

# THE OFFICIAL RULES



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### PART A: NAME

1. The name of the Association shall be 'The Royal Pigeon Racing Association' with Headquarters at The Reddings, Near Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

### PART B: DEFINITIONS

2. In these rules the following words and expressions shall have the following respective meanings unless the context requires otherwise:

'the Association' means The Royal Pigeon Racing Association.

'Club' means any club or society all the members of which are individuals or partnerships of individuals and which is affiliated to the Association in accordance with Rule 17.

'Group' means any federation, amalgamation, combine or organisation all the members of which are Clubs or combinations of Clubs and which is affiliated to the Association in accordance with the provisions of Rule 17.

'Council' means the Council of the Association established under these Rules and 'Councillor' means a member of the Council. 'General Manager' means the General Manager of the Association.

'Individual Member' means a member of the

Association who has been admitted to membership by a Local Region Committee pursuant to Rule 15 and who is not a member of a Club.

'Local Region' means a division of the Association consisting of all members of the Association whose registered membership addresses lie within the boundaries of a geographical region specified by the Council pursuant to Rule 9 (a list of the boundaries of the current Local Regions is attached hereto as Appendix B).

'Local Region Committee' means the governing body of a Local Region.

'National or Specialist Club' means any club which does not organise a full race programme annually.

'Occasional member' is a member who takes part in a competition under an Open Race licence.

'Organisation' means any Club or Group.

3. In these Rules, unless the contrary intention appears

(a) words importing the masculine gender include the feminine and words importing the feminine gender include the masculine;

(b) words in the singular include the plural and words in the plural include the singular;

(c) 'United Kingdom' includes R.P.R.A. members in the Republic of Ireland and the British Dependency of Gibraltar;

(d) references to a member's Local Region or Local Region Committee are references to the Local Region within the geographical boundaries of which that member has his registered address or its Committee and references to an Organisation's Local Region or Local Region Committee are references to the Local Region within the geographical boundaries of which that Organisation has its headquarters or its Committee;

(e) headings to Rules are for convenience only and do not affect the interpretation of these Rules; and

(f) any reference to a statute or statutory provision shall be construed as a reference to that provision as it may have been, or may from time to time be, amended, modified or re-enacted.

### PART C: OBJECTS AND POWERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

#### Objects

4. The objects for which the Association is established are:

(a) the provision of an organisation for the benefit of Clubs, Groups and Individual Members established within the United Kingdom;

(b) the regulation of the sport of racing and showing homing pigeons and the control and supply of rings, seals, apparatus and appliances connected with the said sport;

(c) the protection and advancement of the interests of its members in all matters connected with the said sport;

(d) the establishment of a uniform system of

measurement for all flying routes, a uniform running allowance and the securing of **approved systems of timing.**

#### Powers

5a. The Association may promote, manage and hold races, exhibitions or shows of homing pigeons and appliances connected with the sport and may offer and award prizes for competition at such races, exhibitions or shows, and may admit competitors thereto who are members of the Association or other unions recognised by the Association on such terms as it may think proper. The Association may make contributions from the funds of the Association to races, exhibitions or shows, whether managed or held under the direction of members of the Association or of other persons.

5b. All races held by the Association for which accounts are prepared must include any administration costs including labour incurred by the Association in the balance sheet.

6. The Association shall have the power to purchase and to sell any food, grit, rings, badges, timing clocks or other goods or apparatus commonly used in connection with the sport of racing or showing homing pigeons. The Association shall also have the power to print, publish, edit and sell any newspaper, journal, magazine, periodical, book or publication dealing with the sport of racing or showing homing pigeons and matters connected therewith.

7. The income and property of the Association shall be applied solely towards the objects of the Association and no portion thereof shall be paid directly or indirectly by way of profit to the members of the Association, provided that nothing shall prevent the payment in good faith in remuneration to any officials or servants of the members of the Association in return for services actually rendered, or prevent the borrowing of money by the Association at a rate of interest not greater than that currently available at the Bank of England from any member of the Association.

### PART D: MEMBERSHIP

#### Individuals

8. Membership of the Association shall be open to individuals either upon being admitted as a member of a Club or upon being admitted by a Local Region Committee pursuant to Rule 15.

#### Local Regions

9. Within boundaries prescribed by the Council, the Association shall constitute Local Regions. Every Organisation having its headquarters within such boundaries shall be deemed to be affiliated to that Local Region and every member of the Association having

his registered membership address within such boundaries shall be deemed to be a member of that Local Region. The constitution and organisation of any Local Region shall be determined by that Local Region provided that such constitution and organisation is consistent with these Rules, adopts all the provisions of these Rules which are applicable to Local Regions and obliges all members to observe the provisions of these Rules.

**10.** All local administration of the Association within a geographical area prescribed by the Council pursuant to this Rule shall be vested in the Local Region for that area, subject only to appeal to the Council in accordance with the provisions of these Rules.

**11.** Each Local Region shall hold its annual general meeting at least 14 days prior to the last Friday in February in each year.

#### **Local Region Committees**

**12.** Any member appointed to serve on a Local Region Committee must

- be the duly appointed delegate of a Club or Group having its headquarters within such geographical area;
- be a fully paid up member of such a Club or a Club which is a member of such a Group; and
- unless he is the delegate of a National or Specialist Club, have his registered membership address within the geographical area of such Local Region irrespective of whether his loft is within the boundaries of another Local Region.

**13.** Officers or officials of any of Local Region Committees shall be deemed to be agents of the Association in all matters authorised by these Rules or the Rules of such Local Region but shall not have power to pledge the credit of the Association.

#### **Application for Individual Membership**

**14.** Any individual may apply to become a member of the Association by applying to the Local Region Committee for the area in which he resides. Any such application shall be upon a form to be obtained from the Local Region Committee which form shall require the applicant to state whether he has ever been a member of a Club or Organisation concerned with the racing of pigeons and if so to give details of such Club or Organisation. Such application form shall be signed by the applicant and by two members of the Association to whom the applicant is personally known.

**15.** A Local Region Committee shall have the right to refuse to grant membership of the Association to an applicant where it is satisfied that this would be in the best interests of the Association. Unless a Local Region Committee is so satisfied, it shall admit an applicant who has complied with the provisions of Rule 14 to membership of the Association.

#### **Schools. Colleges. Universities etc**

**16.** Any school, college, university or other educational establishment or institution shall be entitled to be recognised as a member of the Association by virtue of the membership of an individual who is a member of the Association and agrees to act as nominee for the school, college, university or other educational establishment or institution.

#### **Application for Affiliation**

**17.** Any Club, Society or Organisation having its Headquarters within the United Kingdom and having as its principal purpose the racing or showing of homing pigeons may apply for affiliation to the Association. Any such application must be:

- Made in writing by 1st February stating the full names and addresses of no less than eight members of the applicant Club.
- Group applications will state the full names and addresses of no less than 3 members of the applicant group.
- Accompanied by a copy of the rules drawn up for the conduct of the applicant Organisation, which shall include all the rules in the Association's Standard Rules for adoption by affiliated Organisations and ensuring that all requirements of Rule 149 are included, and;
- A written statement by the Organisation of the reasons and the justification for its affiliation.
- Made to the Local Region Committee for the geographical area in which the Headquarters of the applicant Organisation is situated.

**18.** If an applicant Organisation has complied with the foregoing provisions of this Rule the Local Region Committee to which application has been made may declare that the applicant Organisation will be provisionally admitted to affiliation to the Association. The Local Region Committee will thereupon cause such provisional admission to be advertised in at least two of the papers devoted solely to the sport of racing and showing homing pigeons circulating nationally within the United Kingdom. Such papers shall be selected by the Local Region Committee which shall be obliged to ensure that the cost is kept as low as reasonably possible, such cost to be borne by the applicant Organisation.

**19.** Any member of the Association, either on his own behalf or on behalf of any Club, Group or Local Region, may object to the admission of an Organisation by submitting an objection in writing to the Secretary of the Local Region Committee within 21 days from the date of publication of the advertisement of provisional admission. Any such objection shall be signed by the objecting member and if it purports to be made on behalf of a Club, Group or Local Region shall be signed by an officer of such Club, Group or Local Region.

**20.** The Secretary of the Local Region Committee receiving any such objection shall give details of such objection to the applicant

Organisation. The applicant Organisation may submit an answer to such objection and any such answer shall be in writing. Neither the applicant Organisation nor the objector shall, without the consent of the Local Region Committee, be entitled to make any verbal representation to the Local Region Committee. Any objections and any answer from an applicant Organisation shall be considered by the Local Region Committee as soon as practicable after the expiry of the 21 day period during which objections are permitted to be made. The Local Region Committee may admit or reject the applicant Organisation. The decision of the Local Region shall be final. If the objection is upheld, the applicant Organisation cannot re-apply for affiliation for a further 12 months to any Region of the Association.

**21.** If no objection to admission of the applicant Organisation is received by the Local Region Committee within 21 days of publication of the said advertisements or the Local Region Committee decides to admit the applicant Organisation to affiliation to the Association, the provisional admission of the applicant Organisation shall become operative and the Secretary of the Local Region Committee shall inform the applicant Organisation of this in writing.

**22.** No applicant Organisation shall be admitted to affiliation to the Association unless

- the rules drawn up for the conduct of such Organisation are consistent with these Rules and oblige all members of the applicant Organisation to comply with these Rules; and
- if the name of the Organisation includes the word 'National' unless membership of the Organisation is open to all members of the Association.

#### **Club officials**

**23.** No officer or official of any Club or Group shall be deemed to be an agent of the Association and the Association shall not be bound by or liable in respect of any act, default or omission of any such officer or official of any Club or Group or by any act, default or omission of any Club or Group.

### **PART E: SUBSCRIPTIONS AND FEES**

#### **Club Fees**

**24.** Each Club shall pay an annual fee of £4.00 to the Local Region in which its headquarters is situated. The Annual fee must be paid before the last day of February. Any Club which fails to pay its annual fee of £4.00 by March 1st, shall in addition to such annual fee, pay a penalty of £10.00.

#### **Group Fees**

**25.** Every Group shall pay an annual fee of £5.00 plus Value Added Tax (at the rate ruling at the date of payment) to the Association and shall send such fee to the General Manager not later than 1st April in each year. Together with payment of such fee, every Group shall

send to the General Manager a list of the Clubs or combinations of Clubs which are members of the Group, the address of its headquarters and the name and address of the Group's President, Secretary and Convoyers (where applicable). Any Group which fails to pay its annual fee by 1st April in any year shall instead pay a fee of £7.00 plus Value Added Tax (at the rate ruling at the date of payment). The Association shall procure that payment of the said registration fee in any year entitles each Group to insurance cover against public liability at liberation sites in England, Scotland and Wales officially approved by the Association to a limit of £5,000,000 per insured event.

26. The General Manager shall send the information concerning each Group delivered to him to the Secretary of that Group's Local Region Committee.

### Members' Subscriptions

27. Each Club (including any National or specialist Club) shall pay to the Secretary of its Local Region Committee:

(a) an annual subscription to the Association of £5.50 (inclusive of value added tax) for each member of the Club except any member who has paid his annual subscription to the Association through another Club;

(b) and an annual subscription to the Club's Local Region of £2.50 for every member of the Club except any member who has paid his annual subscription to the Local Region through another Club.

28. For the purpose of the computation of annual subscriptions, each partner in any partnership of members of the Association admitted to membership of a Club shall be reckoned to be a separate member.

29. Each Club shall pay the said annual subscriptions to the Association and the Club's Local Region prior to 1st March in each year and together with such payment shall send to the Secretary of the Club's Local Region Committee a list showing the names and addresses of all the members of the Club. If an individual becomes a member of Club after 1st March in any year, that Club shall provide to the Secretary of the Club's Local Region Committee the name and address of such individual and shall pay the annual Association subscription and the annual Local Region subscription in respect of such individual unless he has already paid his Local Region subscription through another Club.

30. All National and Specialist Clubs shall have on their annual subscription form a statement to the effect 'I certify that I have paid my RPR subscription to . . . Club.'

31. If any Club shall fail to pay the due annual Association subscription and the due annual Local Region subscription for any member by 1st March in any year, that Club shall pay to the Secretary of its Local Region Committee an additional £0.50 per member in respect of whom either the annual Association

subscription or the annual Local Region subscription has not been paid when such subscription is paid. Such surcharges of £0.50 shall become the property of the Club's Local Region.

32. An individual member shall pay an annual subscription to the Association of £4 (inclusive of value added tax) and an annual subscription to his Local Region of £4 to the secretary of his Local Region Committee not later than 1st March in each year.

33. Payment of an annual subscription to the Association by any member shall entitle him to the privileges and benefits of membership of the Association in accordance with these Rules from 1st March in the year in which the subscription is paid until the last day of the ensuing February. After 1st March in each year, any member of the Association who shall have failed to pay his annual subscription to the Association for that year shall cease to be entitled to any of the privileges or benefits of membership of the Association until he has paid his annual subscription to the Association for that year.

### Membership Records

34. Each Secretary of a Local Region Committee shall issue an Association membership card to each member of the Association in respect of whom the annual Association subscription and the annual Local Region subscription is paid and shall send such card to the Club which made payment of the subscription for the member.

35. Prior to 30th April in each year, the Secretary of each Local Region Committee shall send to the General Manager all annual Association subscriptions received by him, together with a list of the Clubs which have paid their annual affiliation fee to the relevant Local Region, giving the names and addresses of the Secretaries of all such Clubs. Within four weeks after 30th April the General Manager shall notify any Local Region Committee Secretary who has failed to send all annual Association subscriptions to the General Manager by 30th April.

36. Each Local Region shall apply all Local Region subscriptions received by it in accordance with the objects of the Association. If any Local Region secedes from the Association the Local Region shall pay to the General Manager all monies of which the Local Region Committee then stands possessed and shall deliver to the General Manager all documents and things in the ownership, possession or control of the Local Region for the furtherance of the objects of the Association.

### Alterations to Subscriptions

37. Any resolution effecting any alteration in the amount of annual subscriptions to the Association or a Local Region passed by an annual general meeting of the Council shall take effect on 1st January following the date on which the annual general meeting is held.

## PART F: MANAGEMENT

### The Council

38. The ultimate control of the affairs of the Association shall be exercised by the Council in general meeting provided that the Council may in its absolute discretion seek a vote from all members of the Association on any matter or resolution. If the Council determines to put a matter or resolution to the vote of all members of the Association, the Council shall specify the matter or resolution to be put to members and shall provide voting forms to the Secretary of each Local Region Committee but the Local Region Committee shall administer the taking of such vote and shall bear any costs and postage associated therewith. The Council shall determine the date by which any such vote shall be taken and shall specify such date to the Secretary of each Local Region Committee. In the event that a straight majority of members of the Association vote for or against any matter or resolution put to the vote in this manner, the Council shall be obliged to take the necessary actions to give effect to that vote. In all other cases, the Council shall not be obliged to comply with the view expressed by the majority of votes cast on any such matter or resolution but shall take such votes into account in the Council's deliberations.

### Council Officers

39. The officers of the Association shall be a President and three Vice Presidents who shall be elected from delegates representing four different Local Regions at the annual general meeting of the Association and shall hold office for one year. Any officer shall be eligible for re-election provided that no officer shall hold the same office for more than three successive years. The conduct of the nominations for and election of officers shall be regulated by the Council.

### General Manager and Local Region Committee Secretaries

40. The General Manager shall be appointed upon such terms and subject to such conditions as the Council shall consider appropriate. A Councillor shall not be eligible for the office of General Manager while holding office as a Councillor. It shall be the duty of the General Manager to attend all meetings of the Council and to record and keep the minutes thereof. All money paid to the General Manager, either as remuneration or reimbursement of expenses in respect of the business of the Association, shall be included in the accounts of the Association.

41. The Secretary of each Local Region Committee shall be elected at the annual general meeting of the Local Region. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of each Local Region Committee to attend all meetings of the Local Region Committee and to record and keep the minutes thereof. The Secretary of each Local Region Committee shall be paid such salary as the relevant Local Region Committee shall determine. All payments made by a Local Region Committee to its

Secretary, whether as remuneration or as reimbursement of expenses incurred by the Secretary in respect of the business of the Local Region, shall be shown in the accounts for the Local Region.

