

THE PIGEON RACING FEDERATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INC)

Constitution and Rules

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CONSTITUTION

1. Name

- 1.1 The name of the Federation shall be THE PIGEON RACING FEDERATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INC).

2. Objects

- 2.1 The objects of the Federation and all property and income shall be applied solely towards:
- (a) The encouragement of pigeon breeding, protecting, training and racing of the racing pigeon.
 - (b) The breeding and training of racing pigeons for the purpose of national defence.
 - (c) Organising and promoting of such tests and competitions as may be necessary to achieve these objects.
 - (d) To establish, maintain and conduct the Federation of non-political character for the Accommodation of the Members of the Federation and their friends and to provide a Club House and other conveniences and generally afford privileges, conditions, conveniences and Accommodation of the Federation.
 - (e) Generally to promote and encourage social activities between its Members.

3. Incidental Powers

- 3.1 The Federation shall have the following powers:
- (a) To purchase, take on lease or exchange, hire or otherwise acquire and maintain any real or personal property and any rights and privileges.
 - (b) To erect, add to, improve, repair, pull down and rebuild buildings, and other structures.
 - (c) To sell, exchange, lease, mortgage, hire, dispose of, turn to account or otherwise deal with all or any part of the real and personal property of the Federation.
 - (d) To accept donations whether of real or personal estate and devises and bequests.
 - (e) To borrow or raise or secure the payment of money in such manner as the Federation thinks fit with power to issue debentures, grant mortgages, charges or any other class of security upon or charging all or any of the

property, real or personal, both present and future, of the Federation and to redeem or pay off any existing or future security.

- (f) To invest and deal with the monies of the Federation not immediately required for the purposes of the Federation in such manner as may from time to time be determined.
- (g) To hold property on any trusts.
- (h) To amalgamate, co-operate or affiliate with any other club, Federation or Society having objects wholly or in part similar to those of the Federation.
- (i) To appoint, employ and pay officers and servants and to dismiss or suspend any officer or servant.
- (j) To apply for, obtain and renew from time to time a Certificate of Registration under "The licensing Act 1911 -1954".
- (k) To do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of its objects.

4. Membership

4.1 The Members of the Federation shall be:

- (a) Financial Members of affiliated Clubs who shall pay any subscription imposed by the Federation from time to time and shall be duly elected from time to time by the board of control.
- (b) Life Members of whom no more than one shall be elected in each and every year and who shall pay no subscription.
- (c) All affiliated Clubs which shall pay subscriptions as laid down by the Federation from time to time.
- (d) The election of Members shall be by application in writing by the person(s) wishing to become members, on the appropriate form supplied by the Federation Secretary. The said application shall be tabled in the Office of the Federation for seven (7) days previous and shall be by vote of the board of control.
- (e) Any Club having cause to expel a member for any reason and requires a penalty at Federation level must put reasons and recommendations in writing to The Board for a further penalty to be set, whilst the member is present the Board's decision to be final. Any Club, having as a Member one who is an expelled Member of the **Federation, shall not** be eligible for affiliation with the Federation. Any affiliated Club that shall accept and retain such a Member for four weeks after due notice has been given, shall cease to be an affiliate Club of The Federation.
- (f) It shall be incumbent on all Members to pay due respect to the Chairman and to uphold the dignity of the Chair. Any Member disobeying the Chairman's ruling, if not conforming to the rules of debate, should the Member continue to disobey, their conduct shall be referred to the Board, who shall have the power to expel or to otherwise deal with such Member.

- (g) Any Club or a Member of a Club affiliated with the Federation who, in the opinion of the Board is guilty of misconduct, breaking rules and regulations of the Federation, or placing the federation in danger of disrepute shall be suspended from all races for a period as decided by the Board, is liable to a fine of \$50.00 and the Board's decision shall be final.
- (h) Any Member of an affiliated Club wishing to join another Club, must before admission, produce a clearance showing that all dues have been paid and that there is nothing detrimental to their character as a Member. They shall be barred from competing in any race until this rule is complied with.
- (i) Any new Club seeking affiliation shall present to the Board of Control a complete list of flying Members, and their addresses, together with a cheque covering all dues. The minimum number of fully paid flying Members shall be five (5) before affiliation will be granted. Such Members to be Members only of the Club seeking affiliation. Where clubs are participating in Federation races, the minimum competing members shall be three with the assistance of two additional financial flying members to attend to basketing, ringing and signing off on the race sheet for that club to be able to basket in their own club rooms for participation in that race. Any number less than this, the club will need to make arrangements with an adjoining club to mark and enter their birds for the members to compete in that race. Any club entering the race with less than the required number will not be able to compete for prize money or Federation points for that race.
- (j) Any Member who competes regularly with the PRF (e.g. at least half the season each year) and *also patronises a Club outside the Federation* – no penalty.
- (k) Any Member who stands down from competition for a season and does not patronise a Club outside the Federation – no penalty.
- (l) This rule is applicable irrespective of whether or not a Member is a *fully paid up* Member of their Club and Federation in the year they did not compete as a flying Member of the PRF.

5. Junior Members

- 5.1 Must not be older than 18 years as at the 1st of January before the racing season.
- 5.2 Has to be an independent Member *with their own ring list*.
- 5.3 Will pay a Membership fee of \$5.00 per annum to the Federation.
- 5.4 Will be entitled to send up to ten (10) birds free of charge in Club Races. Juniors to be active member of the Club.
- 5.5 If the junior Member wishes to fly in Federation races they must pay the full Federation Membership and race entry fees.
- 5.6 Juniors to be able to fly in Federation races as part of the Junior Competition only, results to be acknowledged at clock out, same as Senior Members.

6. Entrance Fees and Subscriptions

- 6.1 The Members shall pay such entrance fees and subscriptions to the Federation as shall from time to time be fixed by the Board of Control.

7. Cessation of Membership

- 7.1 A Member shall cease to be a Member of the Federation:

- (a) On their written resignation, bankruptcy, death, being an enemy alien in time of war, or on ceasing to owe allegiance to the Crown, or conviction for any indictable criminal offence.
- (b) Should any Members' subscription or other money due to the Federation remain unpaid for two (2) months – *that* fact shall be notified to such Member. Should the amount remain unpaid for one (1) month after such notice, the Board of Control may strike their name off the books when their Membership shall cease. Unless in consequence of their being absent from Western Australia or for any other sufficient reason, the Board of Control may think proper to extend the time allowed for payment or to remit the whole or a portion of the sum due. The Board of Control may post the names of defaulters in the Federation premises at their discretion.
- (c) By a resolution of the Board of Control of the Federation to determine their Membership, passed in accordance with the Rules, the Federation for the time being in force in that behalf. PROVIDED ALWAYS:
 - (i) That no less than seven (7) days of notice of the Resolution be given to each Member of the Board of Control.
 - (ii) The rules may provide for an appeal from such decision.

8. Officers

- 8.1 The Officers of the Federation shall consist of Patron; Vice Patron; President; Vice President; Honorary Secretary; Honorary Assistant Secretary; Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Publicity Officer, Honorary Lost Bird Officer and two (2) Auditors who shall be elected by financial Members of the Federation at the Annual General Meeting.

9. Management

- 9.1 The sole management of the Federation shall be in the hands of the Board of Control, which shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and six (6) other Members three (3) of whom shall stand for re-election each Annual General Meeting. Five (5) shall form a quorum.
- 9.2 The Board of Control may appoint special Committees with or without Members who are not Committee Members and may delegate power to act provided that all sub-committees shall at all times be subject to the control of the Board of Control.

- 9.3 To be a P.R.F. Board member that person shall have been an active P.R.F. flying member for no less than two (2) flying seasons.
- 9.4 P.R.F. Board members shall not hold an executive position with an organisation of similar interest. That is not affiliated with the P.R.F.
- 9.5 That a delegate system be introduced to accompany Board members. A delegate shall be a member of each PRF flying club. He or she shall be the representative of his, or her club. Their point of view shall be conveyed from their club to the Board of Control.

10. Rules

- 10.1 The Rules of the Federation shall be hereinafter specified and no alteration or addition thereto may be made unless approved by a majority vote at an Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting after due notice of motion has been given or unless such alteration or addition be proposed and seconded at one (1) meeting of the Board of Control and inserted in the notices convening the next meeting by a majority of not less than two (2) votes to one (1). All such alterations or additions to the said Rules made by the Board of Control as herein provided, but not otherwise, shall cease to operate as from the date of the next meeting of the Federation unless the same be duly confirmed there at.

11. General Meetings

- 11.1 The Annual General Meeting shall be held at the Federation Headquarters on such a day of the year as fixed by the Board of Control, but not later than the second week in February.
- 11.2 Notice of Motion of any resolution (other than ordinary business) and any nomination of candidates shall be sent to the Secretary not later than the thirtieth (30th) day of November preceding.
- 11.3 All Notices of Motion and nominations received by the Secretary shall forthwith be posted on the Federation Notice Board and shall there remain until after the Meeting. The removal of any notice or nomination shall not invalidate such notice or nomination but any notice or nomination so removed must be replaced with a copy thereof by the Secretary after the Secretary discovers removal. In the case of Notices of Motion the Secretary shall give at least seven (7) days notice in writing to each Member of the Motion of the Purport.
- 11.4 Accidental omission to send or delay in sending any notice or non-receipt of any notice will not invalidate any meeting nomination, resolution or election.
- 11.5 The majority necessary to carry a resolution at an ordinary General Meeting shall be a simple majority of those present and entitled to vote subject to Article (f) preceding.
- 11.6 A half yearly meeting will be held as provided for in the Rules.

