13 **LIBERATION OF PIGEONS**

- a) At the Annual General Meeting of the Federation, an official Liberation Co-Ordinator shall be appointed. He/she shall check weather forecasts on the week of liberation and either give notice to the Liberator to release pigeons or discuss rescheduling of liberation day or cancellation of release. If rescheduling is considered the Liberation Co-ordinator shall, one hour prior to liberation, discuss with the Federation Race Secretary, or in the case of a Classic Race, the Classic Secretary, prior to contacting the Liberator.
- b) In the event of the pigeons being liberated North or South of the designated race point, the race need not necessarily be declared void.
- c) When the transporter is unable to liberate at the race point, an alternative release point can be recommended by the transporter driver. This release point must be approved by the Transport Manager and the Liberation Co-ordinator or in their absence a member of the Executive, prior to release of the pigeons.
- d) If the birds cannot be liberated because of weather or unforeseen circumstances, they may be held over to the next suitable day if it is a holiday and the race will continue for the Duration of race. Participating fliers of race may be required to meet any added costs incurred because of an extra night's Accommodation, in question.
- e) That the liberation of all Federation and Combine races be simultaneous. i.e.( All Rows on both sides of the Transporter be liberated at the same time)
- f) That all Federation and Combine Liberation Race Points be measured utilising Global Positioning System (GPS) Technology. All measurements are maintained as described in Rule 2.2.
- g) That the first three (3) races only in the Young Bird Season (at the request of the Henderson Racing Club) may have a separate liberation.
- h) That all races in the young bird season be for pigeons within the ARPF (Inc) Boundaries.
  - (ie) Whangarei and Manaia and any other clubs north of the boundary plus Hamilton, South Waikato, Taumarunui and any club south of boundary to be liberated at least 15 minutes either side of Auckland liberation times.



#### 2.14 **BAD LIBERATION'S AND RE-FLIES**

- a) That the Keith Security Systems must be adhered to in all Federation Races.
- b) In any re-flown race only the competitors in the race declared void shall be eligible to compete, and the cost of transit shall be borne by the competitors.
- c) Not more than one re-fly of any race shall be allowed, and any competitor who does not participate in a re-fly will not have his entrance fees refunded.

#### 2.15 **COMPETITORS RACING TO ONE LOFT**

When two or more competitors, utilising the same loft wish to compete in Federation Races. A written request must be submitted to the Federation Secretary listing all birds by description and ring number that they desire to enter into Federation Races, not later than the 1st race in the case of old birds and not later than the 1st Race in the case of Young Birds must receive this request for the year they wish to compete. When their request is approved or disapproved by the Executive Committee the applicants will be notified in writing of said action. Approval will cite the periods the competitors can enter into Federation Races.

#### 2.16 **CLOCKING OF PIGEONS**

- a) Except for electronic clocking, more than one (1) race rubber ring maybe clocked in one thimble or ring box.
- b) All race pigeons must be clocked in Owner's or Handler's lofts only.

2.17 **OVERALL:-** That all Federation races will be raced in one section

#### 2.18 **NORTH ISLAND**

- a) That all Federation Races be **Race Point to Loft** in the North Island Races.
- b) That members are allowed to toss from the Race Point on two-day races only, and fifteen minutes after the Waikato race birds have been liberated.
- c) **YEARLING CHAMPIONSHIP:** That this race be conducted annually in conjunction with the Federation Flock Race.

#### 2.19 **SOUTH ISLAND**

- a) That all Federation Races from the South Island use a breaking point (Race point Whanganui Loft).
- b) **TRANSPORTATION :-**  
That all South Island Races comply with Race Programme Setting committee decisions as per Rule 2.4.
- c) **OLD BIRD NATIONAL :-**  
That the Old Bird National flown from Christchurch be for National birds only. No Flock Race.
- d) **DUNEDIN or INVERCARGILL:-**  
That one of these race points be included within the approved Old Bird Programme, and scheduled to be flown every year.
- e) **SOUTH ISLAND LIBERATIONS: -** 1 hour after sunrise. Where light and weather permit an earlier liberation than the one hour after sunrise, final decision to liberate the birds, will be left to the discretion of our liberators.