### **Councillors**

42. Each Local Region with a membership not exceeding 1,500 shall be entitled to appoint one Councillor. Each Local Region with a membership numbering not less than 1,501 and not more than 2,500 shall be entitled to appoint two Councillors and each Local Region with a membership numbering more than 2,500 shall be entitled to appoint three Councillors. Appointments of Councillors shall be made at the Annual General Meeting of each Local Region. Councillors will hold office from the date of the Annual General Meeting at which they are appointed until the conclusion of the next following Annual General Meeting of the Local Region and shall be eligible for re-election.

43. No member shall be eligible to be appointed a Councillor unless he has attended meetings of a Club which is affiliated to the Local Region purporting to appoint him as a Councillor within the year prior to the annual general meeting of the Local Region at which he is appointed.

44. At all Council meetings where a Councillor cannot be present, his/her place may be taken by a reserve delegate at all Committee meetings and each reserve delegate be given full powers.

45. No person who is currently, or has been previously, fully employed by the Association shall be eligible for appointment as a Councillor. This shall also apply to persons financially interested in or representing any trade concern or business involved with appliances, apparatus, foodstuffs, periodicals, newspapers or any other item relating to the sport of racing or showing homing pigeons. Secretaries of Local Region Committees & Secretaries of clubs are eligible for appointment as Councillors notwithstanding that they are or may be paid to perform their respective offices.

In the event of any doubt being raised as to the eligibility of any member for appointment as a Councillor the Council will determine whether or not the member is eligible.

46. At the first general meeting of the Council to be held following an annual general meeting of a Local Region each Councillor appointed by the Local Region must be prepared to produce to the President of the Association confirmation signed by the Secretary or President of the Local Region Committee that he was duly elected as a Councillor at the annual general meeting of the Local Region together with confirmation signed by the Secretary or President of a Club which nominated him as a representative to the Local Region Committee that he was so nominated and that he has attended meetings of the Club in the year prior to the annual general meeting of the Local Region.

### **Council Meetings**

47. Subject as set out in these Rules, the Council shall determine the dates upon which general meetings of the Council shall be held and shall regulate its own proceedings.

48. Any Local Region Committee acting through its Secretary or a Councillor appointed by that Local Region may request the President to include any matter in the general business specified in any such notice but no such matter shall be so specified unless the General Manager has received such a request more than 21 days before the date upon which the meeting is due to be held in the case of any general meeting other than the annual general meeting and 42 days before the date on which the meeting is due to be held in the case of the annual general meeting (excluding in each case the date of the meeting and the date on which the request is received by the General Manager).

49. An annual general meeting of the Council shall be held on the last Friday in February each year and other general meetings shall be held as often as may be required.

50. Not less than twenty eight days notice in the case of each Annual General Meeting and not less than 14 days notice in the case of any other general meeting (excluding the date of the meeting and the date on which the notice is posted) specifying the place, date and time at which the meeting is to be held and the business proposed to be dealt with at the meeting shall be sent by post to all Councillors and Reserve Delegates to Council and shall be made available to all newspapers published in the United Kingdom specialising in the sport of racing or showing homing pigeons, provided that in the case of general meetings other than the Annual General Meeting the notice made available to newspapers shall not specify the business proposed to be dealt with at the meeting.

### **Special Meetings**

51. The President of the Association may at any time convene a special meeting of the Council and the President shall convene a special meeting within 21 days after receiving a written request for a special meeting signed by no fewer than seven Councillors. A special meeting shall be convened with such period of notice and by such means as the President of the Association shall determine. No advertising of a special meeting shall be required. Only business of a non-routine or urgent nature shall be dealt with at a special meeting of the Council but the decision of the President and Vice-Presidents as to whether any matter is non-routine or urgent shall be final.

### **Committees of the Council**

52. The Council may form such Committees of Councillors as the Council may from time to time determine. The Council shall be empowered to delegate its authority to any such Committee either wholly or partly and

whether or not subject to any conditions. The composition of any such Committee shall be a matter for the Council save that the Management Committee of the British Homing World shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting of the Council and shall consist of the President, three Vice-Presidents, plus one councillor from each of the remaining Local Regions not already represented, plus the Editor for the time being of the British Homing World and the General Manager.

### **Proceedings at Meetings**

53. No business shall be transacted at any general meeting or special meeting of the Council unless a quorum consisting of a majority of all Councillors and including Councillors appointed by not less than five Local Regions is present.

54. Each Councillor shall have one vote. In the case of an equality of votes, the Chairman of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote. Voting shall be by show of hands unless any Councillor demands a secret ballot either before or on the declaration of the result of a show of hands. Voting by proxy shall not be permitted. The declaration by the Chairman of a general meeting or special meeting that a resolution has or has not been passed, whether on a show of hands or on the result of a secret ballot, shall be final.

55. The President, or in his absence one of the Vice-Presidents, shall preside as Chairman of any general meeting or special meeting of the Council or of any committee meeting. In the absence of the President and Vice-Presidents, the Councillors present shall elect one of their number to act as Chairman.

56. No resolution shall be passed at any general meeting of the Council unless the general nature of the business has been mentioned in the notice convening the meeting. The Chairman of any general meeting of the Council shall have authority to permit any matter to be raised and discussed at the meeting notwithstanding that it may not have been mentioned in the notice convening the meeting and the Chairman's determination as to whether any proposed resolution or matter falls within the ambit of business mentioned in the notice convening a meeting shall be final.

### **Minutes of the Council**

57. The Council shall cause minutes of all resolutions and proceedings of the Council to be entered in books maintained for the purpose and in particular shall cause to be entered in such minutes:

- (a) the names of the Councillors present at any meeting of the Council;
- (b) the wording of all resolutions or decisions of any general meeting or special meeting of the Council;
- (c) details of all appointments of officers of the Association.

**58.** The minutes of any Council meeting shall be considered by the next ensuing general meeting or special meeting and if agreed by that meeting to be a true record shall be signed by the Chairman of that meeting and the General Manager.

#### **Councillors' Expenses**

**59.** The Association shall pay or reimburse Councillors for the cost of second class return railway fares and bed and breakfast hotel bills incurred by Councillors in attending meetings of the Council or any Committee of the Council together with the following sums by way of expenses:

- a) when necessary for a Councillor to arrive for a Thursday evening meeting - £20
- b) when necessary for a Councillor to arrive on a Thursday night - £10
- c) in respect of any Saturday - £20 irrespective of what time the meeting finished
- d) in respect of any other day - £40

**60. (a)** The President of the Association shall be paid an allowance for personal expenses of £1,000 per annum.

**(b)** Members of Council or salaried staff nominated to represent the Association at any function or meeting shall be paid his/her travelling and accommodation - such costs to be kept to a minimum. Any person accompanying a nominated representative does so at his/her expense.

**61.** The Association shall procure that such insurance cover as the Council considers appropriate from time to time against the risks of loss of life, personal injury and loss or damage to personal property shall be taken out and maintained by the Association in favour of Councillors in respect of their attendances at meetings of the Council or any Committee of the Council.

### **PART G: FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS**

#### **Income of the Association**

**62.** The income and property of the Association shall be applied solely towards the objects of the Association and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of profit to the members of the Association, provided that nothing shall prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration to any officials or employees of the Association or to any members of the Association in consideration for services rendered by such members.

#### **Bank Accounts**

**63.** The banking accounts of the Association shall be kept at such banks or building societies as the Council shall appoint in the name of the Association and all money belonging to the Association shall be paid into such an account. Cheques on any such account shall be signed by such persons as the Council may prescribe.

#### **Accounts**

**64.** The Council shall cause true accounts to be kept of the sums of money received and expended by the Association.

**65.** The accounts shall be kept at the office of the Association or such other place as the Council may determine. The Council shall determine to what extent the accounts of the Association or any of them shall be open to inspection by members and the members shall have only such rights of inspection as are given to them by the Council.

#### **Auditors**

**66(a)** Every year the accounts of the association shall be examined by qualified auditors, such auditors shall be appointed at the Association A.G.M.

**66(b) Local Regions shall appoint auditors at each A.G.M.**

#### **Annual Audited Accounts**

**67.** Not less than 28 days before the date upon which the Council's annual general meeting is due to be held the Council shall publish an audited income and expenditure account and balance sheet for the Association. The balance sheet shall be taken as at such date as the Council shall determine. The income and expenditure account shall be in respect of the period commencing with the date upon which the most recent audited published income and expenditure account of the Association ended and ending with the date upon which the balance sheet is taken. A copy of such audited income and expenditure account and balance sheet shall be sent to each Councillor and to the Secretary of each Local Region Committee.

**68.** The Council shall procure that prior to publication the income and expenditure account and balance sheet of the Association shall have been audited by the Association's auditors and that attached to the said accounts upon publication shall be a certificate from the Association's auditors stating whether in their opinion the accounts exhibit a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Association. For the purpose of enabling the Association's auditors to conduct their audit the Council shall procure that the auditors shall have access to the books of the Association and that the officers or employees of the Association give to the Association's auditors such information or explanations as they may seek in the performance of their duties.

**69.** The Secretary of every Local Region Committee shall forward a copy of the audited income and expenditure account and balance sheet of that Local Region to the General Manager and such accounts may be published by the Council.

All Region Balance Sheets shall be issued to all affiliated Organisations & Region Committee Members at least seven days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting.

### **PART H: DISCIPLINE AND DISPUTES**

#### **Disciplinary Proceedings**

**70. (a)** If any member of the Association shall be guilty of any dishonourable conduct or of conduct which renders him unfit to be a member of any Organisation or the Association or wilfully breaks the Rules of any Organisation or these Rules or refuses to comply with any decision of an Organisation or the Association upon any matters affecting the sport of racing or showing homing pigeons, he may be excluded from membership of that Organisation or expelled or suspended from the Association by the Organisation, any such suspension to be of such duration as the Organisation shall determine. The procedure to be adopted by any Organisation in any matter which may lead to the exclusion, expulsion or suspension of a member shall be that specified in the Association's Standard Rules for adoption by all affiliated Organisations under the heading 'Grievances and Disciplinary Matters'.

**(b)** It shall be the right of any affiliated Organisation to exclude, suspend or expel any person who is a member of a Club which is a member of the affiliated Organisation, under the provision of this Rule.

**71.** Disputes, complaints and grievances between members on matters connected with the sport or between members and an Organisation to which they may belong including appeals, against any decision of such Organisation, shall be heard and determined as laid down by these rules by the Local Region within whose limits the person or Organisation involved in the dispute resides or is established.

Any Local Region may expel or suspend a member from the Association in any of the circumstances specified in the immediately preceding Rule whether or not any Organisation of which the member in question is a member takes any action against him. The procedure to be adopted by a local Region in any matter which may lead to the expulsion or suspension of a member shall be the same as that which an Organisation is obliged to adopt.

**72.** If an Organisation shall be guilty of conduct which renders it unfit to be affiliated to the Association the Local Region to which it is affiliated may expel or suspend that Organisation for such period as the Local Region Committee may determine.

**73.** An Organisation shall notify its Local Region Committee of the exclusion, expulsion or suspension of a member as soon as possible after a decision to that effect has been taken and such exclusion, expulsion or suspension shall take effect immediately, unless an appeal is lodged with the Local Region Committee in accordance with Rule 82, in which event such exclusion, expulsion or suspension shall be stayed pending the outcome of the appeal. In the event that no such appeal is lodged, the Local Region Committee shall confirm the decision of the Organisation unless the Local Region Committee considers that the decision of the



Organisation was not made in accordance with these Rules or the rules of the Organisation. The award of any prizes, pools, nominations, specials, etc won after the date of the decision by an Organisation to exclude, expel or suspend a member shall follow the ultimate result of any appeal by the member against exclusion, expulsion or suspension. The Secretary of each Local Region Committee shall notify the General Manager of the name and address of each member suspended or expelled by the Local Region or whose suspension or expulsion is confirmed by the Local Region Committee.

**74.** Notice of the expulsion or suspension of any Organisation by a Local Region shall be communicated to the General Manager by the Secretary of the Local Region Committee as soon as possible after the decision to that effect. The General Manager shall notify such expulsion or suspension to the Secretaries of all other Local Region Committees who shall in turn notify Secretaries of all Organisations to which members of such expelled or suspended Organisation paid subscriptions.

#### **Effect of Expulsion or Suspension from the Association**

**75.** During the period of expulsion or suspension any member expelled or suspended shall cease to be a member of the Association and shall not be permitted to attend any meeting held under the Rules of the Association except that he may be invited to attend a Local Region or Council meeting when applying to have a suspension lifted but for that item on the agenda only. No address, loft or ring belonging to or registered in the name of an expelled or suspended member shall be recognised by the Association during the period of expulsion or suspension. It shall, however, be within the right of any member other than an expelled or suspended member at any time to apply for the 'freeing' of any such ineligible address, loft or ring and the Local Region Committee may grant such a request. The decision of the Local Region Committee shall be final.

**76.** Upon the expulsion or suspension of any Organisation all its members shall cease to be members of the Association. A member of any suspended Organisation may apply to a Local Region Committee to continue to be a member of the Association by membership of another Organisation or by becoming an Individual Member. Such application shall be by letter addressed to the Secretary of the Local Region Committee. The decision of the Local Region Committee on any such application may be given without holding any formal enquiry or hearing any evidence and shall be final.

**77.** Expulsion from the Association is for life.

**78.** The General Manager shall keep a register of all suspended and expelled members whose names and addresses are notified to him by the Secretaries of the Local Region Committees.

**79.** The termination of any suspension of a member from the association shall free all rings which in consequence of such suspension have not been recognised by the Association but shall not entitle the suspended member to be re-instated as a member of any organisation unless such Organisation shall otherwise decide upon application being made in accordance with the Rule in the Association's Standard Rules for adoption by all affiliated organisations under the heading 'Membership'.

**80.** Any member wishing to apply for the lifting of suspension imposed upon him or confirmed by a Local Region may apply to that Local Region. Any application shall be in writing and shall be accompanied by a fee of £5. The decision of the Local Region upon any such application shall be final.

**81.** Any members wishing to apply for the lifting of their suspension imposed by Council must make an application in writing to Council.

#### **Disputes and Appeals to Local Regions**

**82.** Any member

(a) excluded from membership of an Organisation or expelled or suspended from membership of the Association by an Organisation, or

(b) aggrieved by a decision of an Organisation made at a meeting held in accordance with the procedure set out in the Association's Standard Rules for adoption by all affiliated Organisations under the heading 'Grievances and Disciplinary Matters' or

(c) having a dispute with an Organisation shall have the right to appeal to the Local Region to which that Organisation is affiliated. The following provisions shall apply to any such appeal

(1) Any such appeal shall be made by notice in writing delivered to the Secretary of the Local Region committee within 21 days of the date of the decision of the Organisation to exclude, expel or suspend such member or within 21 days of the date of the meeting of the Organisation at which the decision was made to which the grievance relates or within 21 days of the member's dispute with the Organisation arising shall state the member's grounds of appeal. The notice shall be accompanied by a payment of a fee of £20 which shall be returned to the appellant if his appeal is successful.

(2) Upon receipt of any notice of appeal the Secretary of the Local Region Committee shall inform the relevant Organisation of the appeal and the grounds of appeal and request any written evidence which it may wish to submit. If the appeal is against or concerning a decision made at a meeting of the Organisation the Secretary of the Local Region Committee shall request a copy of the notice concerning that meeting sent to the appellant. The Secretary of the Local Region Committee shall give not less than 10 days notice of the date and place appointed for the hearing of the appeal to the appellant, the relevant Organisation and all members of the Local Region Committee. Any such notice

shall be sent to the parties concerned by recorded delivery post and shall be accompanied by particulars of the appeal.