12. Special General Meetings

- 12.1 Upon authority being given by the Board of Control or by a requisition made and signed by at least twelve (12) Members stating the subject or subjects intended to be discussed, the Secretary shall call a Special Meeting of the Federation. In

all cases the subject matter to be discussed shall be set out in the form of a Notice of Motion.

- 12.2 Such meeting shall be convened by the Secretary for the consideration of such subject or subjects only not later than twenty eight (28) days after such authority requisition (as the case may be) and at least seven (7) days notice in writing of such meeting, and the Notice of Motion or the purport thereof shall be given to each Member.
- 12.3 All Notices of Motion received by the Secretary shall forthwith be posted on the Federation Notice Board and shall there remain until after the meeting. Removal of any Notice of Nomination shall not invalidate such notice or any resolution which may be subsequently carried, but any notice so removed must be replaced by a copy thereof by the Secretary after removal is discovered by him.
- 12.4 The quorum for any meeting shall be 25% of the membership. Should insufficient Members attend to form a quorum within fifteen (15) minutes of the time fixed for such meeting, then the meeting shall lapse.
- 12.5 The majority necessary to carry a resolution in a Special General Meeting shall be a simple majority of those present and entitled to vote.
- 12.6 Only financial Members shall be entitled to vote at Special General Meetings but any accidental breach of this article will not invalidate any election.

13. Votes of Members

- 13.1 Subject to this Constitution a Member shall be entitled to be present at any general meeting of the Federation either personally or by proxy and to vote on any question on a show of hands and upon a poll and to be reckoned in a quorum.
- 13.2 On a show of hands every Member present in person or by proxy shall have one vote.
- 13.3 An instrument appointing a proxy may be in the following form or any form which the Board of Control shall approve:

THE PIGEON RACING FEDERATION OF WA (INC)

I,

Of

being a Member of the Pigeon Racing Federation of WA (INC)

HEREBY APPOINT

or failing them then the chairman of the meeting as my proxy vote for me on my behalf at the (ordinary or special, as the case may be) general meeting of the Federation to be held on the

day ofand at any adjournment thereof

SIGNED this day of 20

- 13.4 The instrument appointing a proxy shall be in writing under the hand of the appointer or if such appointer is a corporation either under seal or under the hand of an officer or attorney duly authorised. A proxy may but need not be a Member of the Federation.
- 13.5 The instrument appointment a proxy or proof thereof to the satisfaction of the Board of Control shall be deposited at the office (or branch office) before the time for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting or the poll at which the person named in such instrument proposes to vote but no instrument appointing a proxy shall be valid after the expiration of twelve (12) months from the date of its execution.

14. Finance

- 14.1 After providing for all expenses and payment considered by the Board of Control to be necessary or desirable, the balance of the funds of the Federation may be utilised or dealt with in such manner as the Board of control may determine for the Furtherance of the objects of the Federation.

15. The Common Seal

- 15.1 The Common Seal of the Federation shall be affixed to such deeds, instruments and documents as need to be under seal by order of the Board of Control and in the presence of the two trustees and seal holders hereinafter mentioned.
- 15.2 The Board of Control shall appoint two Members as trustees and to use the seal of the Federation and such appointment shall continue until resignation or cancellation by the Board of control or ceasing to be a Member of the Federation.

16. Previous Rules

- 16.1 All previous rules are repealed.
- 16.2 All previous acts and appointments legal and valid under previous rules shall subject to this Constitution and Rules remain legal and valid.

17. Change of Constitution

- 17.1 This constitution may be altered or repealed or a new Constitution may be made at the Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting summoned for the purpose, subject to compliance with Article 10, 11 and 12 hereof as the case may be except that the resolution shall be carried by a 75% majority of those present and entitled to vote.

18. Dissolution

- 18.1 The Federation may be dissolved by the votes of at least three quarters (75%) of the Officers and members of the Federation recorded at one (1) General meeting called for such purpose and then such resolution must be ratified by a majority vote at least three quarters (75%) of the members at the General meeting and thereupon the assets of the Federation shall be realised. (Amended by the 2015 AGM)

18.2 If, on the winding up of the Federation, any property of the Federation remains after satisfaction of the debts and liabilities of the Federation and the cost, charges and expenses of that winding up, that property shall be distributed:

- (a) To another Association incorporated under the act having objects similarly.
- (b) For charitable purposes.

Which incorporated association or purpose, as the case requires shall be determined by resolution of the members when authorizing the directing Committee under section 33(3) of the Act to prepare a distribution plan for the distribution of the surplus property of the Federation.

19. Inspection of Records etc. of the Federation

19.1 A member may at any reasonable time inspect without charge the books, documents, records and securities of the Federation.

RULES

PART I

ENTRANCE FEES

1. The entrance fees and subscriptions for Clubs and financial Members of Clubs shall be as follows:
 - (i) As the Board sets.
 - (ii) \$50.00 per financial Member of each Club, or such other sum as shall from time to time be determined by the Board of Control, provided however that a nomination fee for new Members of \$20.00 shall be payable before the granting of Membership which shall be by the Board of Control.
2. The entrance fee and first subscription will be part membership fee of \$30 and must be paid before, or on the day of the AGM each year. This will give the member the right to be eligible to vote and to move notice of motions at the AGM that year. All other subscriptions forwarded by the Federation Treasurer will be payable within 7 days of receipt. Failure to pay within 7 days of the due date, the member will forfeit membership of the Federation. The fee for new members shall be forwarded to the Federation Secretary, or Treasurer within seven (7) days of receipt. (Amended by the 2009 AGM)
3. Any Club retiring from the Federation before the end of the season must waive and forfeit all rights, money etc deposited with the Federation and will be held liable for an equal part of any deficit in general expenses account.

PART II

ELECTION OF OFFICERS, BOARD OF CONTROL AND OTHERS

4. A Patron, Vice Patron (not exceeding five (5) in number and officers shall be elected at each Annual General Meeting and shall hold office until the next succeeding Annual General Meeting and shall be eligible for re-election.
5. Nominations for Officers of the Federation are to be forwarded in writing to the Federation Secretary not later than the thirtieth (30th) November preceding the Annual General Meeting when the election of Officers will take place.
6. The election of Officers (not including Seal Holders and the Board of Control) shall be by ballot and taken in the manner following. The names of candidates shall be printed, typewritten or written ballot forms. Each Member present at the General Meeting shall be given one of such forms, from which they shall strike out the names of any candidates for whom they does not wish to vote, leaving the same number of names as there are vacancies. Informal ballot papers shall be invalid. Scrutinisers appointed by the Meeting shall then collect the forms and on examination shall declare the names of the candidates who have been elected. In the event of vacancies occurring between the dates of Annual Elections the Board of Control shall have the power to elect other Members of the Federation to fill such vacancies. Any member, including supernumerary Members, who will be unavoidably absent from a General Meeting may obtain from the Secretary by personal application or by writing after the twenty third (23rd) of January the names of candidates seeking election as Officers, Members of the Board of Control, and make their vote in a special sealed envelope with attached name

sticker, which must be lodged personally with the Secretary, or posted to reach him not later than eight (8) hours preceding the time set down for the Meeting.

7. The election of Seal Holders is as in the Constitution provided.
8. The election of Patron and Vice Patron shall be at the General Meeting by a show of hands and no notice of nomination shall be required.
9. The retiring President shall be an ex-officio Member of the Board of Control until the Next succeeding Annual General Meeting.

PART III

DUTIES AND POWERS OF BOARD OF CONTROL, SECRETARY AND OTHERS

10. The Board of Control shall meet at least once in every calendar month and may act notwithstanding any vacancy therein and minutes of all resolutions and proceedings thereof shall be entered in a book to be provided for that purpose.
11. The quorum of the Board of Control shall be five (5).
12. If any Member of the Board of Control shall fail to attend three (3) consecutive meetings of the Board of Control without leave of absence their seat may be declared vacant and upon the happening of such event shall be notified accordingly.
13. The Board of Control shall manage the affairs of the Federation in accordance with the Rules and Objects of the Federation generally and shall have power to do the following special acts: -
 - (a) To purchase, take on lease any building or part thereof for the Purpose of the Federation and to sub-let any building or part thereof so taken or leased upon such terms as they may think fit.
 - (b) To erect, maintain, improve and alter any buildings for the purpose of the Federation.
 - (c) To purchase magazines, periodicals and books for the use of Members in the Club House.
 - (d) To purchase, hire or otherwise acquire any personal property for the benefit, convenience and accommodation of the Members and to sell, lease or otherwise dispose of same.
 - (e) To borrow money for all or any purposes of the Federation on mortgage, debenture or otherwise.
 - (f) To appoint a Secretary and other servants of the Federation and to require them at their discretion.
 - (g) To open and operate accounts at any Bank.
 - (h) To remit for such time as the Board of Control thinks fit the whole or any part of the subscription of any Members who is absent from the metropolitan area for a longer period than six (6) months at any one time or for other good cause, and also establish a supernumerary list of Members.