## 2.20 **DURATION OF RACES**

That all races will terminate as follows:-

- a) In all North Island races at midnight on the second (2nd) day of Liberation.
- b) In South Island races, north of and including Timaru at midnight on the third day.
- c) All race points south of Timaru at midnight on the fourth day.
- d) In the event of there being No bird's home within the time stipulated an extra day shall be added.

## 2.21 **HOURS OF DARKNESS PIGEONS**

The Hours of Darkness begins half an hour after sunset and ends half an hour prior to sunrise. Providing that if any birds clocked within one hour of the official sunset time, the hours of darkness then begin half an hour after the last pigeon clocked within the time limit. That if any pigeons clocked within one hour of the official sunrise time, the Hours of Darkness ends half an hour prior to the first pigeon clocked within the time limit.

i.e.

Sunset at 8.05 pm any pigeon clocked between 8.05 pm and 9.05 pm the Hours of Darkness will start half an hour after the last pigeon clocked within the time limit.

Sunrise at 5.55 am any pigeon clocked between 4.55 am and 5.55 am the Hours of Darkness will end half an hour prior the last pigeon clocked within the time limit.

Placing's to apply in order of velocity proper and recorded as hours of darkness birds. The placing's for the next day pigeons will then be recorded in order of velocity proper, after the hours of darkness birds.

Any matter pertaining to hours of darkness which are not provided for shall be decided by the Executive Committee, whose decision will remain in force until the next AGM.

## 2.22 **PRIZE AND PRIZE MONEY**

- a) All prizes will be awarded on the basis of velocity proper, calculated on the highest number of Metres or decimal fraction thereof per minute. In the event of a dead heat for any given placing of a race, the proceeding place after such a dead heat will be calculated into the dead heat position. Therefore, any moneys won by dead heats will be calculated and divided equally.
- b) That a provisional Prize and Pool money etc for Federation races are to be published on the night clocks are read. That all expenses will be deducted from the race income and to be shown on the confirmed race results. Any unexpected expenses after the confirmed results will be paid by Federation race accounts or main account to be decided by the Executive committee.
- c) That there will be the option of additional prize money in Federation races up to and including Christchurch. All race points South of Christchurch will be results only
- d) That in the event of no race prizes being won the monies less expenses shall be refunded. In the event of not all prizes being won within the period set out under the duration of races (Refer 2.19 Page 19) and as per the published prize list, the prizes shall be divided equally among the prize winners.
- e) That the confirmed result for all Federation, Futurity and National races will show all positions of the race, the prize money and pools, to include when applicable the teams race and loft auction, to be posted or emailed to all members participating in race within (10) ten days of completion of the race. Before the prize monies are paid, in case of protest. The result sheet shall list in detail all expenses associated with the race. The maximum amount to be listed under miscellaneous expenses limited to (\$5) Five Dollars.
- f) That all monies shall be paid out to the place getters Five (5) days after the confirmed results have been posted or emailed to all members participating in race. Any protest must be lodged within 24 hours after receiving the confirmed results. If a protest has been lodged then the monies will be paid out within five (5) days after protest has been resolved. That Part 4.2 pages 24 - 25 Race Rules (k) to apply to all races when Out of Area competitors are racing.
- g) That the prize cards will be issued to the first four (4) place getters and they will be attached to the prize money when paid out. **TROPHIES:** All perpetual trophies shall be presented to the winners after the provisional race results have been declared, with the appropriate miniatures for the winners to keep. That the trophies and miniatures will be recalled after the results have been confirmed for engraving. They will be returned to the winners within one (1) month after that particular race.
- h) Prize money overall for race points south of Christchurch be one prize for every 15 birds entered or part thereof.
- i) South Island races Freight only + \$3 for Trophy's / admin. Pools and Teams only regarding prizemoney per flyer.