(3) At the hearing of the appeal by the Local Region Committee, the appellant and the relevant Organisation shall be entitled to attend, be represented, give evidence and receive and consider written statements or explanations furnished by the other party.

(4) Witnesses will not be allowed into the hearing until they are called individually to give their evidence and answer questions. They will not be allowed to leave the room until all the witnesses have been examined.

(5) The appellant and the relevant organisation may call witnesses on his or its behalf and/or make a verbal statement to the Local Region Committee.

(6) Subject as laid down in these Rules the Chairman of the Local Region committee shall have discretion as to the conduct of any hearing and the procedure to be followed at it.

(7) No member of a Local Region Committee shall attend any hearing by the Local Region Committee of any appeal affecting an Organisation of which he is a member unless he represents such Organisation at the appeal.

(8) The decision of the Local Region Committee shall be made as soon as practicable following the hearing, shall take effect from the date on which it is made and shall be communicated to the parties to the appeal and to the General Manager forthwith.

(9) The Local Region Committee may rescind, vary, modify or confirm the decision of an Organisation except that the Local Region Committee may not vary a suspension to an expulsion. The Local Region Committee may order that any meeting of the Organisation be re-held if not satisfied that the rules of the Organisation have been fully and properly complied with.

#### **Appeals to the Council**

**83.** Any organisation a decision of which has been rescinded, modified or varied by a Local Region Committee and any member of the Association on whom or on whose interests a decision of the Local Region Committee has a direct, material and adverse effect may, unless the decision of the Local Region Committee is expressed by these Rules to be final, appeal to Council for a re-hearing of the matter in question. The following provisions shall apply to any such appeal.

(1) The appellant shall give notice in writing to the General Manager within 21 days after the relevant decision of the Local Region Committee stating the grounds of appeal. The notice shall be accompanied by payment of a fee of £30 (together with value added tax at the applicable rate) which shall be returned to the appellant in the event that the appeal is successful.

(2) Upon receipt of any such notice the General Manager shall forward a copy to the Secretary of the Local Region Committee in question who shall, within 21 days after receipt of such copy notice forward to the General Manager copies of the written evidence considered by the Local Region Committee together with the grounds upon which the Committee's decision was made.

(3) The General Manager may, after consultation with the President and Vice-Presidents and with their advice set out in detail, refer any appeal back to its source if (a) it is found to have been incorrectly submitted, (b) it is out of time, or (c) the terms of interpretation set out in the Rules of the Association have not been observed.

(4) The General Manager shall give not less than 10 days notice of the date and place appointed for the hearing of the appeal to every party to the appeal and to each member of the Council. With such notice the General Manager shall send a copy of the written evidence and grounds upon which the decision of the Local Region Committee was made which he has received from the Secretary of the Local Region Committee.

(5) At the hearing of the appeal by the Council all parties to the appeal may attend or be represented and may give evidence provided that no evidence shall be given which was not given at the relevant hearing before the Local Region Committee unless the Council consents to such evidence being given and notice of intention to tender such fresh evidence, accompanied by full particulars, shall have been served upon the General Manager and the other party or parties to the appeal at least 7 days prior to the hearing.

(6) At the hearing of the appeal by the Council it will be permissible for a representative from the Local Region Committee to be available for corroboration of the evidence heard before the Local Region Committee.

(7) No Councillor shall be present at the hearing of an appeal from the decision of a Local Region Committee of a Local Region of which he is a delegate unless he represents the appellant or another party to the appeal or is present only for the purpose of corroborating evidence heard before the Local Region Committee.

(8) The Council may rescind, vary, modify or confirm the decision of the Local Region Committee and the decision of the Council shall be final. See Appendix 'H'.

## **PART I: LEGAL MATTERS**

### **Legal Advice**

**84.** No individual, organisation, Region, or the Council shall be held liable for expenses incurred by any party or parties to an objection or an appeal held under R.P.R.A. rules

**85.** The Association shall have power so far as the law allows to provide or assist in providing legal advice and assistance to its members in respect of all questions arising out of or connected with the sport of racing or showing homing pigeons or any matter which in the judgement of the Council directly or indirectly affects the interests of the Association.

Any application by a member or an Organisation for legal advice or assistance shall be made in writing to the Local Region to which such member belongs or such Organisation is affiliated accompanied by a written statement of the facts of the case and

any relevant evidence. Upon receipt of such application the Local Region Committee may take such steps as it deems expedient. No Local Region Committee shall incur any greater expenses than £50 in any one case without the authority of the Council. Legal charges and rewards to informants not exceeding £50 in any one case shall be paid out of Local Region funds.

**86.** When in the opinion of the Association's Solicitor a case warrants pursuing by the Association, the President may authorise a Local Region Committee to proceed notwithstanding the fact that the limit of £50 may be exceeded and such action shall be put to the next general meeting of the Council for confirmation. The Council and each Local Region Committee shall have the power to initiate legal proceedings or to take such steps as it considers expedient to procure or assist in procuring the punishment of offences which in the opinion of the Council or the Local Region Committee affect the interests of the Association or its members and may offer and pay rewards for information concerning such matters.

### **Shooting etc**

**87.** The reward offered for information leading to conviction for shooting, trapping or stealing any pigeon or pigeons the property of any member or members of the Association shall be £50. If any member of the Association knowingly withholds evidence or otherwise fails to support action taken in connection with the commission of any offence concerning the shooting, trapping or unlawful dealing in racing pigeons, he shall be guilty of dishonourable conduct.

## **PART J: RESTRICTIONS**

**88.** No member of the Association shall be a member of a homing union not recognised by the Association. A list of recognised unions and associations within the United Kingdom is set out in Appendix A to these Rules. The Association will recognise rings issued by these other unions on production of proof of ownership from the issuing unions.

**89.** No member of the Association shall be permitted to participate in any race organised by a person who is neither a member of the Association nor of a union or association recognised by the Association.

**90.** Failure to comply with either of the two preceding Rules will result in disciplinary proceedings being brought against the member.

**91.** No person shall be permitted to compete in any open race or at any show or exhibition held under the Rules of the Association unless he is a member of the Association or other union or association recognised by the Association.

**92.** No member of a union or Organisation which is not recognised by the Association shall be permitted to compete or take any part

in any race, show or exhibition held under the Rules of the Association. Failure to comply with this Rule may result in the said races, shows or exhibitions, or individual placings therein, being declared void, or in individuals being disqualified.

## **PART K: OWNERSHIP OF PIGEONS**

### **Rings**

**93.** In all races it shall be deemed to be the ring and not the bird which is entered.

**94. (a)** All birds entered in races must be the property of the person in whose name they are entered, and the ring(s) they carry must be registered as such in the records of the appropriate recognised Association/ Union. In the case of partners, the ring(s) shall be registered in their joint names.

**94. (b)** No unrun bird shall be flown in any race or exhibited in any show held by or under the Rules of the Association. An unrun bird is one which does not carry a complete and unaltered ring issued by the Association or another union recognised by the Association.

**95.** Members wishing to race or show pigeons bearing foreign rings must have them registered at the Headquarters of the Association. Proof of ownership must be sent to Headquarters with the application for registration, together with a stamped addressed envelope and a fee as advertised in the price list.

**96.** All birds must carry at least one intact unaltered Association ring or a ring issued by a union recognised by the Association or a foreign ring when the owner can produce proof of ownership. Should a bird carry more than one ring, both rings must be registered to one loft number and must be from the country of origin.

### **Ring Sales**

**97.** The Council has the authority to designate the size, shape, composition, type and quality of ring which shall be issued by the Association. Such rings shall be available for purchase by members and Organisations from the Association. Rings issued with the serial letters 'SR' are only eligible for showing.

**98.** Association rings will only be issued by the General Manager to members upon production of a current year's membership card and to Organisations upon production of the receipt for the previous year's annual affiliation fee paid to the Local Region or, in the case of a Group, to the General Manager. Any newly formed Organisation must furnish to the General Manager proof of acceptance by the relevant Local Region Committee.

**99.** All Secretaries of Organisations must, on or before the first day of April in each year, forward to the General Manager a complete list of all rings sold, together with the names and addresses of the purchasers. On the first day of each succeeding month thereafter each Secretary of an Organisation must forward to

the General Manager a list of all rings sold during the preceding month, giving the names and addresses of all purchasers. The ring list sent to the Association shall be franked by the Association and returned to the Secretary of the Organisation. The General Manager shall notify any Secretary of an Organisation who has not sent lists of rings sold by 1st May in any year that such lists are overdue and should be sent immediately.

**100.** All clubs and organisations must nominate a ring secretary to be included in the ring distribution list. This ring secretary is responsible for the reporting of strays unless special dispensation has been granted by the Council of the Association. Before 1st June in each year the General Manager shall draw up a list of rings issued to Clubs/Organisations prior to 31st March in that year. The list shall include the name and address and, where possible, telephone number of each club/organisation's ring secretary and shall be made available for publication in two of the newspapers devoted to the racing and showing of homing pigeons circulating nationally in the United Kingdom.

**101.** At the end of the year in which rings become ten years old, the General Manager shall be empowered to destroy the original ring ownership records. Before 30th June of the year in which a pigeon in his possession becomes ten years old, the owner of such a bird may re-register the ring with the General Manager on a card provided by the Association for the purpose. Rings not so re-registered are not eligible for competition.

### Transfer of Rings

**102.** On change of ownership of any bird carrying a ring issued by the Association, the former owner shall forthwith sign and deliver to the new owner a transfer form, supplies of which may be obtained (incurring postal charges only) from the General Manager. Such transfer form must be sent to the General Manager for registration in Association records within 14 days after the change of ownership. The Association will send notification of such transfer within 14 days after a receipt of a duly completed transfer form enclosing a replacement transfer form to each party. There is a charge for the process of transfers, which includes postage. This cost can be found in the current price list.

**103.** No competitor in any race, show or exhibition shall be entitled to win a prize unless the ring carried by the bird was issued to the owner, or had been transferred to and registered in the name of the owner in accordance with the provisions of the preceding rule for a period of 14 days prior to the date of the race, show or exhibition. Proof of ownership of winning birds must be given to the organisers or promoters before prize money is handed over.

**104.** When a member changes his postal address he shall re-register with the Association all rings registered in his name at the fee of £3.50 (inclusive of value added tax).

### Partnerships

**105.** Rings on pigeons which become the subject of a partnership between members of the Association at an address at which one of the partners is already registered shall be registered in the name of the partnership upon payment of a fee of £3.50 (inclusive of value added tax), provided that the registered owner of the rings is a partner in such partnership.

**106.** In the event of dissolution or termination of a partnership, alterations of the registered owner's name will be made upon payment of a fee of £3.50 (inclusive of value added tax) provided that the succeeding owner is resident at the registered address of the former partnership. Proof of dissolution or termination of a partnership shall be furnished to the General Manager and all of the partners in the ex-partnership must sign the Association's standard form. Should it not be possible to obtain the signatures of all the former partners for any reason, a covering letter explaining the circumstances must be forwarded to the Secretary of the relevant Local Region Committee who, after investigation, may give permission for the partnership to be dissolved. All rings on pigeons removed from or to an address other than that at which the owner of such rings is registered must be transferred by means of submission of the standard single ring transfer form.

**107.** Unless otherwise stated on the Association's partnership form, a partnership will be considered as a partnership of equal shares and upon its dissolution, or upon the death of one of the partners, the birds and the associated effects shall be divided between the remaining partner or partners and the personal representatives of the deceased partner in accordance with the initial agreement.

### Verifications

**108.** The Secretary of any Organisation may obtain verification of the ownership of any Association ring on a bird upon paying to the General Manager a fee of 10p per ring (inclusive of value added tax).

### Stray Birds

**109.** If the General Manager receives notification of a found or stray pigeon he may communicate to the finder the name and address of the owner and to the owner the name and address of the finder.

**110.** On receipt of notification of a stray bird from a non-fancier, and having established that the bird is a stray, the General Manager will notify the owner by first class post and pass the name and telephone number to the non-fancier. The owner will be advised that if he/she has not made contact with the finder and arranged collection of the pigeon within 48 hours (2 working days) the finder will be asked to contact the General Manager who will arrange collection of the pigeon for delivery to him at headquarters. In this instance, disciplinary action may be taken

against the owner. On delivery of the pigeon to headquarters the owner will have 14 days in which to arrange collection of the bird. The cost of carriage to headquarters and onward to the owner will be charged to the owner. If the fancier fails to pay these costs within 14 days from the date of invoice from headquarters, disciplinary action will be taken in accordance with Rule 112.

If a pigeon has to be collected from a non-fancier by a local fancier under extenuating circumstances, then the conditions of Rule 110 still apply in that the owner has 48 hours to collect his pigeon from the new finder.

**111.** If the finder is a member of the Association or of a homing union recognised by the Association, it shall be compulsory for the owner to communicate with the finder within 14 days of being notified by the General Manager, with instructions either to return the pigeon or for the pigeon to be transferred to the finder. If the pigeon is returned, the owner shall pay to the finder such amount as may be agreed between them or, failing agreement, the sum prescribed by the Council for this purpose from time to time if the bird is delivered by independent carrier by road or such higher expenses as are incurred by the finder in delivering the bird to the owner. In the event of the finder not wishing to have the bird transferred to him, he shall state so at the time of reporting the finding of the bird to the General Manager.

**112.** If the General Manager is informed that the owner has failed to claim a pigeon or has failed to communicate with a fancier finder within 14 days of being notified by the General Manager, the General Manager shall notify the secretary of the owner's Local Region Committee. If the member has not informed the Local Region Committee that the matter has been resolved within 7 days after such notification by the General Manager, the President and Secretary of the Local Region Committee may suspend such member from membership of the Association. Such suspension shall be effective until the next meeting of the Local Region Committee and shall be subject to confirmation at that meeting.

**113.** Any notice to be given by the General Manager in connection with stray birds shall be sufficiently given if sent by pre-paid first class post in the case of non-fanciers, or second class post in the case of fanciers, addressed to the addressee at his last known address. The periods of 48 hours and 14 days specified for such notices given in connection with stray birds shall run from the date upon which such notification was posted.

**114.** Where a stray pigeon is reported direct to an owner by the finder, the provisions of the above Rules shall apply as if the finder had notified the General Manager.

**115.** If, after investigation by the Local Region, it is not possible to trace the present whereabouts of the owner of a stray pigeon, the ring on that pigeon shall be transferred to the finder.

**116.** If a finder is employed as, or carries out the business of, a pest controller, the owner shall have the right to request the finder to dispose of the bird or birds in the same manner as he deals with feral pigeons which come into his possession.

**Offences**

**117.** A member shall be suspended from membership of the Association if after investigation by the Committee of the Local Region of which he is a member he is found to have in his possession without just cause any bird which is not his property.

**118.** A member may be suspended from membership of the Association if he shows, trains or races a bird of which he is not the registered owner either in the records of the Association or those of a homing union recognised by the Association.

**119.** If a member is suspended for failing to communicate with a finder of a stray pigeon, the ring on the stray pigeon shall be transferred to the finder notwithstanding any other action of a disciplinary nature which may be taken against the owner.

**PART L: ADMINISTRATION OF RACING**

**Records**

**120.** Each Club shall keep a record for a minimum of two years showing the full ring number, colour, sex and owner's name of every pigeon sent in races organised by the Club, whether competing or not.

**Wing stamping/personal ring**

**121.** During the racing season, each member must ensure that every pigeon raced or trained by him is either wing stamped on at least three flights or carrying a ring, in either case clearly showing the name and address of the owner or the telephone number of a person or Organisation to whom the pigeon should be reported if it becomes a stray. Any pigeon not so rung or wing stamped will not be accepted for racing under any circumstances whatsoever and Marking Committees must ensure that this is strictly adhered to. Any case of non-compliance may, after investigation by the Local Region Committee, entail the suspension of the relevant member.

**Flown Distances**

**122.** The word 'flown' when used in the context of a bird having flown a stated distance, shall be taken to mean that such bird has flown the distance stated as a competing bird in a race promoted by an Organisation or by another recognised union. Duplication Clubs may not issue flown certificates.