- (i) To make alter amend and repeal by-laws of the Federation from time to time for the good working and management of the Federation PROVIDED such by-laws shall not abrogate or alter the rules of the Federation PROVIDED FURTHER that notice of the Federation by-laws shall be posted on the notice Board of the Federation for a period of seven (7) days and shall thereupon become operative and binding.
 - (j) To pay any servant of the Federation any gratuity for faithful and diligent service as seems fit.
 - (k) That it be an instruction from the Annual General Meeting to the General Committee to prepare a budget of anticipated income and expenditure to be presented to Members at a half yearly meeting to be convened.
 - (l) To appoint a Member to fill any casual vacancy of Officers or Members of the Board of Control.
 - (m) The term of a casual vacancy, on the Board of Control, shall be deemed to be that term given to the original nominee at the Annual General Meeting.
 - (n) To appoint sub-committees consisting of Members of the Federation for all or any purposes that they may deem fit.
 - (o) To arrange sporting and social functions and appropriate for the provision of prizes such funds of the Federation as it thinks fit.
 - (p) To raise by levy or any other means approved by the Board and expend money for such purpose as the Board of Control in its discretion considers necessary for the benefit, convenience and accommodation of the Members.
 - (q) To discipline suspend and expel Members in a manner consistent with the Constitution and these rules.
 - (r) Subject to seven (7) days notice of motion being posted to each Member of the Board of Control, the Board of Control may from time to time limit the number of Members of the Federation generally and specially and may vary or withdraw such limit.
 - (s) To invest surplus money in investments authorised by law for Trustees.
 - (t) To appoint an auditor who shall be a Chartered Accountant or Accountants.
14. The Secretary shall carry out all duties pertaining to that office and all other duties imposed upon him by the Board.
15. The Honorary Treasurer shall cause true and proper books of accounts to be kept and be responsible for balance sheets and statements of the accounts presented to the Board of Control as and when required and that the books of account, balance sheets and profit and loss accounts are duly audited also that the balance sheet profit and loss account and such other accounts as the Board of Control deem fit shall be presented at the Annual General Meeting.
16. The Secretary shall at least seven (7) days before any General Meeting post to every Member a notice of such meeting stating the time, date and place where it will be held and the business to be brought before it.

PART IV**GENERAL MEETINGS**

17. The business of the Annual General Meeting shall be conducted in the following order: -
 - (a) Receive reports and balance sheet made up to the thirtieth day of November in each year.
 - (b) Election of Patron, Vice Patron, Officers and Board of Control.
 - (c) Transaction of such business of which notice shall have been given.
 - (d) General Business.
18. At a General Meeting the Senior Officer present shall take the Chair, or if no officer be present, by some Member chosen by the meeting. Every question (unless otherwise expressly provided by these Rules) shall be decided by majority of votes. Every Member shall have one vote and in case of equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote, and such meeting may be adjourned as resolved by such meeting.
19. On a vote any two (2) Members may call for a division when the Chairman shall divide the meeting.

RULES

1. Protection of Pigeons

- 1.1 Any Member or any affiliated Club whose pigeons shall have been destroyed, stolen or trapped, shall give notice to the Secretary in writing supplying such information as in their power, and should the said information in the opinion of the Federation, warrant prosecution of the offender, the Board shall at once direct legal proceeding to be taken on their behalf.

2. Strange Pigeons

- 2.1 Any Member, to whose loft a pigeon other than their own shall come, shall immediately report same to the Ring Secretary of the Federation. The Executive Committee of the Club shall have the power to expel or fine any Member who fails to comply with this rule. No Member shall be held responsible for any such pigeon after fourteen (14) clear days of the owner's knowledge of their whereabouts. Any Member racing a pigeon for which they cannot prove ownership shall be immediately disqualified.
- 2.2 Any Member of the PRF shall be compelled to promptly acknowledge any reported bird. After a second report, if not acknowledged by the Member within seven (7) days, they will be automatically suspended. And their Club secretary notified, until they produces evidence of acknowledgment to the Federation Secretary. A sum of \$15.00 to be forwarded to cover cost, if the bird has to be picked up.

3. Sale of Pigeons

- 3.1 Any Member of any affiliated Club selling birds with false racing performances, shall come before the Board which shall meet at such times as required, to be dealt with, and such Board shall have the power to disqualify any such Member on proof of the sale under false performance being established, or act in a manner as they may deem necessary for the protection and welfare of the Federation.

4. Total Sell-Outs

- 4.1 Any Member of the PRF advertising total sell out sale shall be debarred for three (3) years for competition in any race or show, as from the date of sale. In cases of hardship applications may be made to the Federation Secretary, such applications to be dealt with by the Board of Control.

5. Ownership of Birds

- 5.1 The owner of a bird or birds shall be deemed to be the person to whom the life rings or ring has been issued by their Club Secretary. In cases of the sale or gift the responsibility of transfer shall rest with the purchaser.

6. Young Birds

- 6.1 All young birds competing in the Young Bird Races must bear the appropriate "-year" ring.

7. **Diseased Birds**

- 7.1 To be dealt with in accordance with the Code of Practice for Pigeon Keeping and Pigeon Racing.

8. **Life Ring Issue**

- 8.1 The Federation shall control the purchasing and distribution of all life rings, which shall be issued to Club secretaries in time for distribution to Members by the first day of August in each year, or a date set by the Board.
- 8.2 Life rings to bear the lettering PRF which will be registered for sole use by the PIGEON RACING FEDERATION OF WA.
- 8.3 On change of ownership of birds rung with PRF rings, it shall be that the person or persons disposing of the bird shall complete and sign a transfer certificate. This certificate shall be countersigned by the Club secretary and retained by the person or persons receiving the bird, as proof of ownership. Onus of proof of ownership shall always be on the possessor of the bird and the PRF can demand proof of ownership for birds entered on the PRF program at any time. Birds rung with PRF rings, which have been transferred, can be entered for competition in any Federation or Club race for which they may be eligible.
- 8.4 Any pigeon, rung with an intact life ring registered with any pigeon racing Federation in Australia and owned by a financial Member of any other competing Clubs affiliated with the PRF shall be eligible to compete in any Federation or Club race, subject to meeting Rule 8.4 & Rule 8.5:
- (a) Production of proof of ownership on demand. This may be proof of original purchase of the life ring or documentary proof of transfer of the bird.
 - (b) When a bird is entered in a restricted age race, the owner must if required, be able to prove that the ring was not issued by the Club concerned prior to the first (1st) of August in the year shown on ring.

(Amended by the 2010 AGM)

- 8.5 Upon any change in ownership of Life rings, they must be registered with the Pigeon Racing Federation of W.A. Inc. Secretary prior to the 1st May in any such calendar year.
- (a) Upon change of ownership other than PRF Life rings, a fee of \$2.00 for a single application of registration will apply.
 - (b) In the event where there is more than one Life ring proposed for transfer, a 10c transfer fee per Life ring will apply.
 - (c) Any applications for registration received after the 1st May will incur a fee of \$10.00 per Life ring.
 - (d) Any pigeon run with an unregistered Life ring will be ineligible to compete in any Federation, or club race with the Pigeon Racing Federation of W.A. Inc.

(Amended by the 2010 AGM)

9. Racing Conditions

9.1 The Board shall have power to frame regulations for the conduct of races between pigeons belonging to Members of various Clubs affiliated with the Federation.

10. Organised Races

10.1 The race program for the following racing season will be drawn up by the Board of Control and the President and Secretary from each affiliated club. The Special Board meeting will be called by the Board of Control before the 30th October each year. The race program will be finalized at the meeting by a majority vote by those in attendance. (Amended by the 2014 AGM)

11. Competitors

11.1 No Member shall compete in any Federation Race unless they are a fully financial Member of an affiliated Club.

12. Nomination Fees

12.1 A bird limit of 30 birds per Member shall only be permitted for all Federation races.

13. Entries

13.1 All birds entered by any competitor must be entered through the Club which they are represented on the Federation.

14. Entry Forms

14.1 Entries must be written in ink and be made on the recognised form and contain all marks on metal rings, which must be set down in numerical order and a correct description of birds entered. Failure to comply with this rule shall empower the Board to refuse acceptance of birds.

15. Nominations

15.1 To be dealt with in accordance with the Code of Practise for Pigeon Keeping and Pigeon Racing.

16. Life Rings Intact

16.1 All birds competing in Federation races must be rung with an intact life ring, which must not be defaced in any way.

17. Basketing

17.1 All birds competing in Federation races must be basketed as directed by the Board under the supervision of representatives appointed by the Board.

18. Despatching Birds

18.1 In order to facilitate the dispatch of birds the baskets must be distinctly labelled with the Federation or Club name, also number of birds and baskets.

19. Race Baskets

19.1 As per Code of Pigeon Keeping and Pigeon.

20. Liberation of Birds

20.1 Any competitor other than the Secretary or President of the Federation Telegraphing to the conveyor or liberator or in any other way interfering with the liberation of birds shall be barred from the race and future competition in the Federation for such time as the Board may determine.

20.2 Any two of the Board officers shall have power in all races to take whatever action they may consider advisable to ensure that all birds have been liberated at the race point.

20.3 Birds to be liberated as per the Code of Practice for Pigeon Keeping and Pigeon Racing.

20.4 That all shorter races on the program be liberated on Sunday, instead of Saturday commencing in the 2002 flying season.

20.5 All long distance race liberations to take place at sun-up, or as soon as possible thereafter, or as provided in the Code of Practice for Pigeon keeping and Pigeon Racing.