**Allocation of Prize Money:**

- a) In all Federation races, prize money for the Fliers to be one prize for every five Fliers or fraction thereof participating in the particular race. Excluding the Young Bird Futurity and National Races, which will be decided at the discretion of the President, Secretary and Race Secretary.
- b) That the Race Secretary to work out percentages for prize money for the allocation of the above.
- c) That the allocation to Clubs be 25% of Prize Money. To apply to North Island Races only.

**2.23 RACE POOL PRIZES**

- a) For the protection of the Secretary, all entry forms to be written in ink and all Pools to be clearly indicated with a cross (X) or a tick (✓) in the appropriate column and to be completed before basketing of pigeons. Pools to be received by the Secretary and paid for on the night of basketing.
- b) That all Federation Races both North Island and South Island, pools allocation should be worked out on the basis of there being a maximum of ten pool prizes. A minimum of three pool prizes, unless when the entries do not allow the three prizes, it will be left to the race secretaries to decide.
- c) Pools to be open for the duration of the race. Prize pool monies not won to be refunded, where no prizes are won in any given pool.
- d) Where one or more pool prizes are won, the remaining prizes in that particular pool to be divided equally among the prize winners.

#### 2.24 **TOSS PRIZE WINNER**

Prize winners of any Federation race maybe tossed within twenty-four (24) hours by such persons nominated by the Executive Committee.

#### 2.25 **RACE PROTESTS**

Except in the case of fraud or malpractice any protest in respect of any race not being a matter provided for under the clock rules in Part 3 of these Rules shall be lodged within seven (7) days of the placing's being confirmed.

#### 2.26 **LOST PIGEONS**

Any member of a club affiliated to the Federation found with a stray pigeon in their loft, which has not been reported to the Federation, shall be liable to suspension or disqualification for a specified period. If the owner of the lost pigeon does not claim it within 14 days from the time the lost pigeon is notified to the owner, such pigeon would become the property of the finder. Then the said pigeon is required to be transferred with the Federation Secretary of the new owners name as required by rule 2.3 (f) page 13. All members are required once notified of their lost pigeon, to make contact within 24hrs to the finder and to make reasonable arrangements with the finder. Failure to comply may result in disciplinary action. The executive committee may request to inspect for a lost pigeon, any loft of a member of an affiliated club.

#### 2.27 **MATTER NOT PROVIDED FOR**

Any matter pertaining to races which is not provided for in these Rules shall be decided by the Executive Committee whose decision shall remain in force until the next Annual Meeting when it will be brought to the floor for discussion.

#### 2.28 **ARPF Website:**

All results only to be published on our official website and only through our Publicity Officer

### **CLOCK RULES - Part 3.**

### 3.1 **GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

- a) All competitors must time in their birds by means of an automatic printing, dial - puncturing, or electronic clock approved by the Federation.
- b) The Executive Committee may refuse to sanction the use of any particular make or type of clock, or particular clocks of any make. In the event of a particular make of clock being rejected, all Clubs shall be notified in writing forthwith.
- c) Every competitor shall present his/her clock for setting at the place and time stipulated by the Executive Committee. In the event of a competitor producing two clocks, one shall be nominated as a spare, and if not used produced for inspection without being opened after the race.
- d) In the event of a competitor's clock being rejected prior to being set for a race, the competitor shall be given reasonable opportunity to obtain the use of an approved clock, which may be set at another place and at a later time stipulated by the Executive Committee.
- e) Each competitor shall be responsible for winding and regulating his/her own clock, and also for having sufficient paper on the roll for printing clocks, or the correct dials for puncturing clocks.