**Award Cards**

**123.** Should award cards be given for positions in either racing or showing, the full ring numbers of the winning birds shall be distinctly written or printed in indelible ink

and the cards shall be signed by an officer of the Organisation issuing the cards.

**Officials. Convoyers. Liberators**

**124.** Officials of any Organisation, including convoyers, assistant convoyers, official liberators, clock setters, the General Manager and Secretaries of Local Region Committees must be Members of the Association. All convoyers, assistant convoyers and official liberators must be licensed by the Association, such licence to be obtained from the Secretary of the Committee of the Local Region of which the applicant is a member. Licences shall apply from the 1st January to 31st December inclusive and the fee for a licence shall be £5.00 of which £2.00 will be retained by the Local Region and £3.00 (inclusive of V.A.T.) shall be forwarded to the General Manager. A Local Region Committee shall be entitled to refuse to grant any such licence where it is satisfied that this would be in the best interests of the association and its members. The decision of the Local Region Committee shall be final.

**125a.** In all races, before the pigeons are loaded onto the transporter, all baskets must be sealed by an R.P.R.A. approved seal. Once the pigeons are loaded onto the transporter they must be accompanied by a licensed convoyer, assistant convoyer or licensed liberator at all times until they are liberated. ALL matters relating to timing must be dealt with by a member or members of the Association.

**125b.** When transporting competing racing pigeons from clubs to the transporter (feeder transport) the birds must be accompanied at all times by at least two members of the Association who may not be the subjects of the same partnership.

**126.** A code of conduct for licensed convoyers and official liberators is set out in Appendix C hereto and must be fully complied with. The Council may make such alterations or additions to the code of conduct as it thinks fit from time to time. Failure to comply with the code of conduct will result in the withdrawal of a licence from the relevant official.

**127.** a) Any member or Organisation arranging for the conveying of racing pigeons shall, where the number of birds carried exceeds 500, ensure that the vehicle used is adequately fitted with equipment for the controlling of fires.

b) The number of pigeons placed in the basket or container must be restricted relevant to the distance and time spent in them. The following figures must be strictly adhered to. Failure to do so may entail suspension of the individuals or organisation responsible. The nights in the basket to be from the day of marking to the projected day of liberation.

Time	Minimum floor area per pigeon
<b>0 or 1 night</b>	44 sq. ins.
<b>2 nights</b>	52 sq. ins.

**over 2 nights** 60 sq. ins.  
*See Appendix F*

**Flying Routes**

**128.** Any Organisations carrying out pigeon racing must apply to the Committee of the Local Region to which it is affiliated nominating the route which it wishes to fly. Should any existing Organisation wish to change its specified route, such alteration can only be made with the consent of the Committee of the Local Region to which that Organisation is affiliated. The decision of the Local Region Committee shall be final.

**Race Programmes**

**129.** All federations, combines, amalgamations and national Specialist Clubs and any club racing independently, shall prior to 1st March in each year deliver to the General Manager their race programmes for the year, including race dates, approximate liberation times and the telephone number of the controller of each race. Failure to do so shall result in a surcharge of £10. The General Manager shall draw up a list of all such race programmes and shall before 1st April in each year make the list available for publication in two newspapers devoted to the racing or showing of homing pigeons circulating nationally in the United Kingdom and have such list available for distribution to any of the said conveying organisations on request.

**130.** Organisations shall not impose any minimum or maximum on the number of races in which their flying members may compete.

**Open Races**

**131.** An open race is one which is open to members of more than one club and individual members. No open race shall be held unless it has been licensed by the Committee of the Local Region to which the Organisation arranging the race is affiliated. Application forms must be obtained from RPR A Headquarters or from the Local Region Secretary.

**132.** Any Organisation wishing to hold an Open Race and organisers of One Loft Races must apply for a licence to the Secretary of that Organisation's Local Region Committee or the organiser's Local Region Committee, as applicable, on an application form approved by the Council and sent to the Secretary of the Local Region Committee so as to be received by him not less than 21 days before the date of the proposed race. With such application the Organisation shall send a copy of the rules to be adopted for the proposed race and a fee of £5 which shall be retained by the Local Region. The Local Region Committee shall be entitled to refuse to grant a licence for an open race if it is satisfied that this would be in the best interests of the Association and its members. The Local Region Committee shall refuse to grant a licence for an open race unless the Organisation arranging the race undertakes to

ensure that the rules of the race are implemented.

**133.** The following rules apply to all open races:

(1) The rules relating to racing set out in the Association's Standard Rules for adoption by all affiliated Organisations shall apply.

(2) The licence number for the open race issued by the Secretary of the Local Region Committee shall appear on all notices in any journal or newspaper advertising the race, on all result sheets and on any other form of advertising at the premises of the Organisation arranging the race.

(3) In any advertisement of an open race the Organisation arranging the race must state the code number for the liberation site for the race and if there is provision for the use of ETS.

(4) In all open races where special prizes and/or pools are offered for competition, the full conditions governing the race must be published at any time when the offer of such special prizes and/or pools is made.

(5) A certificate of the time of setting and checking a competitor's clock together with the readings of the clock shall be given to him on demand free of cost, except for postage where incurred.

(6) A copy of the income and expenditure account in connection with the race must be sent to the secretary of the Local Region Committee which granted a licence for the race at the time of publication of the provisional result of the race.

(7) The Organisation arranging the race must publish on the result sheet the flying distance of all competitors who win a prize.

(8) The provisional result of the race must be published within one month from the date on which the race was flown and the prize money, special prizes and pools must be paid to the winners within three months from the date on which the race was flown except that in the event of an appeal to the Local Region or the Council on any dispute concerning the race, the Local Region or the Council shall have the power to extend such period to enable the appeal to be dealt with.

(9) No prize shall be paid until the winner has furnished to the Organisation arranging the race a certificate that he is a member of the Association or other union recognised by the Association.

(10) Failure by the Organisation arranging the race to comply with any of the rules relating to an open race will result in the Local Region Committee cancelling the Licence for the race.

(11) Any organisation which organises a race/s where members send their birds for competition to one single loft location to be trained together, and where entry fee per bird is submitted as part of the conditions of racing shall, at the close of entry date, submit to the Local Region/RPRA Headquarters the total prize money to be flown for. The Organiser of the race shall supply a complete race result to the Local Region/RPRA Headquarters, together with stamped addressed envelopes for those persons who are to receive prize money, subject to objection. The Local Region/RPRA Headquarters shall, after the race result has been published and any

objections to the race result have been resolved, pay to the winners their winnings by cheque. Should the birds be auctioned after the race has been flown, details of the distribution of the sale money must also be published. In such one-loft races birds must be timed using an Electronic Timing system approved by the R.P.R.A Council.

(12) Any person competing in an event which requires an Open Race licence shall be termed to be an occasional member of that particular Organisation. Should there be any dispute relating to this event, by either the Organisation or a participating member, then procedures as laid down in Rules 70/71 and 168/169 should be followed.

#### Judges

**134.** Exhibitors may judge at shows at which they are exhibiting providing the following rules are observed. All exhibits to be penned before the selected judges are informed of the class/classes they have been nominated to judge. The exhibits of the judge in the class/classes he/she has been nominated to judge will be withdrawn. All stewards to be provided by the show organisers. No contact or conversation will be permitted between judges while judging is in progress. On completion of judging of his/her class the judge will be required to leave the hall immediately until all judging is completed. Any violation of the above rules will result in the offending judge being withdrawn along with all his/her exhibits.

#### PART M: SALES

##### Auction Sales

**135.** At all pigeon auction sales, on completion of a sale, signed transfer forms in the Association's standard form shall be furnished to the purchaser in respect of every bird purchased by him. Such forms shall be signed by the registered owner, or in the event of the registered owner being deceased, by his executors, or in the case of a partnership by all partners or their representatives. The name and address of the vendor shall be shown in all auction advertisements. Any bird sold subject to a minimum reserve price shall have that reserve price printed in its respective lot number details in any advertisement of the auction. The organiser of any pigeon auction sale for the benefit of a charity or charities must publish an income and expenditure account certified by the organiser to be accurate and complete in two newspapers devoted to the sport of racing or showing homing pigeons and circulating nationally in the United Kingdom.

**136.** No member, having sold birds and received payment as a result, shall deny the buyer the right to name the source of his purchase.

##### Clearance Sales

**137.** Any member of the Association advertising or representing directly or indirectly a sale of pigeons as being a

clearance sale or for the purpose of disposing of the whole of his stock of pigeons shall be together with his loft and address, prohibited for three years from the date of the sale from competing in any race or show, purchasing any rings or having further sales. All advertisements for any such sales shall state the name and full address of the selling owner or owners.

Furthermore the member must notify RPRA Headquarters of such sales.

**138.** If another member of the Association lives or keeps a separate loft at an address at which a member prohibited from racing or showing pursuant to the immediately preceding Rule lives or has kept a loft at the time of the relevant clearance sale, provided that such member demonstrates before the relevant clearance sale that he owns pigeons carrying rings recognised by the Association which are not owned by the selling owner, that member shall not be affected by the prohibition on the selling owner.

#### PART N: ALTERATION OF RULES

**139.** These Rules may be altered by the Council at any annual general meeting provided that not less than 28 days notice of the proposed alteration has been given to the Secretary of each Local Region Committee and advertised in any two papers devoted to the sport of racing or showing homing pigeons circulating nationally in the United Kingdom.

**140.** The Council shall be empowered to make alterations to these Rules as regards punctuation and grammar only and provided that the meaning of any Rule is not thereby changed.

**141.** Should any member of the R.P.R.A. wish to make a proposal to alter or insert a new rule, he must submit the proposition in writing to their organisation secretary. The secretary will then circulate the proposals to all members of the organisation giving 7 days notice of the meeting. Should the proposition be carried the organisation secretary will forward them to his Local Region Secretary who will in turn circulate them to all organisations affiliated to the Region.

The Local Region or Council may submit propositions to the General Manager, not less than 42 days prior to the date of an Annual General Meeting of the Council. Any such proposal must submit the full text of any Rule proposed to be revised as it would read if the proposal was accepted.

**142.** The Council shall have power to make and alter Rules and regulations to cover any emergency. Such Rules or regulations may be made or altered at a general meeting or a special meeting and shall operate until rescinded by the Council or until the next annual general meeting at which the requisite publication of the proposed alteration of the Rules can be given, whichever is sooner.

**143.** At intervals not exceeding ten years, the

Council shall carry out an assessment of these Rules. Any amendments which it may deem desirable to be made in the interests of the proper conduct of the sport of racing or showing homing pigeons shall be proposed as alterations and given the requisite publicity before an annual general meeting of the Council.

**144.** A complete and up-to-date set of the Association's Rules shall be published as an editorial pull-out supplement in the British Homing World in each year not later than the first Saturday in May.

#### **Construction of these Rules**

**145.** The Council's determination on the interpretation, construction and operation of these Rules shall be final.

#### **PART O: STANDARD RULES FOR USE AND COMPULSORY ADOPTION BY ALL ORGANISATIONS AFFILIATED TO THE ASSOCIATION**

**146.** The following Standard Rules are compulsory for all Organisations affiliated to the Association. Each Organisation shall be free to choose its own rules provided that they include these rules and nothing which is inconsistent with these rules and oblige the Organisation and its members to observe the provisions of all Rules of the Association.

**147.** Whenever a change is made to these Standard Rules or to any other Rule of the Association adopted by or incorporated into the rules of an Organisation, that change will be deemed to have been made to the rules of that Organisation.

**148.** In these Standard Rules 'member' shall mean

- (a) in respect of a club, an individual or partnership;
- (b) in respect of a federation or combine of clubs, a club;
- (c) in respect of an amalgamation of federations or combines of federations, a federation;
- (d) in respect of an amalgamation of combines, a combine.

**149.** The rules of an Organisation must state the name of the Organisation, the location of its headquarters and the boundaries within which the lofts of all affiliated club members must be situated in order to qualify for membership of the Organisation.

#### **Geographical Area**

**150.** If an organisation alters the prescribed boundaries within which the lofts of all affiliated club members must be situated in order to qualify for membership of the Organisation, a flying member of the Organisation shall not cease to qualify for membership of the Organisation until and unless he moves his loft and his new loft is outside the prescribed boundaries.

**151.** If a federation, combine or amalgamation alters its boundaries, the lofts of all members of Organisations affiliated to

such federation, combine or amalgamation shall be unaffected provided that the boundaries prescribed by the affiliated Organisations do not change.

#### **Officers**

**152a.** The officers of an Organisation shall consist of a president, vice-presidents, chairman, treasurer, auditors, committee and secretary and such other officers and officials as the Organisation may deem necessary. All officers shall be elected annually. Such powers shall be delegated by the Organisation to its officers as the Organisation considers appropriate.

**152b.** With the exception of the Secretary, all officials and Committee members of groups as defined in Rule No. 2, must be elected delegates of members organisations.

#### **Meetings**

**153.** Once in each calendar year each Organisation shall hold an annual general meeting. The secretary of each Organisation shall give not less than 6 weeks notice in writing to each member of the Organisation of the date, time and place at which the annual general meeting of the Organisation will be held. In the case of federations, combines and amalgamations of federations or combines, such notice shall be sent to the secretary of each Organisation which is a member. The business to be conducted at the annual general meeting of the Organisation shall be the adoption of the accounts of the Organisation, the election or re-election of the officers of the Organisation, the consideration of any alterations to the rules of the Organisation proposed by any member and any general business of the Organisation.

#### **Proceedings at General Meetings**

**154.** At each general meeting of an Organisation each member and each partnership treated as a single member shall have one vote. On business relating to the Association, each partner shall have one vote. Voting by proxy shall not be permitted. The rules of the Organisation shall specify whether decisions are to be made by simple majority vote of those attending and voting at general meetings or by any specific majority and whether the chairman of the meeting is to

have a casting vote. Decisions on the admission of new members must be by simple majority of those attending and voting at the meeting at which the admission of a new member is considered.

#### **Alteration of Rules**

**155.** (a) Any member of an organisation wishing to alter or add to the rules of the organisation may propose such alteration or addition to the rules of the organisation by giving not less than 28 days notice in writing to the secretary of the organisation prior to the organisation's annual general meeting. Such notice shall specify the alteration or addition

which the member wishes to propose. The secretary of the organisation must notify each member of the organisation of the proposal to alter or add to the rules not less than 7 days before the date of the meeting.

(b) Should an organisation by virtue of Rule 182, undertake a postal vote of its members then the number of days notice may be extended from 28 to 42 days. Organisations shall declare the final date for receipt of proposals.

**156.** No alteration or addition to the rules of the Organisation which would conflict with any of the Rules of the Association shall be permitted to be proposed. Any resolution or decision of any meeting of an Organisation other than the annual general meeting which would have the effect of making additions or alterations to the rules of the Organisation shall be invalid.

**157.** No alteration to the wording of any proposal to alter or add to the rules of the Organisation shall be permitted to be made at or prior to the annual general meeting at which the alteration or addition is to be proposed except for the correction of punctuation or grammatical errors.

#### **National or Specialist Clubs**

**158.** All members of National or Specialist Clubs shall be required to notify the secretary of the Club of the identity of the Local Region of which the member is a member.

#### **Membership**

**159.** Any person wishing to become a member of an Organisation must apply to the secretary of the Organisation in writing. The application must be accompanied by any entrance fees required by the rules of the Organisation to be paid to the Organisation. Each such application shall be notified to the members of the Organisation or to the committee of the Organisation, as specified by the rules of the Organisation. The application shall be determined by a simple majority of those attending and voting at a meeting of members or the committee, as prescribed by the rules of the Organisation. The application shall be determined at the next ensuing meeting of the members of the Organisation or the committee, as appropriate, but not at an annual general meeting of the Organisation.

**160.** Any flying member of an Organisation may become a non-flying member upon giving notice to that effect to the secretary of the Organisation and he shall be deemed to have become a non-flying member upon the date on which the secretary receives such notice. Non-flying members shall be entitled to attend meetings of the Organisation but may only vote on matters appertaining to the Association. Non-flying members who wish to become flying members must resign their membership of the Organisation and apply for flying membership as a new member. The rules of the Organisation may provide that

non-flying members pay reduced subscriptions. Non-flying members will not be entitled to a share of the proceeds in the event of the dissolution of the Organisation.