21. Birds Must Home to a Members Loft

21.1 All birds must fly to a members loft and be the absolute property of members in whose names they are raced. All winning pigeons must be inspected and liberated out-side the members loft by 2 (two) P.R.F. members approved by the Board, within 48 (forty-eight) hours of the result being announced. Those birds so inspected and liberated must return to the members loft in their presence. Any infraction of this rule shall annul all rights to prizes and to future competition in Federation races. The Board shall also be at liberty to send a representative to investigate the legitimate ownership of any pigeon, the expense of such investigations, as fixed by the board to be borne by the defaulting member, and to be recoverable as and for liquidated damages. The Board shall have the power to impound a bird and keep it impounded at its discretion if a bird should be unfit to fly on inspection.

22. Training Flights

22.1 No bird shall be released on training or exercise flights after 9.00 am on any race.

23. Distances

23.1 Members flying distances over any course decided upon shall be measured by an official to be appointed by the Board and only these measurements will be accepted. The original measurements shall be held by the Federation but a copy of same must be supplied to each Club Secretary. All objections to said measurements must be lodged with the Secretary within seven (7) days of the race. Locations must be in the hands of the Federation Secretary one (1) month before the date of the first (1st race on the Schedule of each club or as directed by the Board of Control.

24. Distance – Loft Locations

- 24.1 If a member moves the position of their loft/cage for which their distances apply, or if they erect a new loft/cage in a different position at the same residential address, they must notify their Club Secretary immediately, who will be responsible for ensuring new distances are obtained. The obtaining of new distances will be obligatory/compulsory if the members new loft position shortens their airline distances.
- 24.2 For the measurement of the loft location the point shall be to the centre of the trap. The measurements so taken shall be from the nearest fence line side, and from the rear fence to the centre of the flying trap. (Amended by the 2010 AGM)

25. Two Competitors on One Location

- 25.1 If two (2) members except as a firm fly their birds to the same loft or premises in any one race, each member must fly all the races they competes in during the season to the same loft or premises, unless they be incapacitated from doing so by change of residence or otherwise in which case the Board may grant them permission to fly their birds to another loft.

26. Two or More Lofts

- 26.1 If more than one members loft is situated on the same premises such lofts must be nominated The distances of these competitors would be computed from ones loft the nearest to the race point, such shall be official distances from aft lofts on said premises.

27. Two Members Flying to One Loft

- 27.1 Two (2) or more members not flying as partners to the same loft shall nominate ring number of birds and register before commencement of season and shall not add any number to their registration list during that year.

28. Private Liberations

- 28.1 Any member of an affiliated Club of the Federation sending or taking birds for liberation to a race point on the day of racing, otherwise than through the Federation, or their Club shall be dealt with at the discretion of the Board.

29. Protests

- 29.1 Protests of any description must be accompanied by a deposit of \$2.00 and must be made within one week of declaration of race, and if the said protest is considered frivolous by the board, the deposit shall be forfeited.

30. Clocks

- 30.1 All Competitors who use a windup clock in Federation races must have a continuous running clock especially made for timing homing pigeons, the same to have the approval of the Board, and no alteration shall be allowed to any clock other than what may be sanctioned by the board. All clocks to be started at actual time obtained from a master timer or chronometer and a record of the time kept. On the production of clocks after the race it shall be compared against the master timer or deducted in the usual manner. In the event of a clock gaining

more than 30 seconds in twenty-four (24) hours, the registered bird time will be read as is. If the clock is slower than time allowed, double the time slow is to be added to the registered time. All paper dials must bear the name of the race point, AND THE SIGNATURE OF ONE MEMBER OF THE CLOCK COMMITTEE. Any competitor whose clock shall on being opened, show more than the recognised regulation punctures or prints, shall be dealt with at the discretion of the Board and if need be disqualified. (Amended by the 2010 AGM)

31. Faulty Clocks Prior to Birds Homing

- 31.1 In the event of a clock stopping before the arrival of their birds, such clocks may be taken to the clock foreman or their assistant or anyone so designated by that club, for the purpose of re-setting.

32. Faulty Clocks when Birds are Homed

- 32.1 In the event of the clock stopping after the bird has been timed in, members may go to either the President or clock foreman of their club with the clock intact and have their clock opened, and have the rubber ring or thimble and rubber ring removed and timed into another clock, the time registered on the second (2nd) clock to be recognised.

33. Two (2) or More in One Clock

- 33.1 With the owner's permission, two or more competitors may time in on any one clock, set by the committee.

34. Clocks Set and Sealed

- 34.1 All manual clocks used by competitors in Federation races; must be set and sealed as decided by the board, and shall have a number or letter painted thereon. No competitor shall have more than one clock for each Federation race~ which shall be issued to them from the Club in which they are represented on the Federation, and shall have a tag affixed with the name of the competitor. Unless such tag is affixed the Board has the power to refuse to seal or set such clocks. All clocks must be fitted with special oil containers and must be returned as issued; otherwise member is liable to disqualification. (Amended by the 2015 AGM)

35. Inspection of Clocks

- 35.1 All birds competing in Federation races, except those using Electronic Banding Scanning System (EBSS), shall carry a rubber band, which must be placed on arrival, in the receptacle in the clock provided for that purpose. The Board Officers shall have power to view any competitors clock at any time during the progress of a race, and impound same if found to be faulty. In the event of a clock stopping after the bird has been timed in, the user thereof ceases to compete until such clock is reset and replugged to the satisfaction of the Board. (Amended by the 2015 AGM)

36. Rubber Rings

- 36.1 Unless, in the opinion of the Board, a clerical error has occurred, all lettering and numbers on rubber race rings, race tags and race entry forms must correspond with those on entry forms.
- 36.2 Only one rubber to be placed in each bucket or thimble. In the event of a bucket having two (2) rubbers, the first rubber removed from the bucket shall be the one read and recorded.

37. Birds Homing Without Rubber Rings

- 37.1 Flyers using a manually operated clock in races 800 (Eight hundred) kms and over every bird entered must be fitted with 2(two) rubber rings and must home with at least 1 (one) to be considered in the result. In line with all other races No rubber- No velocity. (Amended by the 2015 AGM)

38. Thimbles

- 38.1 The thimble must be placed in the receptacle of the clock and inserted in a manner so that the open end of the thimble faces inwards in the receptacle, leaving the closed end facing outwards. Failure to insert the thimble correctly will automatically disqualify such defaulter, unless a satisfactory explanation is given. The thimble must be in the receptacle of the clock that corresponds with the member's clock sheet number. This rule does not apply to:
- (a) Fully enclosed rectangular hinged receptacles as supplied by the manufacturer and approved by the Board of Control.
 - (b) Fully enclosed cylindrical containers as supplied by the clock manufacturer and approved by the Board of Control.

39. Telescopic Thimbles

- 39.1 Telescopic thimbles must be used in all Toulet clocks and in any other make of clock which the Board may from time to time consider should be used.

40. Toulet Clocks

- 40.1 All old Toulet clocks must be sealed in cases approved by the Board, and no alteration shall be made thereto other than that which the Board may sanction.

41. Clock Seals

- 41.1 All clocks competing in any race shall be produced at the Federation or Clubrooms to be checked and the seal must be intact.

42. Deciding Races

- 42.1 The Federation prizes and awards will be awarded on the system of velocity and complying with all Federation rules to be deemed the winner. If after the second (2nd) decimal of any velocity, two (2) or more clocks are even, then such clocks shall be deemed to be the same time, and are equal in placed secured and value of prizes.

43. When all places are not filled

43.1 Should only one competitor get a bird home within the time limit they shall be entitled to all prize money, but if two or more competitors home birds within the time they shall be entitled to divide all surplus prize money equally. Other monies appertaining to the race shall come under the same jurisdiction.

44. Time Limit of Races – Permissible Flying Times

44.1 Races up to four hundred (400) kms shall close thirty (30) hours from time of liberation. Races from four hundred (400) to six hundred (600) kms shall close forty-eight (48) hours from time of liberation. Races from six hundred (600) to eight hundred (800) kms shall close seventy-two (72) hours from time of liberation. Races from eight hundred (800) to nine hundred and sixty (960) kms shall close 96 hours from time of liberation. Races from nine hundred and sixty (960) kms and longer shall close seven (7) days from the time of liberation. The distance to the longest flyer in the Federation shall apply to calculating the permissible flying time.

45. Hours of Darkness

45.1 In the case of a race or races extending over one day there will be a deduction of hours of darkness during sunset and sunrise. Hours of darkness shall be under normal conditions, half an hour after sunset and half an hour before sunrise, according to local calendar.

45.2 In the event of the birds homing during hours of darkness their velocity or velocities will be computed without consideration of the hours of darkness, and positions awarded according to velocity recorded, and all birds homing later will be calculated according to the hours of darkness and places awarded.

46. Improbable Velocity

46.1 Should any competitor be credited with having made such a velocity as the Board considers IMPROBABLE, they shall have absolute power to disqualify the bird in the said race, although there may be no evidence to suggest or support any evidence of fraudulent practice by the competitor or any person responsible for the marking or despatching of the birds to or at the race point.

47. Certificate and Prizes

47.1 In all Federation races, places and certificates shall be determined by the Board before the commencement of the race.

48. Appeals

48.1 The Board shall consider any appeals appertaining to races or otherwise, made by Federation members over disputes with their Clubs, and arbitrate subject to the approval of both parties.

49. Questions not Specified

49.1 The Board reserves the right to decide any questions that may arise which is not specified in these rules and regulations and its decision shall be-binding on all parties.