### 3.2 **SETTING CLOCKS**

- a) All clocks must be checked by the official clock setter/s appointed for the race, but no person shall check his/her own clock. Except for Electronic and other clocks that do not have rolls or dials all clocks must be signed on the roll or dial, with the date, and the signature of the setter and sealed as directed. All clocks must be sighted and in the case of other than Electronic clocks, Checked to go out on ring box one, sealed, all clocks will have their serial numbers recorded.
- b) All clocks set for a Federation race shall be struck on by the Radio Pips or other standard approved by the Federation. Two fair minded persons be requested to check that all clocks are properly sealed, and the time is correct for Electronic clocks. All other clocks will have strike on times recorded from the roll or dial and ring box numbers are recorded. The reading shall be recorded for race decisions. Any clock removed from the place of setting without such details being recorded SHALL BE DISQUALIFIED.
- c) Except for Electronic clocks, every clock set for Federation races shall have one strike on, except when the clock official/s on the night can not read the first strike on time, then the said clock/s shall have two strikes on and shall be struck on with the Federation appointed GPS, or by Radio Pips on both occasions. All Electronic Clocking Systems shall have their clock in and clock out times set electronically where possible by the Federation appointed GPS, or Radio Pips.
- d) The Executive Committee may take such other measures as it deems fit to facilitate the checking of clocks, or for the prevention of malpractice.

### 3.3 **THIMBLES**

- a) Thimbles must be used in all clocks except those makes with automatically closing rings boxes, or Electronic clocks approved by the Executive Committee.
- b) All open mouth thimbles must be inverted when placed in the ring box, or the particular race ring shall be disqualified.
- c) Should any competitor wish to rectify a mistake made in inserting a thimble improperly, he may take his clock to a Clock Steward and have his clock opened and the ring re-clocked in the Clock Steward's clock. The Clock Steward shall then retain the competitor's clock, which shall be produced when the clocks are struck off for reading. The Executive Committee shall make any decision on the awarding of a race position to such competitor, and such decision shall be final and not subject to appeal.

### 3.4 **LIMIT TIME FOR GAIN OR LOSS**

- a) The maximum gain or loss of time permissible for any clock for the purpose of calculating variation shall be one minute for every Twenty Four (24 hours) of running time, and three seconds per hour for each additional hour or part thereof.
- b) In the case of a gaining clock, any time in excess of the permissible limit shall not be deducted for the running time.
- c) In the case of losing clock, any time in excess of the permissible limit shall be added on to the competitors reading time without the variation calculated.

### 3.5 **STOPPED OR FAULTY CLOCKS**

- a) Should a competitor's clock stop or otherwise be rendered unserviceable, such competitor shall be a liberty to clock in on the nearest competitor's clock.
- b) Should a clock stop before a competitor has timed in, it must be taken intact to a Clock Steward immediately to be reset, or if time does not permit this, to a Nominee Setter selected by the Race Secretary. In either case both the clock used, and the particular competitor's clock, shall be struck on with an indication note of the strike on placed in the ring box of each clock.
- c) Notwithstanding the provisions of the above clauses, should a competitor's clocks stop through neglect to wind the clock, the said clock shall be disqualified.
- d) Any competitor's clock deemed faulty through mechanical defect being no fault of the clock setter, may be impounded by the Executive Committee for inspection, and any decision as to whether the said Clock shall be disqualified, even if it has been reset, shall be made by the Executive Committee, or by a special Committee appointed to consider the matter.

### 3.6 **TWO STRIKE OFFS REQUEST**

- a) To obviate the possibility of being disqualified from a race through a clock stopping after a competitor has timed in, any competitor shall be entitled to request two strike offs as per Federation rule by arranging with the Overall Clock Steward and the Race Secretary, the time and place for the Strikes.
- b) The Clock Steward or nominee Clock Steward selected by the above with at least one other competitor shall have the first strike off by an approved Timing standard (GPS or Radio Pips) and the second strike off one minute after first strike. At a place and time as agreed with all parties.
- c) That details of such strike offs be recorded by the Clock Steward or nominee Clock Steward of all competitors striking off with the date, time, place and signed by all parties.
- d) That if the competitor's clock or clocks in question stops between the two lots of strike offs the said clock or clocks will be allow to continue in the race providing all other rules are adhered to. That at no time should any clock or clocks in question be opened before the Official Strike off Time. If this happens they will be disqualified.
- e) That if the clock or clocks in question have not stopped, then they will again have two more Strike offs at the Official Strike off time. In the event that for the Official Strike Off only the competitors clock or clocks in question doesn't apply with Rule: Reading of Clocks 3.9 (a) Page 26 the first two strikes will apply and only then providing all rules are adhered to.
- f) Any matter not provided for in these rules shall be decided by all Clock Stewards on that night of the Strike Off and their decision will be final.