### Payment of Subscriptions

**161.** No birds shall be accepted for competition in any races arranged by an Organisation unless all fees and subscriptions are fully paid up by that member wishing to enter those birds. Any member of the Organisation who is also a member of another Organisation must have fully paid all due subscriptions to all such Organisations before he is permitted to compete in any race. A member will produce his membership card on demand each year, to any organisation which arranges races in which he intends to compete, to establish that he has paid his Association subscription. If a member does not comply with this rule, he shall be disqualified from racing in any race.

### Resignations

**162.** A member wishing to resign from an Organisation must do so in writing before the annual general meeting of the Organisation or he will be liable to pay his subscription for the following year. A resignation can only be accepted by an Organisation if the member has paid all his debts to the Organisation.

### Dissolution

**163.** An Organisation may only be dissolved by the vote of two thirds or more of the members of the Organisation present and voting at a special meeting convened to consider a resolution to dissolve the Organisation and of which not less than 14 days notice in writing has been given to all members of the Organisation. If such a resolution is passed, a further meeting shall be held to confirm the resolution and such further meeting shall also be called by not less than 14 days notice in writing given to all members of the Organisation. The Organisation shall not be dissolved unless the dissolution is confirmed by a majority vote of the members attending and voting at the further meeting. **Only one resolution to dissolve an organization may be held in each calendar year.**

**164.** In the event of the dissolution of an Organisation, the assets of the Organisation shall be realised and the proceeds divided equally amongst the fully paid up members on the basis of one loft, one share. Non-flying members shall have no claim to participate. In the event of assets being subject to a lottery or charitable grant, those assets must be returned to the said lottery or charitable organisation or as they determine.

**165.** Upon the dissolution of an Organisation, notice of dissolution shall be sent to the Secretary of the committee of the Local Region to which the Organisation is affiliated, together with the minute book, final balance sheet and names and addresses of members of the Organisation at the time of dissolution. If

such notice is not sent to the Committee of the Local Region to which the Organisation is affiliated before the annual general meeting of the Local Region, the Organisation will be liable for payment to the Local Region of the Association fees for its members for the following year.

**166(a).** Should the membership of a club fall below four full subscribing members, the Region committee shall have the power to dissolve the club and ensure that the assets are shared between the remaining members. In the event of assets being subject to a lottery or charitable grant, those assets must be returned to the said lottery or charitable organisation or as they determine.

**166b.** Where, after investigation by the Local Region, it is found that an organisation has ceased to function and has not done so for at least three years, the Region Committee may withdraw the affiliation of that organisation.

### Banking Account

**167.** An Organisation shall have a banking or building society or Post Office savings account or an equivalent such account and where possible all payments shall be made by cheque signed by the secretary and another official of the Organisation. Bank statements or the building society or Post Office passbook or its equivalent shall be available for inspection by members at each general meeting of the Organisation or of its committee.

### Grievances and Disciplinary Matters

**168.** If any member of an organisation has a grievance, dispute or complaint concerning the Organisation he may within 28 days of the grievance, dispute or complaint arising give notice in writing of his grievance, dispute or complaint to the secretary of the Organisation, requiring the secretary to convene a general meeting or if the rules of the Organisation so prescribe, a meeting of the Committee of the Organisation to consider the grievance, dispute or complaint. Any such meeting shall be convened by the secretary by not less than 7 days notice in writing to all members entitled to attend such meeting and to all parties to grievance, dispute or complaint.

**169.** If any organisation wishes to examine the conduct of a member with a view to taking disciplinary action against him/her **under the provisions of Rule 70**, a meeting must be convened within 28 days of the dispute arising, the secretary of the Organisation shall convene a general meeting of the Organisation or, if the Rules of the Organisation so prescribe, the committee of the Organisation for that purpose and shall give not less than 7 days notice in writing to the member and to all members of the Organisation or the committee, as appropriate, stating the date, place and time at which the meeting is to be held. The notice shall also state the charges made against the member or the circumstances which the

meeting proposes to investigate and the secretary shall inform him/her, at the same time as giving him/her the notice of the meeting, that he/she will be entitled to put his/her case to the meeting and to be represented at the meeting.

**170.** If the Organisation fails to convene a meeting to consider a grievance within 28 days of receipt by the secretary of notice from a member requiring a meeting to be convened, the Organisation may be the subject of disciplinary action by the Local Region to which it is affiliated.

**171.** If a member of an Organisation is aggrieved by the decision of the Organisation or the committee, as appropriate, he has a right of appeal to the Local Region to which the Organisation is affiliated under the provisions of the Rules of the Association within 21 days of the decision being given.

**172.** The chairman of the Organisation shall decide whether any member of the Organisation is an interested party in any grievance or disciplinary matter and all interested parties shall leave the room where the meeting is being held when a decision on the matter is made and a vote taken.

### Special Meetings

**173.** The secretary of an Organisation shall convene a special meeting of the Organisation by not less than 10 days notice in writing to all members of the Organisation if he receives a requisition for such a special meeting signed by at least one third of the members of the Organisation or, if the Organisation has 75 members or more, signed by at least 25 members of the Organisation. Any such requisition shall state the business for which the meeting is to be called and the notice convening the meeting shall similarly state such business. No business shall be transacted at the special meeting other than that referred to in the notice convening the meeting.

### Arrears

**174.** Should any member of an Organisation at 1st April in any year be in arrears for any sum owed to the Organisation the secretary of the Organisation shall send him a recorded delivery letter notifying him of the balance of his account in detail. The member shall be debited with the postal charges incurred and shall be notified that unless a remittance is received or the debt disputed within 21 days he will be suspended by the Organisation and reported to the Local Region. The suspension shall be noted in the Organisation's minute book prior to the notification being sent to the Local Region.

### Accounts

**175.** Every Organisation shall keep accurate and full records of all income and expenditure and shall cause an audited and signed annual income and expenditure account and balance sheet to be prepared once each year and sent to each member of the Organisation at least 7

days before the annual general meeting of the Organisation. In the event that the audited and signed annual income and expenditure account and balance sheet shows a deficit, the Organisation or its committee, as appropriate, shall be empowered to make a levy on each member. The total sum of any such levy shall only be sufficient to discharge the amount which would otherwise remain outstanding after all the funds of the Organisation are completely exhausted. If the Organisation or its committee, as appropriate, considers it necessary, any such levy may be made on any member who has resigned from the Organisation since the date of the preceding annual general meeting.

**176.** If the rules of an Organisation provide for accounts to be approved and adopted at a meeting other than the annual general meeting of the Organisation, a copy of the accounts shall be sent to each member of the Organisation not less than 7 days before the date of the relevant meeting.

### Documents

**177.** No Organisation or official of an Organisation shall destroy or permit to be destroyed any books, maps, race results, dials, ring lists, distance sheets or other important documents without the prior permission of the members of the Organisation at an annual general meeting. On the appointment of a new secretary to an Organisation, the Organisation must ensure that all such documents are transferred to his custody.

**178.** In no circumstances may the details of the full ring number, colour, sex and owners' name of every pigeon sent in a race arranged by an Organisation be destroyed less than two years after the date of the race.

### Meeting Procedure

**179.** All meetings of the Organisations other than those convened as annual general meetings, meetings to consider the dissolution of the Organisation, meetings to consider a grievance of a member or possible disciplinary action against a member and special meetings requisitioned by the members, must be convened by not less than 7 days notice, in writing, given or posted to all members of the Organisation accompanied by an agenda for the meeting.

**180.** No member of a union or association not recognised by the Association shall be permitted to attend or be represented at any meeting called under the Rules of the Association. Neither shall any member of a union or association not recognised by the Association be permitted to make or submit resolutions for voting upon at meetings called under the Rules of the Association.

**181.** The Organisation shall have a minute book in which the secretary of the Organisation shall record the date, time and place of all meetings, the chairman's name, the names of members present, the text of

resolutions with the names of proposers and seconders and whether carried or defeated. The chairman and secretary shall sign all the minutes after confirmation as a true record at the next meeting of the Organisation except the minutes of an annual general meeting which, if agreed as a true record, shall be confirmed and signed at the next annual general meeting.

### Voting Papers

**182.** If an Organisation has members residing outside the area of a circle of 50 mile radius centred on the headquarters of the Organisation, all resolutions to be submitted to general meetings of the Organisation shall be permitted to be dealt with by votes submitted in writing by members and the secretary of the Organisation shall send appropriate voting papers to members for this purpose, provided that adoption of the secretary's annual report and the annual accounts and balance sheet of the Organisation and the annual election of officers of the Organisation shall not be permitted to be dealt with by postal vote.

### Revision of Rules

**183.** At least once every three years an Organisation shall publish up-to-date copies of its Rules and issue these to each of its members unless no changes have been made to its Rules during that period. New members must be furnished with an up-to-date copy of the Rules of an Organisation upon joining the Organisation.

**184.** (Spare).

### 185. Average Prizes

The Organisation shall declare its races for the purpose of averages before the commencement of racing each year. A member must enter birds for competition in all these races. He/she must time-in in each of these races to qualify for average prizes, unless a race is declared void or there are no birds home in race time, when the average shall be reckoned on the remainder of these races by a Standard Formula, viz: Total times and distance flown in all races of birds concerned divided to give yards per minute.

### 186. Trophies and Specials

All conditions in respect of the Trophies or Specials, together with the wishes of the donors, must be entered in the Minute Book before the races for which they are awarded commence.

### 187. Flying Distances

All NEW flying distances must be obtained through the Association and calculated on the Ellipsoidal System by Computer(s). The Cumbria Region and the Devon and Cornwall Region may grant permission for Clubs administered by these regions to race to a 'Breaking Point' for Club racing only. 'Individual' members applying for distances must have loft location or latitude/longitude

countersigned by a Club Chairman or secretary. All loft locations are to be calculated from Ordnance Survey.

### Race Ringing

**188.** NO MEMBER SHALL BE ALLOWED TO MARK OR RACE RING HIS/HER OWN BIRDS OR TAKE ANY ACTIVE PART IN THE PROCEDURE.

Individuals may use race entry sheets, which may be produced by computer software programs and printed on sheets of plain paper or onto sheets which are pre-printed, provided by either an Organisation or by an individual fancier. The race entry form must have the following requirements: Printed in ink, have space for full ring numbers, inside and outside rubber race numbers/letters, name(s) of fancier(s), name of Club, date of race, race point, sex of bird, signature of fancier(s). Details entered on the race entry sheet may be printed using computer software programs or hand written by the fancier. The counterfoil of the rubber race ring(s) placed on the pigeon should be passed to the sheet marking official who should write the outside number(s) alongside the pigeon ring number. In cases where birds are double race rubbered the rubbers MUST have different serial numbers. All rubber race counterfoils must be carefully sealed in envelopes immediately after marking and, like the clock sheets or envelopes and entry forms, kept under seal in a secure place at headquarters or by the appointed officials in the case of Specialist Clubs. Members of the Association enter their birds in races organised by bodies affiliated to the Association at their own risk against loss or damage. The purchase and use of duplicate numbered race rubbers showing the same serial numbers is prohibited.

### Race Results

**189.** Indelible results stating race point and code number shall be posted in a prominent position at the Headquarters of the Organisation where they can be easily available to all members, or copies shall be given, delivered or posted, to each member. Full ring particulars of birds winning prizes, pools or trophies must be shown in the result of each race together with the actual flying times and velocities. Actual flying distances to be stated in results published for Open Races and by Specialist Clubs.

**190.** Where duplication of race entries between organisations is permitted, the only acceptable details of velocities, clock times etc, will be those furnished by the SECRETARY of the organisation at which the members clock is set and checked.

Under no circumstances will any such details provided by the member concerned, be accepted.

### Race Closure

**191.** Organisations shall stipulate a definite closure for all races, either in terms of a minimum velocity or by a specified hour of the clock on a nominated day.



## 192. STANDARD METHOD OF CALCULATING VELOCITIES (see Appendix E).

(a) In the calculation of velocities for pigeon races, no rounding up or down be permitted anywhere within the calculation and

(b) Velocities be expressed in yards per minute to a minimum of two decimal places.

## PART P: PERFORMANCE ENHANCING

**199.** The Council of the R.P.R.A. shall make rules and regulations prohibiting the use of performance enhancing drugs/substances.

Contravention of these rules and regulations shall entail suspension, for a minimum period of three years; or expulsion.

See Appendix G

## ADJUDICATION

**200.** Anything arising not provided for in these Rules shall be decided by the Committee or all members whose decision shall be final and binding, subject to appeal to the Local Region within 21 days from the date of such decision.

## PART Q: CLOCK RULES

**The following Clock Rules apply in all races except One-Loft Races using approved Electronic Timing Systems.**

### Timing in

**201.** Members must time-in their birds by means of a timing clock or electronic timing system (ETS) of a type approved by the Association Council. All members must submit to the Organisation the clocks they intend using in the season's races for such period as may be determined by the Organisation prior to the first race in which they are to be used. The said clocks shall remain in the possession of the Clock Committee during the whole of the season, provided that a member shall be allowed to transfer his/her clock from one Organisation to another if he/she so desires so long as it is put under seal during transit. (For the purpose of this Rule, Organisation shall be taken to mean any of the Organisations within the 'Confederation' whose testing tolerance is not greater than the RPRA tolerance). For the purpose of such transit, the sealing shall be that appropriate to the sealing of the clock for a race, provided that in the case of a clock with dials, one dial only shall be necessary. This dial must be signed and dated by a member of the Clock Committee.

**202.** Members who transfer their clocks from one Club to another to have sealed inside the clock a certificate signed by a member of the Clock Committee which tested the clock, stating that the clock has been tested according to this Rule. On this certificate must be recorded the seal number, if applicable, that will be used to seal the clock, the date and the name of the person sealing the clock. This to be checked by the receiving Clock Committee.

Note: This is to cover clocks referred to in Rule 218 which have to be sealed with Association seals, and does not refer to carrying boxes.

### Stopped Clocks

**203.** Should any competitor's clock stop or be rendered useless, he/she may have the same re-set by the member of the clock committee in possession of the MASTER TIMER or he/she may time into the nearest competitor's clock. No time allowance for reaching such a clock shall be made.

**204.** Should a clock have varied more than at the rate of 5 seconds per hour, a fast clock shall be regarded as correct: a slow clock shall have double the lost time added. A stopped clock shall be deemed to be a slow clock and shall have double the lost time added but the maximum penalty in the case of a stopped clock shall be the award of the time recorded by the Master Timer when the clock is checked. Should a member's clock be found faulty or stop through not being properly set or wound up the competitor shall have his entry fees and pool monies returned in full if a velocity is not acceptable to the member.

**205.** In the races where entries are double race rung, the above will apply only in cases where one rubber ring is clocked. When a competitor in such races times the second race ring into another clock (his/her own or otherwise) and the clock into which the first rubber ring was clocked stops or is rendered useless, then a velocity will be awarded on the times derived from the clock containing the second rubber ring. All clocks must be returned intact to Headquarters for checking. Competitors to state on verification form the full details of all clockings. Should a clock have a varied rate of more than 8 seconds per hour, fast or slow, before timing in a pigeon, the clock shall be eligible for a re-set.

### Clock Setting and Checking

**206.** (a) All clocks MUST be set by the Official Clock Setter(s) or whomsoever they may appoint, at least one of whom MUST sign his/her name on the dials and rolls before being used on the clocks they set, together with the name of the race point, date, clock number (unless printed when struck), the name of the competitor and the name of the Organisation. The clock record sheet or envelope MUST bear clock number, time of setting, the receptacle showing on the clock, race date and the competitor's name and be secured as laid down in R.P.R.A. Rule 188. At the checking of clocks the officials appointed MUST fill in MASTER TIME, clock times and variations of the clock record sheets or envelopes.