50. Respect of Organising Committees

50.1 All due respect must be paid to the Chairman and Board Members during the organising and running of races and any member whose conduct is disorderly or offensive shall be dealt with under Membership (4) section (f) of this constitution.

51. Ex-Officio

51.1 The President and Secretary shall be ex-officio members of all committees.

52. Altering and Rescinding Rules

52.1 Notice of motion to alter or rescind any rule must be made in writing to the Board of Control. The Board will discuss the matter at a meeting to be held not less than seven (7) days prior to the Annual General Meeting which shall deal with any change of rules whatsoever.

53. Standing Orders

53.1 Standing orders shall be such as those recognised for parliamentary debate.

54. Race Schedule/Program

54.1 The Race Schedule for the following year will be finalised prior to the thirtieth (30th) of October of the preceding year. Failure to reach agreement by that date the race schedule as flown on the scheduled line of flight the previous year shall be accepted as the schedule for the coming year.

54.2 The racing season will start the nearest weekend to 24th May. Commencement and conclusion as provided in the Code of Practice for Pigeon Keeping and Pigeon Racing. (Amended by the 2010 AGM)

54.3 The Toss program is to commence two (2) weeks from a distance up to approximately 80kms from the GPO before the start of the Official Race program.

54.4 All races on the race program are designated club races with the exception of Federation races set by the Board. All financial members are eligible for Federation prize money. Flyers that clock in a bird on a Federation race prior to the Federation Clock Out must attend to qualify for Federation prize money and consistency points for Flyer of the Year.

54.5 In the event of inclement weather or mechanical problems a committee appointed by the Board of Control expressly for the purpose, shall make determinations in the best interest of the pigeons to an alternative race point. (Amended by the 2011 AGM)

55. Federation Accounts and Race Nominations

55.1 Federation accounts will be rendered to Clubs at the end of each month, and will be payable within thirty (30) days. Failure to pay within the specified time will render a Club liable to suspension. All other monies becoming due to payable will be paid as directed by the Board of Control.

56. Line of Flight

56.1 To only fly the Northeast line of flight in the Year 2001. Then followed by the North line alternating each year. The Board reserves the right to change the line of flight under the Animal Welfare Act and the Code of Practice.

57. Ring Members

57.1 Ring members shall be allowed to purchase rings for two (2) years only. No rings will be made available thereafter unless the ring member competes as a full flying member of the Club, or unless exempted by the Board of Control.

58. Federation Boundaries

58.1 The area encompassed all Cities & Shires up to the northern boundary of the City of Wanneroo, then parallel east as far as and including the Shire of Mundaring vertically south to the southern boundary of the Shire of Murray and then parallel to the coast. All existing clubs will have a pick up, though the Board reserves the right to deny a pick up for a newly formed clubs. Any existing member who resides outside these boundaries will automatically become a Country member with this Federation.

59. Invitation Races

59.1 All invitation races to be open to all flyers, providing they have airlines from the P.R.F. and I.R.P.F.

60. Specialty Races – Payment of Prize Money

60.1 In special races, such as Sires and Invitation races etc, conducted by Clubs affiliated with this Fed, the payment of all prize monies won in these events must be paid no later than four (4) weeks after the date of the event.

60.2 That only Open prize money will be paid on all Federation Races on the programme.

61. Flyer of the Year Competition

61.1 The flyer of the year consistency to be worked out as follows:

- (a) The top velocity in the Federation each week receives one point and further positions receive additional points according to the numerical order they finish. Flyers not clocking out receive number of flyers + 1. The maximum penalty points each year to be reviewed by the Board of Control. The flyer with the least number of points at the end of the season will be declared the winner.
- (b) For the purpose of the flyer of the year consistency, members may only nominate 30 birds per race including Federation races. This does not preclude a member sending more than 30 birds per race where open limits apply to that Club or Fed race. Birds nominated must be on the first entry sheet submitted and the race entry original sheet to be submitted to the Federation Secretary with the race results.

62. Flyer of the Year – Federation Races

- 62.1 A competition open to all PRF members to determine the Flyer of the Year for Federation races only. All Federation races must be flown to gain consistency points. The flyer at the end of the race program with the lowest number of points is declared the winner.

63. Club Results

- 63.1 That all clubs affiliated to the Pigeon Racing Federation of W.A. provide the Federation Secretary with their results no later than 3 days after the close of the race. Failing to comply with this Rule will mean that the Federation Secretary can assume that the clubs that do not supply in the 3 days after the close of the race will be disqualified and the Federation can issue the appropriate results on time.

64. The line of flight

- 64.1 The line of flight for the 2016 season northwards and thereafter on the northern line shall be conducted along the Indian Ocean Drive to Geraldton and on to Gregory on the Port Gregory Road, before resuming the traditional route from Galena Bridge onwards. Proposed Indian Ocean Drive race points are Cervantes, Jurien, Leeman, Port Denison and on to Gregory.

(Amended by the 2015 AGM)

APPENDIX: RULES AND UNIFORM PRACTICES FOR THE CONDUCT OF FEDERATION AND CLUB RACES USING MANUALLY OPERATED CLOCKS (Amended by the 2015 AGM)

1. RACE ENTRY FORMS AND BASKETING OPERATIONS

- 1.1 Ink or biro shall be used in writing up the form.
- 1.2 The date entered on the form shall be the day of the basketing.
- 1.3 All entry totals on the form (bird numbers and cash) shall be completed by the member before lodging.
- 1.4 Bird entries shall be recorded in numerical order.
- 1.5 When basketing, the entry form shall be completed by one person only - meaning one person on the basketing Committee to complete form and envelope - both of which shall be initialled by that person.
- 1.6 No member shall handle own form.
- 1.7 Basketing shall not commence unless there are a minimum of three (3) of the basketing Committee in attendance.

2. CLOCKS

- 2.1 Clock papers shall be identified with the flyers name, club, race point and date when clock is set.
- 2.2 All clocks shall be started with a starting plug and the time of the second plug shall be variable, if the clock committee so desires.
- 2.3 All clocks shall be plugged out with two (2) plugs and the time of the second plug shall be variable, if the clock committee so desires.
- 2.4 When timing in, if it is found not possible to enter the thimble in the bucket, the clock shall be plugged only after the rubber has been taken off the bird. The thimble is to be placed in the next bucket, and the clock plugged again forthwith:
 - (a) In the event of a rubber ring not being in the correct bucket the time recorded against that bucket will be disallowed.
 - (b) Should the rubber ring be deposited in a later bucket, that bucket shall be accepted for the Federation prize money and as the time of timing for the FLYER OF THE YEAR purposes.
 - (c) Should the rubber ring not be deposited in a clock bucket, i.e. lying on top of the buckets, the rubber will be disqualified and the flyer award (for the FLYER OF THE YEAR purposes) a velocity equivalent to the velocity applicable if the pigeon had been timed in at the checking time of the clock.
 - (d) Should a member be unable to place the rubber ring in the correct bucket because of clock malfunction, they shall strike off the clock prior to timing in and insert rubber in the next bucket. The time recorded against the bucket containing the rubber shall be accepted providing the member has informed the clock foreman prior to the clock being struck off.

- (e) Nothing in the above will prevent a member timing in a second pigeon and the time recorded may be accepted for all purposes.
- 2.5 The clock paper shall be intact - complete to the last print -when the clock is opened. If a clock paper is torn through, a flyer shall take only the velocity of the last place getter, and the last place.
- 2.6 Seals from clock shall be retained for identification in the envelope with the race rubber tabs until the clock is certified correct.
- 2.7 A clock that it not sound or is in any way mechanically faulty shall not be accepted for competition.
- 2.8 All clocks shall be fitted with an anti-acceleration device except those approved by the Federation. Where dolometers are fitted, they should be checked at regular intervals to ensure that they are functioning correctly. The hands shall be set at zero. Only four (4) points shall be allowed on a HUDSON clock dolometer, and four (4) points on a STB clock dolometer. Five millimetres 5mm on a benzing or Simplex clock dolometer. Five (5) points on a Record clock dolometer. Any other clock must be shown to the Clock Committee before an allowance is given. Any clock showing more than the amounts allotted shall be disqualified.
- 2.9 It is the responsibility of the flyer to see that their clock is in complete operating order, that is:
 - (a) Clock is wound up.
 - (b) Sufficient paper on the roll.
 - (c) Printing clearly.
 - (d) Correctly set. Dolometer hand on zero and "day hand" on seven (7) or as designed.
 - (e) That the clock is going and correctly sealed before leaving the Federation or Club rooms.
- 2.10 The Clock Committee, before recording the bucket number, shall give all clocks, where applicable, extra plug and take up the slack.
- 2.11 All Junior Quartz computer T3 and Electronic Timers may be used by members provided they have been approval from the Board of Control.
- 2.12 All Competitors who use either a Quartz clock, or Electronic timer in Federation races must have a continuous running clock especially made for timing homing pigeons. All clocks to be started at actual time obtained from a master timer and a record of the time kept. On production of clocks after the race it shall be compared against the Master timer for any loss, or gain. Any competitor using a Quartz clock shall on being opened, show more than the recognised regulation punctures or prints, shall be dealt with at the discretion of the Board and if need be disqualified. (Amended by the 2010 AGM)

3. OIL WELLS (This applies to all clocks not exempted by the Federation)

- 3.1 Before being used for competitive purposes in Federation and Club races, oil wells shall be fitted to all clocks subject to the following provisions:
- (a) The Where possible, two (2) oil wells shall be fitted and at right angles to one another.
 - (b) Where one oil well only can be fitted it shall be fitted diagonally if possible.
 - (c) Provision shall be made and decided on by the Board of Control for the use of those clocks to which oil wells cannot be fitted.
- 3.2 Oil wells shall be made of transparent, open ended V shaped glass tube. The "U shall be approximately twenty five millimetres (25mm) from top to bottom and the tubes or approximately three millimetres (3mm) bore. The wells shall be not less than three quarters (3/4) filled with oil as supplied by the Federation. No other oil shaft be permitted. The absence of oil wells without authorisation, or evidence of oil spillage in the clock shall render the member liable to disqualification.