### 3.7 **RETURN OF CLOCKS**

- a) That all competitors clocks, except Electronic clocks, shall be struck off with Two Strike Offs. The first strike shall be by the approved Timing standard and the second strike a minute after the first strike, otherwise they SHALL BE DISQUALIFIED.
- b) At a time designated by the Federation Official Clock Stewards, with all seals intact and having regard for rule 2.19 page 20 Duration of Race.
- c) When a competitor fails to time in, he must present his clock unopened to his Club Clock Steward not later than the first basketing night after the particular Federation Race closes. The Clock Steward shall examine the seal, and on opening the clock, retain the dial or the relevant portion of the printed roll.

### 3.8 **OPENING OF CLOCKS**

- a) No competitor shall open or check his/her own clock.
- b) Only one thimble or ring box shall be taken at a time from each clock, and the rubber ring checked before the next is extracted.
- c) Except for Electronic clocking, the official opening of any clock shall record on the dial or printed roll the number of each race rubber ring and the ring box number from which it was extracted, and on completion of all readings of each dial or printed roll, shall sign name.

### 3.9 **READING OF CLOCKS**

- a) All dials, rolls or Electronic clocking sheets used in races must show a complete and permanent record of punctures and/or imprints.
- b) All clock prints, punctures or Electronic clocking sheets, shall be read forward to the nearest second.
- c) After reading and recording, all dials and rolls, rubber race rings and slips, race sheets and Electronic clocking sheets shall be retained by the Secretary, and on application, may be inspected by any competitor.
- d) All computer clocks to be presented with their own, or have access to, a compatible printer. After reading, these tapes shall be retained by the Federation or Race Secretary.
- e) The clock Committee or the Secretary shall have the right to retain any clock after reading for further inspection, or examination by a qualified watchmaker nominated by the Executive Committee.

### 3.10 **PROTEST RE CLOCKS**

Any protest on the reading of any dial, roll, or Electronic clocking sheet shall be lodged before the competitor removes their clock from the place where the clocks are being read, and on receipt of such protest, the Secretary shall impound the clock complained of, and retain it until the protest has been heard. Except in the case of fraud or malpractice, any protest on grounds other than the aforementioned must be lodged within 48 hours of the clocks being read.

### 3.11 **HEARING OF PROTEST**

Except in the case of fraud or malpractice, the Executive Committee shall hear any protest within seventy-two (72) hours of the protest being lodged.

### 3.12 **MATTERS NOT PROVIDED FOR**

Any matter pertaining to clocks which is not provided for in these rules the Executive Committee, whose decision shall remain in force until presented at the next Annual General Meeting.

#### 4.1 THE AUCKLAND YOUNG BIRD FUTURITY RACE

- a) The Federation will promote and conduct annually, the Young Bird Race known as the Auckland Young Bird Futurity Race, hereinafter called the Futurity Race.
- b) That the Auckland Young Bird Futurity race to be raced from Raumati on the last weekend of April and will have an Auction section of the race annually.
- c) That up to two (2) Futurity Auction rings be made available to members of the ARPF and affiliated racing pigeon club members to breed pigeons for the auction section of the Auckland Young Bird Futurity Race.
- d) The Federation will promote and conduct annually a Yearling Futurity Race. That this race be conducted in conjunction with the Federation Flock Race from Ward or upper South Island Race Point as determined by the Race Programme Setting Committee. (i.e. Nominated Futurity Yearling pigeons must be entered into the Federation Flock race).