**ONE CONTAINER ONLY SHALL BE TAKEN AT A TIME FROM THE CLOCK AND CHECKED.**

One rubber only to be inserted into each container.

When a member times more than one rubber into one thimble, that thimble is disqualified

excepting when two race rubbers come off the same pigeon

(b) All clocks set for competition must be set to receive a container in the first receptacle available for that particular make of clock.

(c) Where a clock has to be re-set under the provisions of Rule 203, a single signature will suffice.

### Labelling Second Clock

**207.** Where a member has more than one clock set he/she must clearly label them Number One ((1) Clock, etc., before they will be accepted for setting. Birds may be timed in to more than one clock but the times of the Number Two or subsequent clocks will not be acceptable unless the Number One Clock stops or goes wrong, except in respect of birds timed in subsequent to the Number One Clock having been sent for checking.

**208.** If the reason for a Number Two (2) or subsequent clock(s) being used is because of a fault in Number One (1) or subsequent clock(s), the faulty clock(s) must be brought in together with the clock used before this clock will be accepted for checking.

**209.** The Clock Setters shall plainly mark clock cards, Number One (1) Clock, etc.

### Master Timers

**210.** All clocks used in connection with any race must be set and checked from Master Timers which shall display and leave a permanent printed record in days, hours, minutes and seconds, and ALL Master Timers shall be SET and CHECKED by Master Time which shall be GREENWICH TIME taken from the last 'PIP' of the BBC Time Signal or from 'TIM'.

**211.** The Organisation may also use a Grand Master Timer.

### Clock Checking

**212.** The number of the receptacle showing on a competitor's clock when set to receive the first 'container or rubber race ring' and also the number of the receptacle showing when competitor's clock has been returned for checking, must both be entered on the Club Clock Sheet and checked at clock opening.

**213.** Containers must be used in every type of clock in races flown under RPRA rules, except for those clocks approved by Council for use without containers, see Appendix D. Where 'Open Ended' containers are used these must be inserted open end down and failure to comply with this condition will entail disqualification. Only containers of the cylindrical type (two separate parts) shall be allowed to be used with the Toulet Puncturing Clock.

**214.** Except in cases where an open-ended container is used all containers must be seen to be intact, with the rubber inside, when removed from the clock.

**215. NO MEMBER SHALL ASSIST IN ANY WAY IN THE SETTING AND CHECKING OF HIS/HER OWN CLOCK.**

**Return of Clocks**

**216.** Clocks set for a race and any clocks issued for transit between one Organisation and another must be returned intact to the Club, Federation or Combine or Amalgamation as appropriate under its seal, as defined in Rules 201 and 202, together with notification of the returned seal number (if applicable) and any documents issued with it, except where clocks set for competition by another Society and subsequently NOT USED, may be returned to the parent club intact, as set. A clock not so returned must be re-tested under the provisions outlined in Rule 200 and shall not be made available for a race within such period as may be determined by the Organisation.

**Clock Recordings**

**217.** All dials and rolls used in races must leave a complete unbroken and permanent record of punctures and imprints. However, should a clock roll be torn by a member of the Clock Committee at the time of checking, which actually takes place in front of Club members, a velocity will be allowed.

**Sealing of Clocks**

**218.** All timing clocks used by members which have to be sealed shall be so sealed with soft string and with lettered and numbered roll-tag seals available only from the Association. Serial letter and numbers of seals to be entered on the Organisation's Clock Sheet at setting and checked before opening, before being accepted as being in order.

**Approved Clocks**

**219.** A list of ALL clocks, i.e. Make, Type and Mark approved by the Association appears as Appendix D – 'Approved Clocks of the Association' – to these Clock Rules.  
**Certificates of Worthiness**

**220.** Any timing clock of a type or make approved by the Association shall be given a certificate of worthiness if in perfect condition, after being examined by experts, whether purchased from an appointed dealer or otherwise.

**MECHANICAL CLOCKS**

**Testing**

**221.** Clocks in this category submitted for use in races shall be tested for a period of not less than 22 hours by Clubs in each of the three positions, indicated as per the Clocksetters Guide and a record shall be kept of the running of the clock which shall be signed by at least two persons conducting such test. To be acceptable for use clocks must, when tested, have satisfied all of the following requirements:

- (a) The maximum permitted rate of gain shall not exceed 5 seconds per hour.
- (b) The maximum permitted rate of loss shall not exceed 5 seconds per hour.
- (c) The difference between the variations in any two positions shall not exceed 5 seconds per hour. (For example a clock when tested had say, a maximum variation of a loss at a rate of 3 seconds per hour would not be acceptable if it had gained at a rate of more than 2 seconds per hour in either of the other two positions).
- (d) All puncture clocks must, when striking the clock quickly, produce for each and every strike a clean and visible hole through each dial. Any clock that does not satisfy this, will not be accepted for use.

**222. ALL TOULET PUNCTURE TWO DIAL CLOCKS** shall have their dials numbered either mechanically or by hand and shall be signed through the number. Numbers must be recorded in the clock book/sheet/envelope.

**223. (a)** Skymaster and Rotherham Clocks must be fitted with a dolometer. The maximum reading of 3 to be allowed if the dolometer has moved from zero.

**223. (b)** The maximum reading of 10 be allowed if the dolometer on the STB clock has moved from zero.

**223. (c)** Any infringement of this Rule shall entail disqualification .

**Clock Penalties - Double Striking**

**224.** Both 'Belgica' and 'La Ledoise' puncturing clocks must be struck twice within five seconds of the 'timing-in' of each bird and the container must be in the first of two receptacles relating to each timing-in.

**ELECTRO-MECHANICAL, ELECTRONIC CLOCKS AND PRINT-OUTS**

**Testing**

**225.** Clocks in this category submitted for use in races shall be tested by clubs, for a period of not less than 22 hours during which any gain or loss must not exceed 25 seconds in the normal operating position and a record shall be kept of the running of the clock which shall be signed by at least two persons conducting such a test.

**Checking**

**226.** On checking a data print-out must be obtained and sufficient clear white paper allowed to provide room for:—

- (a) Name of Organisation
  - (b) Race point
  - (c) Competitor(s) name
  - (d) Two signatures of the official clock setters or whomsoever they may appoint.
- The printed information MUST be cross checked against the digital display information in the clock itself. THIS MUST BE DONE PRIOR TO THE OPENING OF THE CLOCK. Should it be found that a members Data print does not comply with sections a,b,c or d of this rule, providing it

was checked and opened in front of officials of the Organisation, a reading should be allowed.

**227.** In the event of a power cut or breakdown of the print-out, the information contained on the digital display will be manually recorded on a sheet of paper, together with the information and signature(s) called for in Rule 226.

**228.** Only after a copy of the information has been extracted, cross-checked and found correct will the seal be removed and the clock opened, after which one container only shall be taken at a time from the clock and checked.

**229.** If after striking the T2 and T3 clocks, they have varied more than one second, then they should be re-struck against the Master Timer. In the eventuality of the second variation being greater than the first, the lesser should be used.

**ELECTRONIC TIMING SYSTEMS**

**230. All Association members are allowed to time their birds electronically at all levels of competition with an RPRA approved electronic timing system, (ETS) providing the club/organization has the required equipment and the officials are competent to use it. Before they can be used in competition the serial number of all ETS must be registered to the owner through the region this register to be forwarded to headquarters. Any change of ownership must be notified so that this register can be updated.**

**231. No Association member can be compelled to use an electronic timing system.**

**232. It is the responsibility of the member to check that each organisation he intends to compete with has both the equipment needed, and willing, competent officials necessary for him to use his ETS.**

**233. The necessary hardware and software for the organisation's administration of ETS must be held under lock and key at the organization or other approved premises, to be accessed by a minimum of two officials. The operation of the hardware and software is only permitted by authorised members who have been elected by the organisation.**

**234. Prior to racing all ETS clocks must be brought to the club and set with the ETS radio clock and struck off after 24 hours. In the case of members wishing to use their ETS elsewhere a certificate of worthiness will be issued by the officials of the testing organisation.**

**235. (a) Electronic rings must be allocated to the ring numbers of the member's pigeons by two elected officials a minimum of 7 days prior to the use of the ETS. Allocation on marking nights will only be**

permitted due to a defect or loss of an electronic ring.

(b) Should a member present a bird for allocation of rings prior to the start of or during old bird or young bird racing and the electronic ring indicates another member's loft number/details, then proof of ownership of the ring must be supplied before assigning the ring to the member's bird. If proof of ownership cannot be furnished by the member then action may be taken under rules 169/70.

236. After each allocation a list must be printed in duplicate, each of which must be signed by an authorised person of the organization and countersigned by the member. One signed list is to be filed along with race entry documentation and the other handed to the member. The allocation data must be stored on a backup disk in case amendments become necessary during the season. Any organization to which the member is affiliated may demand to see the allocation list.

237. All electronic timers set with the ETS radio clock shall deemed to be correct with TIM.

238. All ETS race entry sheets and race arrival reports must be printed directly from the ETS printer and not via a PC printer. These must contain the competitor's name, RPRA loft number, race and date. One copy must be retained by the organisation and one copy given to the competitor or his/her nominated person. Both copies must be signed by an official of the organisation and the competitor or his/her nominated person. No member is permitted to take part in the race marking/entry process of his own pigeons.

239. If a day pigeon is timed in races lasting more than one day, the ETS must be taken to a clock station for a progress reading/print out. If the ETS is required for further timings it will be struck off at a later date.

240. Should the data record of an ETS be deleted or become unusable between the pigeons entry to the loft and print out after the pigeons return for any reason, the entered pigeons must be eliminated from the result. Where there is a difference between the code number written into the ring during the marking and the code number stated at the return then the pigeon is to be eliminated from the result.

241. The antennae of the ETS must be fitted within the confines of the loft or trapping systems, not underneath external landing boards. Club officials may make random checks at any time. Contravention of this rule will result in disciplinary action under rule 70A.

242. All ETS must comply with UNIVES 1.7 protocol only.

#### APPENDIX A LIST OF RECOGNISED UNIONS/ ASSOCIATIONS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND IRELAND

##### IRISH HOMING UNION

Mr K. McConaghie, 38 Ballynahatty Road, Belfast. BT8 8LE. Tel: 02890 644231 for general queries).

Email: kenmconaghie38@btinternet.com  
Rings registered

IHU 'N' to be dealt with by: J. Hughes, 44 Ashbourne Park, Lambeg, Lisburn BY21 4NS. Tel: 028 9258 3725

Email: jameshughes681@btinternet.com  
Rings registered IHU 'S' to be dealt with by: S. Lehane, 69 Lorcan, Crescent, Santry, Dublin 9, Eire. Tel: 0035 31 8421016.

Email: slehane@eircom.net

##### NORTH OF ENGLAND HOMING UNION

Mr D. Power, 58 Ennerdale Road, Walker Dene, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE6 4DG. Tel: 0191 262 5440.

Email: NEHU@nehu.co.uk

##### NATIONAL PIGEON ASSOCIATION

Mr Graham Giddings, 22 Highclere Road, Quedgeley, Gloucester GL2 4HD. Tel: 01452 720783.

Email: grahamgiddings@aol.com

##### SCOTTISH HOMING UNION

Mrs L. Brooks, 231A Low Waters Road, Hamilton, Lanarks. ML3 7QN. Tel: 01698 286983. Email: enquiries@shuonline.co.uk

##### WELSH HOMING PIGEON UNION

Old Timothys Yard, Llanfoist St, Ton Pentre, Rhondda CF41 7EE. Tel: 01446 441010. Email: gail@whpu.org.uk

##### NORTH WEST HOMING UNION

Terry Dawber, 279 Mossy Lea Road, Wroughtington, near Wigan WN6 9RN. Tel: 01257 421271.

Email: terry.dawber@tesco.net

##### CONTINENTAL UNIONS:

###### BELGIUM

Royale Federation Colombophile Belge, 39 Rue de Livourne, Ixelles, Brussels, 1050, Belgium. Tel: 0 0 32 2537 6211.

Email: national@kdbdb.be

###### FRANCE

Federation Colombophile Francaise de France, 54 Boulevard Carnot, 59042 Lille, Cedex, France.

Tel: 0 0 333 2006 8287.

Email: fcf@nordnet.fr

###### GERMANY

Verband Deutscher Brieftaubenliebhaber EV, Katernberger Strasse 115, 45327 Essen, Germany. Tel: 0 0 49 201 872240.

Email: m.nowaczy@brieftaubenverband.de

###### HOLLAND

Bureau N.P.O., Landjuweel 38, 3905 PH Veenendaal, Holland. Tel: 0 0 31 31859700. Email: bureau@npo.nl

#### APPENDIX B REGION BOUNDARIES (SEE RULE 9)

##### LONDON:

Hertfordshire, Essex, Greater London, Kent, also Sutton and Cheam, Kingston, Croydon, Carshalton, Thornton Heath.

**SOUTHERN:** Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire, Hampshire, Surrey, West Sussex, East Sussex, Isle of Wight.

**WEST MIDLAND:** Staffordshire, West Midlands, Herefordshire, Worcestershire, Warwick .

**WESTERN:** Merseyside, Cheshire, Clwyd, Gwynedd, Shropshire.

##### DERBYSHIRE & SOUTH

**YORKSHIRE:** South Yorkshire, Derbyshire.

**NORTH WEST:** Lancashire, Greater Manchester.

**EAST MIDLANDS:** Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire, Leicestershire, Northamptonshire, Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Suffolk, Norfolk.

**WELSH:** Powys, Dyfed, West Glam, Mid Glam, S. Glam, Gwent.

**NORTH EAST:** Northumberland, Durham, Tyne & Wear, Cleveland, North Yorkshire, West Yorkshire, East Riding of Yorkshire, North Lincolnshire, North East Lincolnshire.

**SOUTH WESTERN:** Gloucestershire, Bath & North-East Somerset, Somerset, Wiltshire, Dorset and Channel Isles.

**CUMBRIA:** Cumbria, Scotland and the Isle of Man.

**DEVON & CORNWALL:** Devon, Cornwall & Gibraltar.

**IRISH:** Ireland.

#### APPENDIX 'C' CODE OF CONDUCT FOR LICENSED CONVOYERS/ LIBERATORS (SEE RULE 126)

1. Every Convoyer/Liberator must be licensed for the current year.
2. Before commencing his/her conveying duty for each race, he/she shall obtain from his/her employing secretary:
  - a) the exact racepoint at which his/her charges are to be liberated, that is to say, the name and address of the racepoint.
  - b) the name, address and telephone number of any liaison official appointed by the RPRA.
  - c) any special conditions which have to be observed at the racepoint.
  - d) an animal transport certificate for all journeys over 50 km.
3. He/she will ensure that the stowage of pigeons conforms to the requirements of the Law. That is to say that all containers will be properly secured within the racking of the transporter and that the bulk stacking of crates/ baskets containing pigeons is not resorted to because it is against the Law. He/she will ensure that they are conversant with the welfare of animals (transport) order 1997.
4. He/she will inspect their charges at each stop, but not less than once every eight hours.
5. He/she will ensure that adequate food and water is available for the race, or alternatively have instructions as to how and where they are to be obtained. He/she will be solely responsible for the welfare of the pigeons in their charge and will ensure that

they are adequately fed and watered as deemed appropriate for their well-being.

6. He/she will position the vehicle in order to ensure a perfect liberation, bearing in mind the wind conditions. The convoyer/liberator must be fully responsible for checking that all crates remaining on a transporter at the racepoint and on return to its depot are individually inspected in order to ensure that no live birds have been left therein.

7. He/she will obtain weather forecasts and, in conjunction with the other Convoyers/Liberators at the site and his/her own race adviser, will agree liberation times generally on the basis of the longest to fly first up, and a minimum period of **15 minutes** observed between each separate liberation where practical

8. The Convoyer/Liberator will be entirely responsible for liberation, whether he/she has a race adviser or not.

9. In the event of any pigeon(s) escaping, he/she must seek his/her Organisation official regarding emergency action to be taken.