4. DOLOMETERS AND OILWELLS - CLOCKS EXEMPTED

- 4.1 The development of technology in some clocks has resulted in the production of modern clocks that cannot be made to go either slower or faster, and, accordingly, do not have dolometers, or need oil well.
- 4.2 The Board of Control shall have the power to exempt such clocks it deems meets these requirements.
- 4.3 Clocks approved for use without dolometers, or oil wells are as follows:
- (a) Benzing Electronic/Quartz Clocks.
 - (b) S T B Electronic Quartz Clocks.
 - (c) S T B New mechanical models have in the 36000 frequency (in lieu of the 18000 frequency). (The timers of 36000 frequency are models 102-1781, 1728, 1774 and 1779 and, accordingly, do not have dolometers.)

5. LOSS AND GAIN

- 5.1 In the calculation of time variations, the limitations on loss or gain for any clock laid down under Rule 30 are to be thirty (30) seconds in 24 hours. (Amended by the 2009 AGM) and (Amended by the 2015 AGM)
- 5.2 Clock papers and clock variation calculators shall always be read against the flyer. The first running plug of the clock paper shall be referred to for any variations on the plugs on the paper.
- 5.3 Clocks listed by the manufacturer as dual purpose, that is, for use with or without a thimble, and are approved by the Board of Control can be used as thimble-less clocks if desired. The variation Calculators shall adhere to the following rules when completing clock and race sheets:
- (a) If the clock has been set FAST, the amount shall be DEDUCTED.

- (b) If the clock has been set SLOW, the amount shall be ADDED.
 - (c) If a clock GAINS on the run the proportionate gained (variation) shall be deducted.
 - (d) If a clock LOSES on the run, the proportionate amount LOST (variation) shall be ADDED.
- 5.4 Clock sheet shall be completed exactly as the reading appears on the clock tape. The Fast/Slow space shall show the actual reading from the clock paper with the non-relevant work crossed out.
- 5.5 The numerals of the distance sixtieths (60ths) and the bird flying time in seconds, shall appear on both the original and duplicate of the clock and race sheets, at back. The velocity shall be entered on the top right hand corner of the sheet in the space provided in calculating, always read against the flyer, for example:
- (a) Losing clock – read on.
 - (b) Gaining clock – read back.
- 5.6 Where there is one (1) second gain or loss the following procedure will apply:
- (a) On a gaining clock – deduct.
 - (b) On a losing clock – read as one (1) second.
- 5.7 Clock papers are to be read against the running plug in determining loss and gain. (Starting plug may be at 7.55 pm, running plug at 8.00 pm).
- 5.8 Clock papers will be read using a ruler to estimate the time of arrival, if some of the minute marks are missing on the paper to where the hand is pointing. So long as the minute hand is printed the ruler may be lined along the minute hand and down to the minute marks showing at the opposite end. Always rules against the flyer when reading clock time.

APPENDIX A
Rules and Conditions of Installation and use of Electronic Band Scanning Systems –
November 2014 (Inserted by the 2015 AGM)

1. The use of Electronic Band Scanning Systems (EBSS) is approved by the Pigeon Racing Federation of WA Inc. (PRF) for use in all Races conducted by the PRF.
2. In the event that the PRF Board of Control determines that an EBS System or a system design does not provide adequate security or presents a potential security question the PRF may disapprove the use of that system. The disapproval of any system will be effective immediately upon resolution by the PRF Board of Control and the disapproval will be advised to members as soon as reasonably possible by personal notice and or PRF Board of Control minutes.
3. If the PRF Clock Foreman, his/her designate, or any race official determines that a lack of security exists with any individual unit, he/she must notify the PRF Board of Control and seek an immediate statement as to the validity of the continued system use. The Clock Foreman, his/her designate, or race official must provide a written statement of the reason for concern to the EBSS Owner and to the PRF Board of Control.
4. Issues of actual adequacy or otherwise of Security will be a matter for determination by the PRF Board of Control following advice provided to the PRF Board of Control by affiliated PRF clubs, PRF members and EBSS supplier delegates.
5. Use of an EBSS by an individual PRF member must be notified to the PRF in writing by the member's respective PRF Club.
6. A PRF Club shall not make use of an EBSS mandatory.
7. A PRF member is free to purchase any EBSS he/she chooses. The member is responsible for ensuring the system (hardware/software) is suitable and complies with the requirements of these EBSS rules and installation conditions. The PRF or the Club shall have no responsibility for any system incompatibility.
8. All EBSS systems shall comprise an electronic clock/data device, electronic landing board(s), and an independent club system reading device plus appropriate and current software. All EBSS systems will utilize an electronic printer for providing basketing lists, and race/evaluation lists.
9. The serial number of each EBSS system (clock, antennas, club system, slave clocks, base stations etc must be registered with the PRF prior to use.
10. Installation of the EBSS in a Member's Loft must be inspected and approved by the PRF clock foreman or his/her designate before being accepted for competition use with the PRF. The nominated designate is to be the local club chairman, local club secretary, or local PRF club clock Foreman. Any questions as to acceptability are to be referred to the PRF clock chairman.
11. All EBSS sensor/antennae/ELB are to be installed inside the confines of the loft or any entry into the face wall of the loft which effectively traps the pigeon within the entrance when being recorded by the ELB. The definition of the loft includes flights, sputnik traps, sun shelters etc which are permanently attached and considered part of the loft. See Attachments 1 and 2 for non legal and legal set ups.

12. Sensor/antennae may be single pad ELB, or a multi pad ELB depending on manufacture. More than one sensor/antennae pad ELB per electronic clock shall be allowable if compliance with EBSS rule 14 occurs.
13. Every sensor/antenna must be sealed (using a clock seal) as a fixture at point of entry, and the seal number recorded. Seal numbers are to be recorded by club clock foreman or his/her designate and forwarded to the General Secretary or as directed by the PRF. This process will not need to be carried out each year (if the sensors/antennas and seals are still in place the next season) but must be verified by the club clock foreman or his/her designate prior to PRF racing each year.
14. EBSS PRF flyers wishing to use more than one sensor/antennae ELB must comply with the following requirements:
 - a) The distance between the sensor/antennae ELB shall be measured and the distance is not to exceed 3 metres over all.
 - b) If the distance is greater than 3 metres, the flyer shall apply to the PRF Clock Foreman for approval to use that sensor/antennae ELB setup for flying PRF races.
15. No sensor/antenna ELB shall be employed or placed at the loft of another competitor or moved to any other position of the competitor's loft without prior application to, and approval by the PRF.
16. The PRF Clock Foreman or his/her club/group delegate shall be authorized to secure and use the System Control Modules and or System Authorization Swipe Keys and or GPS time setting devices during clock setting and clock reading activities at club and group basketing centres as necessary.
17. During the race entry logging or basketing process, electronic banded pigeons shall not be handled, or bird(s) verified, or the EBSS system operated by the competitor (or a representative of the competitor) as is the case with non EBSS basketed pigeons.
18. During the basketing procedure, the bird data provided on screen by the EBSS is to be cross checked against the actual bird and life ring data on the pigeon life ring (and the basket list when printed). If the data does not correspond, the birds is to be disqualified from the race – except that in cases of sex or colour/pattern discrepancies the basketing list may be amended (as is the case with non EBSS bird nominations).
19. After all EBSS race birds have been basketed, the PRF Clock Foreman or his/her designate shall print a list of the competitor's entries as verification of all birds entered. The competitor then selects and marks his Pool birds, Special Race birds etc. These birds must be underlined.
20. The printout shall be signed by the PRF Clock Foreman or his/her designate, and the competitor.
21. The printout serves as a Race Entry Sheet. An additional copy shall be printed for the Competitor.
22. In the case where an electronic clock race sheet shows a tie, the first (1st) bird listed will receive the highest ranking and so forth, down the list.
23. If race entry data is deleted (whether accidentally or deliberately) from the EBSS clock (either prior to basketing, prior to the race, after the race, or at any time prior to the

basketing sheet or race result sheet being printed), the competitor shall be disqualified from the race of that week.