#### 4.2 RACE RULES

- a) The Futurity Race shall be conducted under the Rules of the Auckland Pigeon Federation (Inc). Except where specifically provided for in these rules.
- b) That the Futurity Race be flown with fliers complying with the boundary as defined in Rule 2.1 Page 11.
- c) That all Futurity rings be Nominated and Paid for in Full at time purchase of said rings. **(No credit or nominating of rings after leaving the care of your ring secretary)**
- d) Only the Auckland Racing Pigeon Federation, affiliated Clubs, Eastern Union and Western Union rings be nominated for the Futurity.
- e) Cost = To be set at the Annual General Meeting.
- f) That all Futurity Nominated Young pigeons from Out of Area Fanciers be rung with ARPF, EU or WUAK coded rings.
- g) All young pigeons shall be flown to lofts situated within the limits of the boundary defined in Rule 2.1 Page 11.
- h) Any racing Pigeon Club member who resides outside the confines of the Auckland Racing Pigeon Federation (Inc) Boundaries may purchase and nominate race rings for the Futurity from the Futurity Secretary, and such members shall be known as Out of Area Fancier.
- i) A member of any Club affiliated to the Federation may race young birds for an Out of Area Fancier, and such member shall be known as the Handler.
- j) That the Out of Area Fanciers to be allowed in one loft only i.e. Out of Area Fanciers: No Fancier shall have pigeons in more than one loft.
- k) Any allocated prize money won by a pigeon from an Out of Area Fancier shall be divided equally between the Handler and the Out of Area Fancier. That a copy of the result be sent to



all Out of Area Fanciers, to include a cheque for any prize money won (i.e. Prize money, pools, loft auction etc.) if applicable. 4.2

- l) The Futurity Race Secretary may allocate Out of Area Fancier's young pigeons to a particular handler.
- m) Each Handler shall be allowed young pigeons from one Out of Area Fancier, but in the event of an excess of Out of Area entries, additional allocations to any one handler may be approved.
- n) The Executive Committee may approve a transfer of ownership of any Futurity nominated rung pigeon, if satisfied that reasonable grounds for a transfer exist. All applications for a transfer of ownership must be made to the Futurity Race Secretary in writing and state the circumstances of, and the reasons for such Application.
- o) In the event of the death of any Out of Area Fancier's young pigeon after allocation to the Handler, the life ring must be returned intact to the Futurity Race Secretary immediately who shall forthwith return the ring to the particular Out of Area Fancier.
- p) In the event of the loss in Club racing of any Out of Area Fancier's young pigeons, the Handler shall notify the Fancier to that effect forthwith.
- q) The Breeder of outer Area pigeons has the right of return such pigeon, or pigeons after completion of the race, provided that same to be claimed within ONE MONTH from the conclusion of the Futurity Race.

#### 4.3 **MISCELLANEOUS**

- a) That all fanciers finding Futurity rung pigeons should notify the Federation Secretary.
- b) That Futurity ring money be paid to the Federation Futurity Secretary by the **30<sup>th</sup> December each year**, with a list of the all owners and handlers names registered against each number. (With the life ring register as per Federation rule 2.3 Page 13.) This date is to be adhered to and no late Futurity ring money etc will be accepted after this date.
- c) Futurity race entry sheets to be completed with OUT of AREA owner's pigeons to be in a block separate from other Outer Area owner's pigeons.
- d) That there be a trophy for each winner.
- e) Should there be no pigeon's home in Race time the Executive Committee shall decide on the disposal of the Prize Money.
- f) Should circumstances necessitate a refund of entry money, a deduction of 10% maybe made for administration expenses.
- g) A pigeon may only win one prize.

Any matter not provided for in these Rules regarding the Futurity Race shall be decided by the Federation Executive Committee.