10. The correct time of liberation should be made known to the secretary/race adviser and a full report of the race handed to the secretary on return, together with the Convoyer/Liberator/organising official's signature stating that he/she personally inspected all crates after liberation. This rule to apply to all feeder vehicles also.

11. The racepoint to be left clean and tidy, including gathering up all loose material and seals after the liberation, and suitably disposing of it, if necessary bringing it back with him/her for disposal.

12. He/she will so conduct himself/herself at all times as to completely avoid any complaint.

13. Only with the full permission of the employing Organisation will pigeons be liberated at any point other than that at which they are scheduled to be liberated.

14. He/she will report to his/her Organisation whilst at the racepoint or subsequently in his/her report, any item which places at risk, either the safety of the vehicle, the welfare of the pigeons or the fairness of the release, including the failure of a Convoyer/Liberator to co-operate at the racepoint.

15. He/she will comply with the liberation site conditions or regulations.

16. Where overseas racing is concerned he/she will ensure that they are in possession of full documentation as laid down each year by Association Headquarters. These documents to be provided to him/her by the secretary of the Organisation concerned.

17. On premature termination of the Convoyer / Liberator's appointment he / she will immediately return the Convoyer/Liberator's Licence to his/her employing Organisation.

18. Juniors will not be permitted to travel on transporters or to accompany the Convoyer/Liberator and/or driver to the racepoint by any other means.

19. All feeder vehicles, before leaving the transfer area, are to be checked to ensure no birds remain on the vehicles.

20. Any member or organisation involved in

the conveying of racing pigeons shall, where the number of birds carried exceeds 500, ensure that the vehicle used is adequately fitted with equipment for the controlling of fires.

21. Liberations can only take place from R.P.R.A. approved Liberation Sites. Failure to do so will result in the removal of Convoyers/Liberators Licences and disciplinary action taken under Rules.

#### APPENDIX D

#### APPROVED CLOCKS OF THE R.P.R.A. (SEE RULE 201)

##### PRINTING CLOCKS

1. ROBERT PLASSCHAERT, 12 & 14 Bird.

2. (a) ALFRED PLASSCHAERT  
12 Bird

13 Bird (This clock is identical to the Jundes)

19 Bird

(b) JUNDES (Not to be confused with the Jundes Thexor)

##### NOTES:

(i) With the exception of the 19 bird clocks, all of the above require to be fitted with a CAM modification.

(ii) With the exception of the 19 bird clocks, all of the above should be fitted with a special escapement which locks when the clock(s) are fraudulently shaken.

(iii) ALL of the above clocks should possess a device which pierces the paper strip (clock roll) when the clock is opened or closed.

(iv) The 19 bird clocks should possess a Dolometer fitted in the lid of the clock and indicated in the corner of the rectangular glass of the lid. These 19 bird clocks should also possess a stop pin which is fitted in the thimble drum after the 19th or 20th aperture.

3. TOULET

(a) Standard (Wooden Case)

(b) W Super (Metal Case)

4. JUNDES THEXOR - 13 Bird. This requires to be modified by the fitting of two 'ratchet type' cams to the underside of the clock lid.

5. BENZING

(a) Model One (Dolometer on dial).

9, 12 and 14 Bird.

Also the 14 Bird, double roll modified.

(b) Model Two (Auto Escapement)

12 and 14 Bird modified.

(c) Model Three, 24 Bird (2 x 12). Auto Escapement.

Also the Benzing 261, 26 Bird in Terluran case.

BENZING QUARTZ MODEL 301.

(e) Old Type Benzing Printing Clocks updated with the latest escapement as fitted in the present-day Benzing Model 261 can be used.

Proof of this modification must be provided by the Clock Agent.

(f) BENZING 261 (NPO MODEL)\*

(g) BENZING 301 (NPO MODEL)\*

(h) RED MECHANICAL BENZING 126.

(i) BENZING COMPUTER CLOCK\*

\*NOTE:- Agents/Repairers for these clocks are:

6. BENZING COMATIC - 12 and 25 Bird Numerical Printer.

NOTE: All types of Benzing Clocks require to be fitted with a cam modification to the thimble drum operating hub. Model two clocks after number 182757 and the Benzing 261 should have been done by the manufacturer.

7. EASY WAY

(a) STANDARD 14 Bird. Auto Escapement.

14 Bird. Seconds on dial. Auto Escapement.

(b) De Luxe 14 Bird. Roller printer Auto Escapement.

NOTE: All Easy Way clocks require to be fitted with a cam modification to the thimble drum operating hub. Clocks after number 106124 should have been done by the manufacturer.

The Easy-Way Standard also requires modification by the fitting of a baffle plate, obtainable from 'The Reddings'. The De-Luxe Model does not require modification; it can be recognised by the size of its box which is 8" x 6<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" x 5<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>"

8. JUNIOR

JUNIOR (ORIGINAL) Metal Case.

JUNIOR, 12 Bird Metal Case.

JUNIOR, 12 Bird Makrolon Case.

JUNIOR, 12 Bird Makrolon Case with seconds on dial.

JUNIOR PRINTER

The early model of the Junior Printer does not provide an opening or locking puncture and must be modified in order to do so. The modification consists of fitting a new back plate to the clock. This modification may only be carried out by Messrs Linell Instrument Service Ltd, 89/90 Lorne Street, Kidderminster, DY10 1SX, who are now the agents for the Junior Clock. Only Junior Clocks providing an opening/locking puncture will be accepted for competition under R.P.R.A. Rules.

Junior clocks with the serial letter prefix A, B or C cannot be modified and are not approved clocks.

9. LA LEDOISE

(a) STANDARD 12 Bird.

(b) 12 Bird, with seconds on dials.

11 S.T.B. (fitted with dolometer)

(a) Model 1101 - 32 Bird

Clocks below 015.000 require a cam modification and also a completely new thimble drum. Care must be taken when removing the thimble drum that no spillage of thimbles takes place and that the thimbles are removed in accordance with Association Rules - one thimble at a time in the prescribed manner.

(b) Model 1201 - 14 Bird.

(c) Model 1662 - 32 Bird with seconds on dial.

(d) Model 1021.728 - 14 Bird with 36.000 escapement.

Clocks from number 129689 do not require a dolometer fitted.

(e) S.T.B. 14 Bird Quartz Model

(f) S.T.B. 21 Bird Quartz - Manufacturers' Thimbles may only be used.

(g) Electronic Model 14E-1870.

NOTE: THE GLASSES ON THE OLD STYLE S.T.B. ARE NOT INTER-CHANGEABLE WITH THOSE ON THE NEW STYLE CLOCKS. NO CLOCK SHOULD BE ACCEPTED FOR COMPETITION WITHOUT THE CORRECT GLASSES.

All S.T.B. Quartz Clocks must be modified by the fitting of a 'Shield' which will prohibit the influence of magnetic fields to the coil and motor of such Clocks. The modification is available to Club Secretaries from S.T.B. Microtechniques.

10. SKYMASTER - 10 Bird. Must be fitted with a dolometer and small window in case to observe same. All Skymaster clocks also require the recessing of the cheese head screw which is located on the back of the base plate. When this screw has been recessed, it should be covered by a plastic seal, which may be 'E.W.' (E. W. Wilkinson of Pocklington); Butlers of Cheltenham Ltd, (both of whom now ceased production), or Linell Instrument Service whose address is Messrs Linell Instrument Service Ltd, 89/90 Lorne Street, Kidderminster, DY10 1SX.

11. KOVO - 32 Bird. This clock must be modified by the insertion of a proud screw in the side of the thimble drum. Care must be taken when removing the thimble drum that no spillage of thimbles takes place and that the thimbles are removed in accordance with Association Rules - one thimble at a time in the prescribed manner.

12. RACEMASTER (Metal Case) - 10 Bird. Numerical Printer, Auto Escapement. Agent for Racemaster Clocks, Stockton Watch & Clock Co., (now ceased production).

13. RACEMASTER in Plastic Case.

14. (a) T1 JUNIOR Quartz Computer

(12 bird - Makrolon case)

(b) T2 JUNIOR Quartz Computer

(12 bird - Makrolon case)

(c) T3 JUNIOR Quartz Computer

(12 bird - Makrolon case)

Can only be used in conjunction with the approved data-printer.

15. PALOMA 30 Bird - can only be used with thimbles.

16. UNIKON OLS Electronic Timing System (this system can only be used in conjunction with Rule 133 part 11).

NOTE (1): ALL PRINTING CLOCKS MUST BE SET IN THE 'STOP' POSITION.

NOTE (2): Mechanical Printing Clocks MAY be modified by the fitting of the approved Quartz Module with a Low Battery Indicator as supplied and fitted by Messrs. B. Leefe and Sons, 42/44 Market Place, Malton, Yorks. Tel: 01653 692921.

19. All Printing Clocks MAY be modified by the fitting of a Quartz Component (serial number ETC 781) carried out by Messrs. B. Leefe & Son, 42/44 Market Place, Malton, Yorks. 01653 692921.

### PUNCTURE CLOCKS

1. BELGICA 12 Bird. 3 Dials. Requires to be struck twice, see Rule 224. All Belgica clocks must be fitted with:

(a) A stepped striking ratchet, in place of the old 'single' tooth type.

(b) A locking stud to the wooden case to enable the fitting of a numbered seal after each setting.

(c) An indicating Dolometer.

(d) An anti-magnetic escapement.

Clock numbers between 17,000 and 26,000 are generally fitted with ALL of the above, necessary modifications. Numbers outside this bracket require to be modified. Clock setters are requested to refuse any Belgica clock not fitted with all of the above modifications.

2. HABICHT - 7, 9 and 10 Bird. Metal or Wood Case. Must puncture dials on opening and closing.

3. LE CONTINENTAL - 8 Bird.

(It is necessary to check correct functioning of locking mechanism before the issue of a 3-way test certificate). All Le Continental Clocks must be fitted with two sealing studs at the opening end— one to the lid and one to the base to enable the clock to be used under seal.

4. LA LEDOISE - Requires to be struck twice. See Rule 224.

5. ROTHERHAM - 6 Bird. Must be fitted with a Dolometer, brass locking bar and aperture cover.

6. TOULET

(a) Three Dial Clocks - 12 Bird. This does not require the square spindle modification.

(b) Two Dial Clocks 18 Bird, 12 Bird, 10 Bird. All of these require to be converted to square spindle. Round spindle clocks cannot be used. All Toulet Puncture 2 dial clocks to have their dials numbered either mechanically or by hand and signed through the number.

Numbers must be recorded in the Clock Book/Sheet/Envelope.

GENERAL. All Toulet Puncturing Clocks must provide an opening and locking puncture.

NOTE (1): The term 'CASE' refers to the case of the actual clock itself and is not to be confused with the carrying box into which the clock is placed.

NOTE (2): The Toulet clock fitted with two lugs does not require to be modified to three lugs. This is left to the discretion of the owner.

NOTE (3): It is recommended that all puncturing clocks should not be locked and opened on the same minute.

NOTE (4): Toulet 10/12 Bird MAY be modified by the fitting of an electronic quartz escapement, carried out by Mr A. Jinks of 87a, 87b, 88 High Street, Rowley Regis, Warley, Worcs. Tel: 0121 559 4898.

**OPEN-ENDED THIMBLES** may be used in the following clocks: SKYMASTER, STB 32 BIRD, EASY WAY, EARLY MODEL BENZING, JUNDES THEXOR, KOVO.

### THIMBLELESS CLOCKS:

The following clocks may be used without thimbles:

T2/T3 12 Bird Clock fitted with flaps  
T2/T3 21 Bird Clock fitted with flaps

### THIMBLELESS/FLAP LESS CLOCKS:

The following clocks may be used without thimbles or flaps:

Benzing Paloma

Benzing Computer

Benzing Quartz

6-figure STB Quartz and Manual (not including the rounded case STB)

**CLOCK INSERT:** The Gerwin Basch Click 'n Clock T3 Clock inserts may be used in conjunction with thimbles in unmodified T3 Clock slots.

### ETS SYSTEMS

1. BENZING

2. BRICON

3. MEGA

4. TAURIS

5. TINES UK

6. UNIKON

7. VICTORY

### CLOCK REGISTER

The undermentioned Clocks can continue to be used by their present owners provided they have been registered at R.P.R.A. Headquarters prior to the dates shown. **THEY MAY NOT BE SOLD, LOANED OR DISPOSED OF FOR USE BY ANY OTHER PERSON.**

*Registered by 1st May, 1984*

ALFRED PLASSCHAERT 19 BIRD

JUNDES THEXOR 13 BIRD

BENZING MODEL ONE 9 BIRD

*Registered by 30th April, 2003*

BELGICA 12 BIRD, 3 DIAL

ROTHERHAM 6 BIRD

ALFRED PLASSCHAERT 13 BIRD

ROBERT PLASSCHAERT 24 BIRD

SKYMASTER

LE LEDOISE 2 DIAL PUNCTURING

CLOCK

RACEMASTER IN PLASTIC CASE

BENZING 14 BIRD DOUBLE ROLL

BENZING COMATIC 27 BIRD

*Registered by 1st April 2004*

BENZING MODEL TWO

*Registered by 31st December 2005*

ALL TOULET PUNCTURE CLOCKS

### MASTER TIMERS:

BENZING COMPUTER CLOCK

MASTER TIMER

T3 JUNIOR QUARTZ COMPUTER

MASTER TIMER

**MEMBERS ARE ADVISED WHEN SENDING A CLOCK FOR REPAIR/ SERVICE THEY SHOULD:**

*a) send the Clock by the carrier recommended by the Clock Company concerned.*

*b) obtain a written estimate before any repairs are carried out.*

**ROYAL PIGEON RACING  
ASSOCIATION APPROVED  
CLOCK REPAIRERS**

Mr. D.S. Bansel, 2 Wellhouse Road off  
Rounday Road, Roundhay, Leeds L8 4BS.  
Tel: 0113 2406586

Messrs. Boddy & Ridewood Faroe House  
Thornburgh Road, Eastfield Industrial  
Estate, Scarborough, N. Yorkshire YO11  
3UY. Tel: 01723 585858 Fax:  
01723 582702

E-mail: info@pigeons.co.uk

Mr. G. R. Grisbrook, 19 Market Hall,  
Market Street, Pontypool, Gwent, NP4 6JW.  
Tel: 01495 760220 E-mail:  
grisbrook@aol.com

Mr. A. L. Haymes, 14 Menheniot Crescent,  
Langore, Launceston, Cornwall, PL15 8PD.  
Tel: 01566 773552

E-mail: mauricehaymes@amservice.com

Mr. A. Jinks, 87a, 87b, 88 High Street,  
Rowley Regis, Warley, Worcs. B65 OEH.  
Tel: 0121 559 4898

Messrs. B. Leefe & Sons, Pet World, The  
Old Substation, Showfield Lane, Malton.  
Tel: 01653 691411 Fax: 01653 696517

E-mail: b.leefe.pigeons@virgin.net

Messrs. Linell Instrument Services, 89 - 90  
Lorne Street, Kidderminster, Worcs. DY10  
1SX. Tel: 01562 69169 Fax: 01562 68688

E-mail: sales@linell.co.uk.

Mr P. J. Mills, 38 Hawfield Road, Tividale,  
Oldbury, West Midlands B69 1LD. Tel:  
0121 601 0274 or Mobile: 07776 386336.

Mr. J. A. Noble, 58 Lightenfield Lane,  
Netherton, Huddersfield, HD4 7DT. Tel:  
01484 663089.