24. Where a Band has become dysfunctional (for whatever reason), broken or stolen, that band may be replaced and recorded to the satisfaction of the PRF Clock Foreman or his/her designate.
25. In the event of a malfunction of an EBSS and it being sent for repair, proof of repair must be produced before the EBSS can be used for competition again. Proof of repair shall be the receipt of the Repairer (which shall note the repaired EBSS serial number) and/or the new unbroken manufacturer seal on the EBSS device.
26. In the event of the removal of the sensor/antenna ELB for any reason, the sensor/antenna ELB re-installation must be re-approved by the PRF Clock Foreman or his/her designate before the EBSS can be used for Competition again. (See Rules 10, 11, 13 and 14)
27. If any Competitor intentionally attempts to corrupt, interfere with, or destroy the electronic data of another competitor, then his/her conduct shall be reported to the club, and Federation Secretary/Board of Control for review.
28. When closing the race, the PRF Clock Foreman or his/her designate shall print out all data basketing/race results/evaluation sheet prior to transferring data from the EBSS to the computer (if used). The printout will serve as a back-up and review document for later reference if necessary. Use of an EBSS (and hence data integrity) is at sole risk of the PRF member/competitor using the EBSS.
29. Should the EBSS screen display (after a race entry or race) show the complete set of results, but not be able to generate a printout, the PRF Clock Foreman or his/her designate shall view the display data and report it manually. The manual (screen) report may be used for calculating race results if the ring number, clock 'fast/slow', race number, race date and time of clocking is available on screen. The confirmation of this result is to be made available to the PRF Clock Foreman for verification. The clock will be required to be presented to the PRF Clock Foreman or his/her delegate by the flyer owning the EBSS clock. If all the required information is not available, the bird shall be disqualified.
30. Should an EBS System become dysfunctional, the flyer may take his pigeon to another EBSS loft and time the pigeon on the competitors/flyers EBSS clock (this assumes that the chip ring data number (as a minimum) can be read and corresponds to the chip ring data noted on the original basketing sheet.
31. Slave clocks (such as the TIPES MC2100 which enable continuous clocking in the absence of the registered clock) are permitted. The registered clock must be used for the provision of basketing lists and race result lists. Slave clocks (or copy clocks) shall not be used to calculate race results.
32. Base stations (such as Benzing, Tauris and Mega) which enable continuous clocking in the absence of the registered clock are permitted. The registered clock must be used for the provision of basketing lists and race results lists. Base stations (or copy clocks) shall not be used to calculate race results.
33. The PRF Board of Control or its designate reserve the right at any time, (and without prior notice) to inspect the installation and operation of any EBSS being used by a competitor within the PRF.

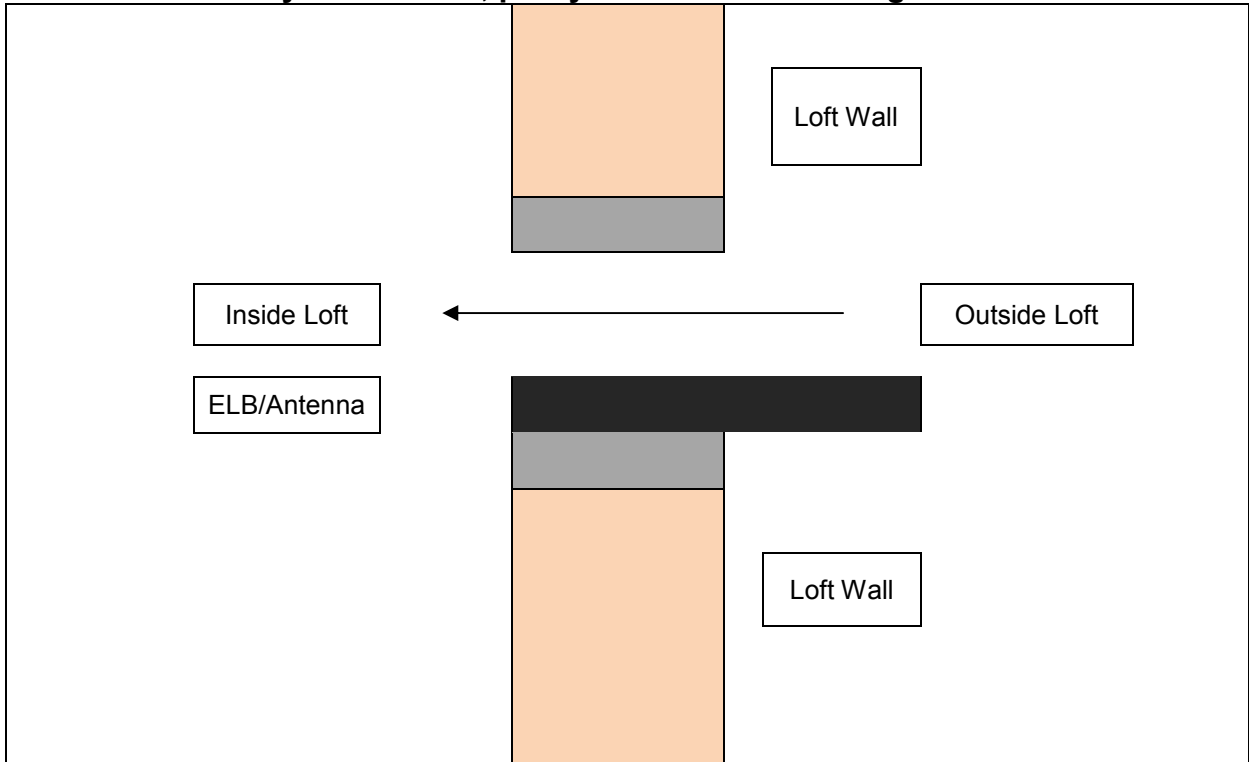
34. All cards discs etc used to operate various systems must be locked away in a sealed container after basketing.
35. All relevant data must correspond on entry/clocking sheets or disqualification may occur.
36. Time variation to be no more than 8 seconds in 24 hours, loss and gain penalties as per Rule 30.1 under Rules Part 1 to apply.
37. The PRF Board of Control may from time to time amend these Rules and Conditions as it thinks fit and within its absolute discretion.