## TRANSPORT REGULATIONS - Part 5

### 5.1 TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

- a) Shall consist of **Transport Manager, Federation President and Federation Secretary**. The duty of this **Committee** shall be to provide and maintain the transport of pigeons to select race points either by means of the Transporter, Rail or Air.
- b) This **Committee** is solely responsible to the Executive Committee and shall abide by directives given with regard to the successful handling of race and transport matters.

### 5.2 TRANSPORT MANAGER

Shall be responsible to the Transport Committee. His/her duties, in the main, shall consist of the smooth running of the directive contained in the preceding Rule 5.1

#### The Transport Manager shall be empowered to:

- a) Engage drivers holding H.T. licenses for the Transporter at an agreed remuneration and vet it.
- b) Arrange for observers to accompany the Transporter to stated race points and vet same and/or a rotating system for each club to assist the transporter driver. If deemed necessary.
- c) Shall be responsible to see that no passengers or goods are allowed to travel per the Transporter unless an extreme urgency occurs or a passenger or passengers travel on behalf of the Federation.
- d) Can authorise goods of a nature required by the Federation for the benefit or use of the Federation members are carried on the Transporter.
- e) Shall be responsible for the collecting of the prescribed fees for hampers carried by the Transporter or sent by road, rail or air.
- f) Shall collect all monies from the driver or observer and pay such legitimate costs incurred to pay the driver's accommodation costs when same is necessary also any incidental expenses to assure the safe and regular running of the Transporter.
- g) All monies, either by cheque, money order, bank draft or cash received under the preceding rules (e) and (f) shall be banked with the bank utilised by the Federation.
- h) Shall report the financial state i.e. monies received and accounts paid to the Executive Committee at the regularly held meetings, Special meetings excepted unless such a meeting is called to enquire into this Sub-Committee.
- i) Shall be responsible for the licensing, insurance and Certificate of Fitness for the Transporter

- j) In accordance with the Federation Rule 11 Page 7 shall prepare and submit and Annual Report and Balance Sheet.
- k) Shall be paid such Honorarium as decided at the Annual General Meeting.
- l) Shall establish & maintain a "Release Point Co-ordinates book.", listing only one release point per page. Each page shall list the name of the release point, its North/East New Zealand Grid co-ordinates acquired by GPS technology, roadway directions, identifiable features of the release point and any other information deemed necessary to establish the exact location of the release point. This data to be stored in the Federation Computer and made available to any member or club upon request. The Federation transporter shall have the latest copy onboard and it shall be utilised for releasing pigeons. The transporter driver/release officer shall provide the Transport Manager with corrections and update as necessary.

### 5.3 **TRANSPORTER**

The Transporter being the property of the Federation members and vested in the care of the Auckland Racing Pigeon Federation, Inc. shall be entrusted to the care and handling of and by the Transport Sub-Committee who shall be responsible for:

- 1) Storage
- 2) Servicing
- 3) Maintenance, especially mechanical or running repairs to the body of the vehicle, troughs, hampers etc.

### 5.4 **OPERATIONS**

The Sub-Committee shall empower the Transport Manager to make the following arrangements :

- a) Pick up points for all properly arranged races or training tosses.
- b) Collection of birds as in Rule 5.1 (a) Page 29.
- c) Returning empty hampers to the respective clubs or arranged drop off points.
- d) Routes for the Transporter in and around Auckland and the North Island generally.
- e) Shall prescribe the duties for an Observer and enforce such duties when required.
- f) Arrange such accommodation for the driver and observer as may be required or necessary.

## **ELECTRONIC CLOCKING REGULATIONS - PART 6**

## 6.1 **GENERAL**

- a) All Electronic Clocking Systems and their associated electronic clocking rings, used by any member within the Federation must be of the type approved by the Federation.
- b) An Affiliated Club may not refuse to allow the use of a Federation approved electronic clocking system.
- c) An Affiliated Club may not make the use of Electronic Clocking Systems mandatory.
- d) A user of an Electronic Clocking System shall be permitted to use the clocking system throughout his entire organization at each level of competition within the club and for all Federation Races and combines.
- e) All users of Electronic systems must use rings as approved or supplied by the system manufacturer.