Attachment 1 to Appendix A

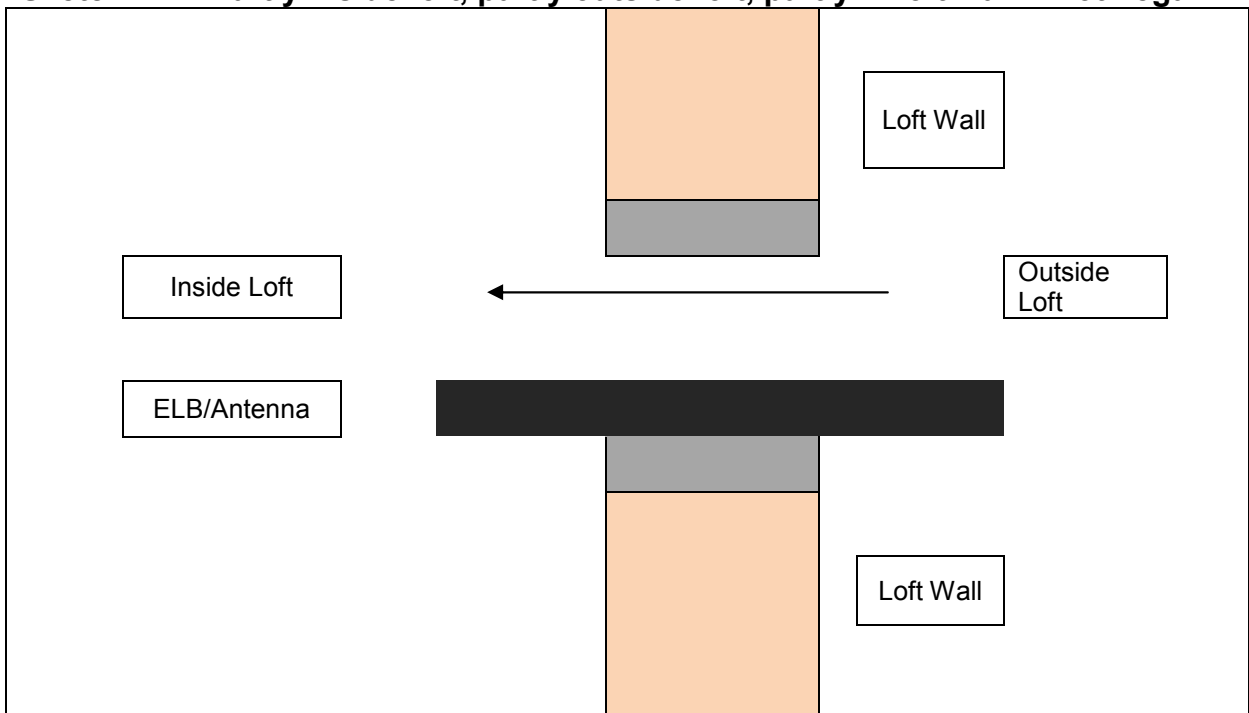
SIDE VIEWS

Antenna Sensor/ELB Location – Set Up Not Legal

Sketch 1A – Partly outside loft, partly in loft wall – Not Legal



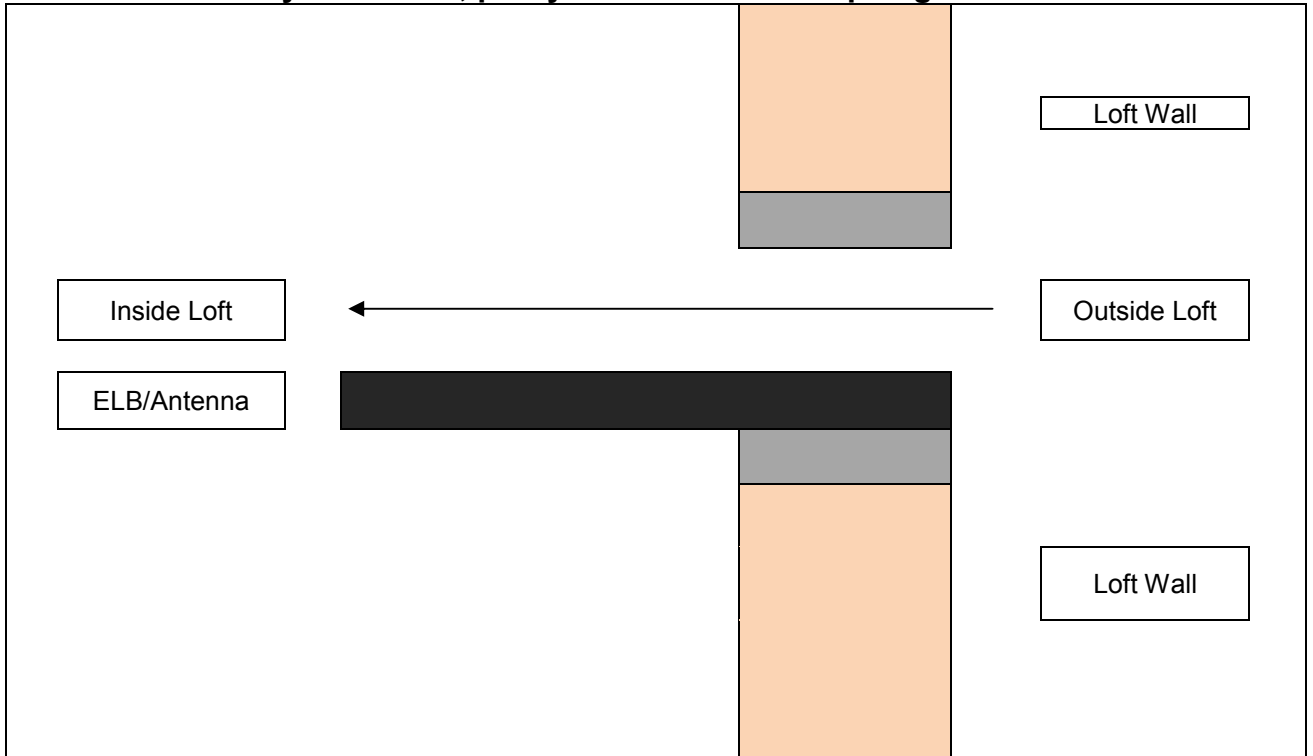
Sketch 1A – Partly inside loft, partly outside loft, partly in loft wall – Not Legal



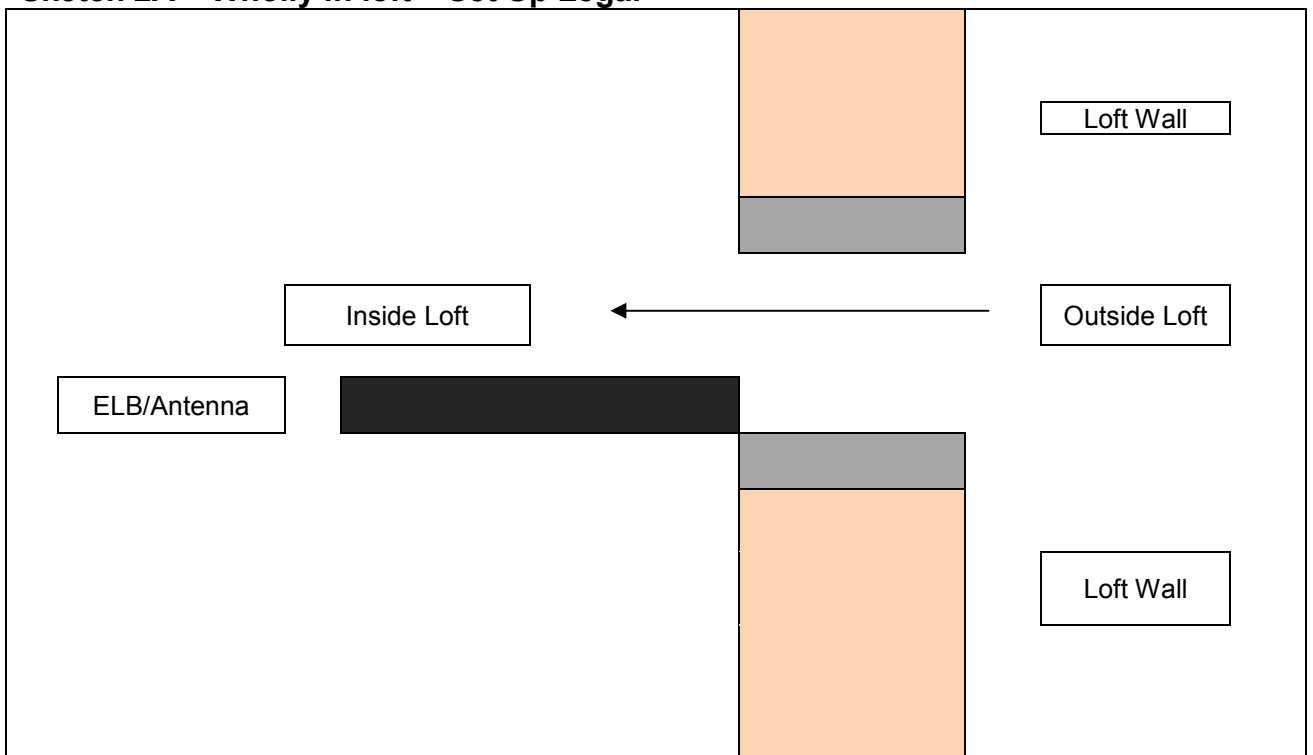
Attachment 2 to Appendix A

Antenna Sensor/ELB Location – Set Up Legal

Sketch 2A – Partly inside loft, partly in loft wall – Set Up Legal



Sketch 2A – Wholly in loft – Set Up Legal



PAST PRESIDENTS, SECRETARIES/TREASURES
AND LIFE MEMBERS OF THE
WEST AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL HOMING COMBINE (FORMED 1935)
AND IT'S SUCCESSOR
THE PIGEON RACING FEDERATION OF W.A. (INC)

WANHC		PRESIDENTS	
		PRF	
President	Date	President	Date
M. J. Matter	1935-1936	A. (Bert) L. Sampson	1971-1974
Frank Angel	1936	E. (Ted) A. Stevens	1974-1983
John G. Burge	1940	D. (Des) R. Sippets	1983-1990
Perce Timins	1941	John Schoenmaekers	1991
Victor G. Bamett		Gary Buchanan	1992-1993
R. (Bob) A. Cook		Ron Wilkins	1994
R. (Bob). A. Cook	1967-1971	Leo J. Turley	1995-1996
		George Azar	1997
SECRETARIES			
Secretary	Date	Secretary	Date
Ron G. Passmore	1935-1936	Jank N. Martin	1959-1960
M. J. Matter	1937	Andy C. Genomi	-1965?
(resigned in May due to work pressure)		Trevor M. Banfield	1966-1969
Ron G. Passmore	1937	Greg Stevens	Part 1970
D. W. Wooton	1938	Leo J. Turley	1970-1973
Percy Davies	1940	Arthur Wakeham	1973-1978
Tom Wooton	1946?	Robert L. Todd	1978-1979
Glen Lorrimer		Richard C. Brown	1979-1980
Keith Bennett		John Schoenmaekers	1981-1984
Ron Ellard (Snr)		Michael D. Ireland	1985-1993
Ron Ellard (Jnr)	1954-1957	Brian Seeney	1994
Noel Vinnicombe		Guy New	1995
W. (Bill) Lewis		Dean New	1996-1999
		John Wintle	2000-2004
		John Lee	2005-2007
		John Wintle	2008-

TREASURERS

(When not combined with Secretaries position)

Treasurer	Date	Treasurer	Date
Lance Williams	1935	Don Cockrain	1979-1981
Ron Passmore	1941	A. L. Sampson	1981-1988
Ron Ellard (Snr)	1953-1960?	Ken Ferdinand	1995-1996
Jack Jones	1964-1965	Phil Smith	2000-2002
A (Mick_ J. Ligertwood	1971 and other years	John Wintle	2003

TRUSTEES

R.A. Cook	-1971	Phil Smith	1993
John G. Burge	-1986	Bill Schulze	2000-2007
A. L. Sampson (Ret'd)	1971-1990?	Leo J. Turley	2000-2013
Des R. Sippets	1986-1992	Michael Clark	2008
John G. Schoenmakers	1991-1992	Gerry Hemerik	2013
Jack Patterson	1993		

LIFE MEMBERS

WANHC	Inducted	Deceased
Victor G. Barnett	1953	
Ron Ellard (snr)		
Robert A. Cook	1958	2003
John G. Burge	1968	1986
PRF		
Danny Breadsell	1971?	1986
A (Mick) Ligertwood	1971?	1984
A. L. Sampson	1973	1995
Arthur S. Wakeharn	1978	
E (Ted) A, Stevens	1981	1986
Wally Hogbin	1988	1989?
Neil Wilson	1988	1989?
Frank W. Bunter	1989	2003
John Schoemnaekers	1991	
Dot Trezise	1992	
Jim Trezise	1992	1998
Micheal D. Ireland	1995	2013
Keith Johns	1998	
Leo J. Turley	1999	
Des Sippets	2001	
George Azar	2008	