## 6.2 **SYSTEMS APPROVED FOR USE**

The following Electronic Systems are approved for use within the Federation.

- a) **BRICON** NV  
Versions: All  
Race Antenna: All
- b) **UNIKON** Deister Electronic GmbH  
Versions 1.9, 2.0 or Higher  
Race Antenna: 2.0 or Higher
- c) **TIPES** Diehi Ident GmbH  
Version: 3.00 or Higher  
Race Antenna: ESA 400 or Higher
- d) **TAURIS** Ruter EPV – Systems GmbH. Minden  
Version: 5x or Higher  
Race Antenna: ES2 or Higher
- e) **BENZING** Express ZA  
Version 2.01 or Higher
- f) **BENZING** Top System SWV  
Version 5.2 or Higher
- g) **VICTORY** Basch Electronics

### 6.3 **BANNING OF SYSTEMS**

- a) In the event that a particular electronic clock or component is banned from use by any creditable racing pigeon body, the Executive will investigate the matter and take the appropriate action required. Once the course of action is determined all clubs within the Federation shall be notified in writing of the Executive's decision.
- b) Any Club can request that an electronic clock or component be investigated by the Executive. Such a request must be in writing.

### 6.4 **GUIDELINES**

The Executive shall utilize any Electronic Clocking standards that are available, such as those available from the Belgium, European and the United States, as a guide for the use and operation of Electronic Clocking systems. These guidelines will be made available, on request, to all clubs as a guide in setting their club rules to utilize the Electronic Clocking Systems.

### 6.5 **RACE RULES UTILIZING ELECTRONIC CLOCKING SYSTEMS**

- a) The Race Secretary of each competing organization 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 during competitive events.
- b) Electronic banded pigeons may not be handled by the competitor or representatives of the competitor during the race entry logging or shipping process. During the logging process, all band data must be reviewed to ensure band data accuracy by the Race Secretary.
- c) After all race birds have been entered in the Electronic Clocking system's administrative software, the Race Secretary shall print a list of all the competitor's entrants for each race. The printout should be signed by the Race Secretary or designated person and the competitor. The printout serves as a race entry list. An additional copy shall be delivered to the competitor.
- d) If the data contained in an Electronic Clocking system 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 from any race results. The Race Secretary will verify the system failure.
- e) When closing a race, the Race Secretary or his designee shall print out all data prior to transferring data from the Electronic Clocking system to the computer. The printout will serve as a back-up document for later reference, if necessary. All data files should be stored on a back – up diskette, in the event data reconstruction becomes necessary.
- f) Should the Electronic Clocking system display (after a race entry of race) show the complete data set, but NOT be able to generate a print out, the organization Race Secretary or Race Committee member shall view the display data and report it manually. This report shall be used for calculating race results.

## 6.6 **SETTING TIMES**

Electronic Clocking systems are to be set from a Federation approved timing standard and must be verified by the Race Secretary prior to the competitor's departure from the clocking area. Failure to do so will result in the competitor being disqualified.

## 6.7 **ANTENNA PLACEMENT**

The antenna/clocking devices utilized in the clocking of birds should be mounted at the point of the GPS measurement taken of the fancier's loft. Once installed and approved by the club it is recommended that a club seal be installed to prevent movement of these devices.

- a) System antennas shall only be installed in the loft entry of the competitor using the system. The majority (more than one-half the width) of the electronic band scanning system sensor/antenna must be within the entrance of the loft. (This may be an entry into an aviary or into the face wall of the loft, as long as it is considered the entrance). The race bird does not need to be contained.
- b) No antenna or electronic band scanning system may be employed or placed at the loft of another competitor without prior notice to and approved by the Race Secretary.
- c) The following guide is provided by the American Racing Pigeon Union and is provided as a guide in the placement of antennas.