Mr. H. W. Page & Son, 91 - 92 High Street,  
Ibstock, Leicester. Tel & Fax: 01530 260394

Mr. F. Richardson, 18 de Ferrers Croft  
Stretton Burton on Trent DE13 OFH. Tel:  
01283 531806

Mr. G. Rudd, 110 Park Road, Timperley,  
Cheshire, WA15 6TE. Tel: 0161 969 2255

Mr. J. G. Sharpe, MBHI 2 Regina Villa,  
Creech Heathfield, Nr. Taunton, Somerset,  
TA3 5ER. Tel: 018234 12070

E-mail: james@sharpe4.fsbusiness.co.uk

Mr. M. G. Troth, The Mayfield, South Crest,  
Redditch, Worcester. B98 7DU. Tel & Fax:  
01527 401824

E-mail: redditchclockshop@tiscali.co.uk

Mr. C. Surtees Agent for JuniorCtime,  
Chilton Moor Farm, Chilton Moor,  
Houghton le Spring, Tyne & Wear, DH4  
6LY Tel: 0191 385 6879 Fax: 0191 385 6889

Deister Electronic (UK) Ltd. - Camel Gate,  
Springfields, Spalding, Lincs. PE12 6ET.  
Tel: 01775 717100 Fax: 01775 717101

E-mail: info@deister.co.uk

**APPENDIX E**

**METHOD OF CALCULATING  
VELOCITIES (SEE RULE 192)**

The following method will be the only one  
for arriving at a velocity:

**Member's Clock**

Long run: From setting competitor's clock  
to striking off of competitor's clock after  
race

Short run: From setting competitor's clock  
to timing in of pigeon

Variation: Net gain or net loss of  
competitor's clock divided by the long run,  
multiplied by Short Run, i.e.

**Net gain or net loss x Short Run**

**Long Run**

Correct Flying Time:

Bird timed in on competitor's clock.

Plus or deduct difference of setting time  
from Master timer.

Plus or deduct variation gives corrected  
time of arrival.

Deduct liberation time gives correct  
flying time.

For working out: Miles and Yards  
convert to 60th (sixtieths)

Velocity: Flying time, hours, minutes and  
seconds - reduced to seconds.

To give true velocity to a minimum of  
two decimal places.

There will be no rounding up or rounding  
down anywhere in the calculation.

*Note: In arriving at the variation any  
fraction of a second will be used in the  
calculation. When a Master Clock has been  
running for some time, prior to setting or  
checking members' clocks, the loss or gain  
must be obtained at the time of setting or  
checking members' clocks to it.*

**APPENDIX 'F'  
(SEE RULE 127)**

**HEADROOM**

As from 2008 any new vehicles are to have  
a minimum internal headroom of 10 inches  
for baskets/crates. The current standard  
recommended is a minimum of 9".

**APPENDIX 'G'  
(SEE RULE 199)**

**PERFORMANCE ENHANCING  
DRUGS/SUBSTANCES**

1. These Rules are drawn up by the Council  
of the Royal Pigeon Racing Association  
under the powers granted by virtue of Rule  
199.

2. The use in pigeons of the following are  
strictly forbidden:

**ANABOLIC STEROIDS, BETA-  
AGONISTS, CORTICO STEROIDS,  
ANTI-INFLAMMATORY NON-  
STEROIDS, OPIATES, ANALGESICS,  
PERFORMANCE ENHANCING  
STIMULANTS, SYNTHETIC  
HORMONES, ANY DRUG FOUND TO  
BE PERFORMANCE ENHANCING  
PLUS ANY SUBSTANCE WHICH MAY  
BE USED IN AN ATTEMPT TO MASK  
THE ABOVE.**

When products of which the composition is  
not specified are administered, we advise  
fanciers to ask for an attestation from their  
pharmacist or vet stating that the product  
does not contain forbidden substances.

3a. In order to detect the above banned

substances, the R.P.R.A. is authorised to  
take immediate steps, namely for taking of  
samples before, during or after the race,  
from the lofts or pigeons of its members.

3b. Samples may also be taken from the  
containers used to transport the pigeons  
from the member's loft to the marking  
station. It is in the interest of every member  
to ensure that the container and its contents  
is free from any trace of the substances listed  
in paragraph 2 of appendix G.

4. The collection of samples will be carried  
out on the instructions of authorised officials  
who are responsible for organising the  
race(s) in which the pigeon(s) have taken  
part, or the Region concerned.

5. A sample may be taken from a member's  
loft or as laid down in paragraph 3b. Two  
samples will be taken, one for testing and a  
control in case of dispute. The two  
containers will be sealed and labelled in the  
presence of the affiliated member or his  
nominee. The two containers will be sent to  
the R.P.R.A. by the official referred to in  
para 4 together with the appropriate fee. The  
General Manager will forward a sample to  
the R.P.R.A. approved laboratory. Sealed  
container B, being the control, will be kept  
by the Association in case of dispute. Only  
the laboratory authorised by the R.P.R.A.  
can carry out drug testing and control.

6. The result of the tests will be forwarded in  
confidence to the race organiser and the  
Region concerned by headquarters, who will  
inform the owner or his nominee within 10  
days of the result. Whilst waiting for a test  
result, the owner of the suspected pigeon(s)  
shall not have claim to any prize or title  
which any of his pigeons may have  
achieved. If the resulting test is negative this  
restriction will be lifted immediately.

7. If the result is positive, notification would  
be by Recorded Delivery. In the five  
working days following receipt of this  
notification, the owner or his nominee can  
demand, also by Recorded Delivery  
addressed to the Club/Region secretary, that  
a further test be carried out on the control  
held by the R.P.R.A. Within the same time  
frame the person requesting the control will  
pay the necessary fee to the laboratory.  
Should the owner or his nominee not request  
this control within the time limits, the first  
test will be considered final. The result of  
the control test will be sent in a report  
addressed to the owner or his nominee; a  
copy will be sent to the club  
secretary/Region secretary concerned. There  
is no right to compensation whatever the  
outcome of tests.

8. In the case of a clearly positive result of  
tests, including those of the first analysis, all  
costs shall be borne by the offender. If the  
control is negative, all charges in respect of  
the testing will be borne by the club or  
Region instigating the test.

9. Medical treatment may not be used as  
justification should the result prove positive.  
Pigeons undergoing medical treatment with  
substances containing those listed in  
paragraph 2 cannot take part in races and  
must not be in a part of the loft dedicated to  
racing. In the seven days following the  
closure of a race in which they have taken

part, the pigeons may not be treated with any drugs containing substances listed in paragraph 2.

10. A member of the R.P.R.A. who is guilty of breaking these Rules will, in the case of a positive analysis, be suspended and will be required to appear before his Region Committee. If found guilty under R.P.R.A. Rule.

199, the penalties are as laid down; a minimum period of three years suspension or expulsion from the R.P.R.A. Any prize won in the race preceding the tests will be forfeited.

11. If the owner or his nominee refuses or impedes the collection of samples, they will

lay themselves open to the penalties as laid down in R.P.R.A. Rule 199, as though they had been found guilty of using a substance as laid down in paragraph 2.

12. The owner or his nominee may demand proof of identity and sight of the authorisation of persons (minimum of two) who take the samples.

13. Details of the charges and how to collect samples will be given on application to The Reddings.

14. Any member of the RPRA who is found to have aided and abetted any other person, either actively or passively, in the administration of performance enhancing drugs, or attempts to disguise their

administration shall be deemed guilty and will be dealt with under article 10.

## **APPENDIX H**

### **SUPERVISION OF JUNIOR MEMBERS**

**It is recommended that all junior members under 18 are accompanied by a parent /guardian or another adult who has family authority to act as loco parentis when attending club/organisation premises and functions.**

## **APPENDIX I**

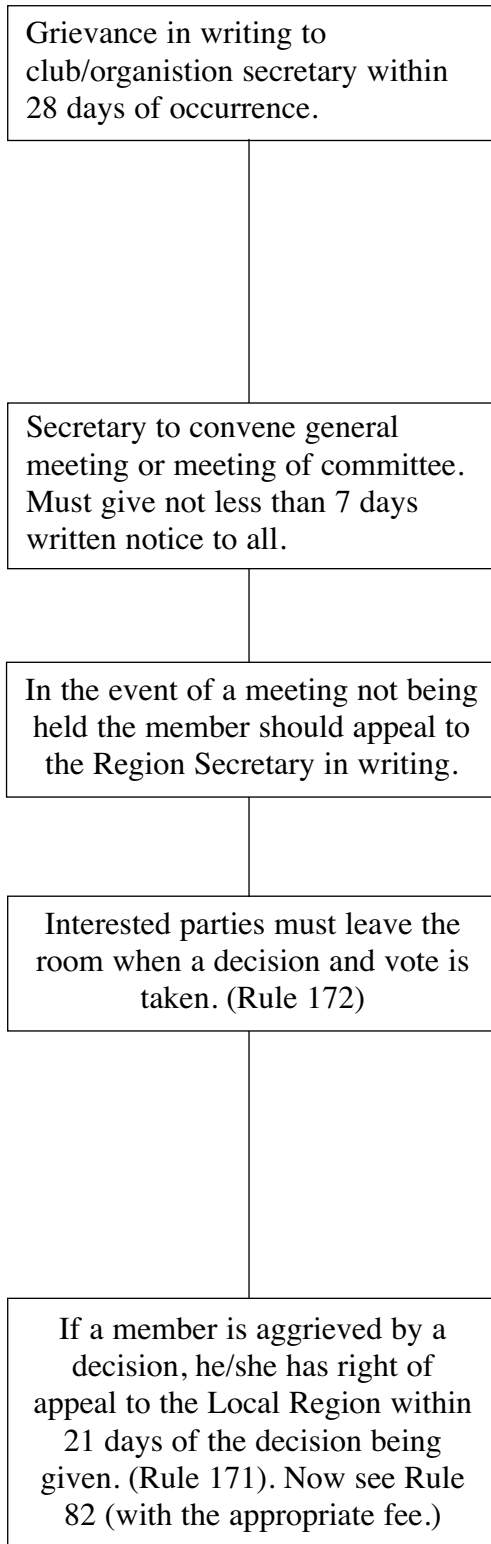
### **AIDE MEMOIRE FOR REGION SECRETARIES DEALING WITH DISPUTES AND APPEALS.**

Rule 168/169 disputes or disputes with an organisation under Rule 82.

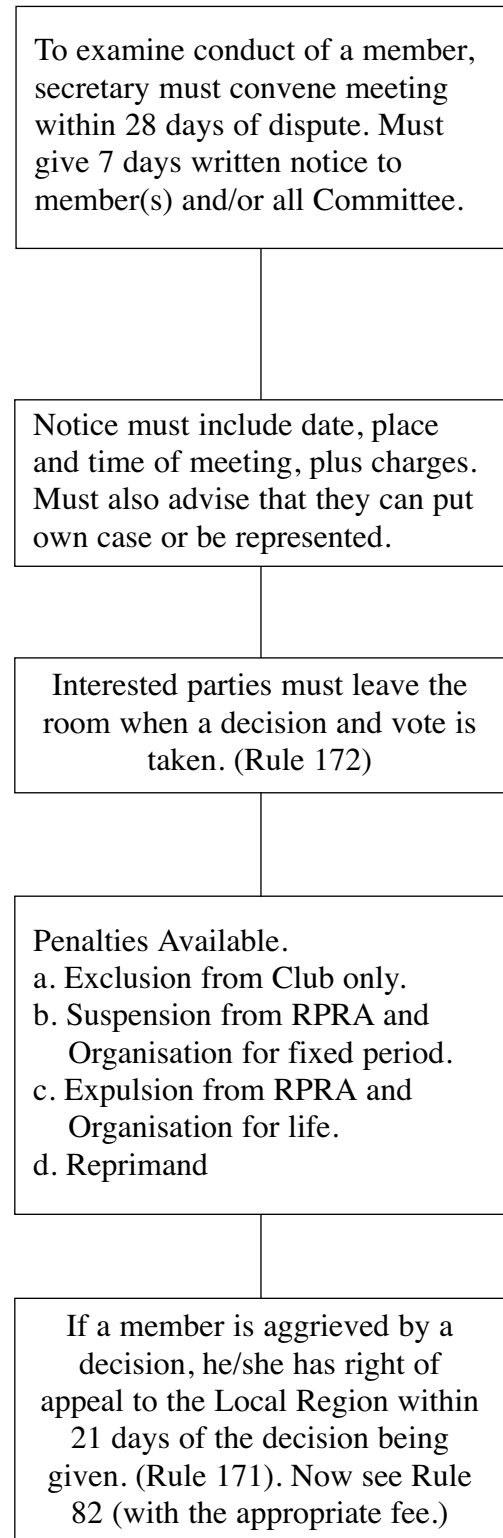
- On receipt of an appeal to a local Region Committee check that the appeal has been forwarded within 21 days of the decision being given or within 21 days of the dispute with the Organisation.
- Check that the request has included grounds for appeal and a payment of £20.
- Inform the relevant Organisation of the appeal and the grounds and request any written evidence.
- If the appeal is against or concerning a decision made by an Organisation also request a copy of the letter sent to the Appellant.
- Give not less than 10 days notice of the date, time and place of the meeting to the Appellant, relevant Organisation and all members of the local Region Committee including particulars of the case. Such notice to the parties of the appeal shall be by recorded delivery.
- Advise the Appellant and Organisation that they are entitled to attend the hearing, give evidence, be represented if they prefer, and to receive and consider written statements or explanations given by the other party. Draw their attention to rule 82 and in particular sub paragraphs 4 - 9.
- When the decision of the local Region Committee is made advise all parties concerned in the appeal as soon as possible after the hearing, in writing. Bear in mind that an aggrieved party has 21 days in which to appeal to Council. The General Manager is also to be advised.
- Should an aggrieved party appeal to Council then the General Manager will forward a copy of that request to you requesting copies of the written evidence considered by the local Region Committee to be forwarded to him within 21 days.

## GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

### **Grievance by a Member in a Club/Organisation Rule 168**



### **Grievance by Club/Organisation Rule 169**





**DISPUTES AND APPEALS TO LOCAL REGIONS**

Any Member

Excluded, expelled or suspended by an Organisation

Aggrieved by a decision of an Organisation

Having a dispute with an Organisation

May appeal in writing to his/her Region Secretary within 21 days of the decision and state the grounds for appeal. (Rule 82.1) (Accompanied by the appropriate fee).

Region Secretary is to inform Organisation of appeal and grounds, and request written evidence.

Region Secretary to give not less than 10 days notice of date, place and time of hearing, in writing, by recorded delivery. (Rule 82.2). All Region Committee to have copies of the evidence.

- The Appellant can:
- a. Attend
  - b. Be represented
  - c. Give Evidence
  - d. Receive and consider written statements given by the Organisation.
  - 3. Call witnesses to give evidence. (Rule 82.3)

- The Organisation can:
- a. Attend
  - b. Be represented
  - c. Give Evidence
  - d. Receive and consider written statements given by the Appellant
  - e. Call witnesses to give evidence. (Rule 82.3)

Chairman of Region Committee conducts hearing, but neither he/she or any other Region Committee Member involved in the case can take part unless representing Organisation at Appeal. (Rules 82.6 & 7)

Decision is made as soon as is practicable and takes effect from that date. All parties, plus General Manager must be advised of the decision. (Rule 82.8)

- Penalties available:  
The Region Committee may:
- a. rescind, vary, modify or confirm the decision of any organisation except suspension to expulsion.
  - b. Order a re-hearing of any organisation meeting if RPRA rules have not been followed. (Rule 82.9)

Individuals/Organisations can accept the decision of the Region Committee or Appeal to Council (Rule 83)

### APPEALS TO COUNCIL

Any Organisation whose decision has been varied, modified or rescinded by a Local Region Committee.

Any member unhappy with the decision of a Local Region that directly affects him (but see Rule 83).

May appeal to Council for a re-hearing of the case. The following procedure is then adopted.

The Appellant gives notice to the General Manager within 21 days of The Region decision stating their grounds for appeal and enclosing the appropriate fee. Rule 83.1.

Upon receipt of such notice, the General Manager shall forward a copy to the Secretary of the Local Region Committee in question who shall, within 21 days after receipt of such copy notice, forward to the General Manager copies of the written evidence considered by the Local Region Committee together with the grounds upon which the Committee's decision was made.

The General Manager will:  
a. Give 10 days notice of Appeal date/location to every party in appeal and council  
b. Send a copy of all evidence and grounds for Region's decision to all in appeal and Council. (Rule 83.3)

All parties to the appeal may attend or be represented and may give evidence. No fresh evidence can be given unless presented to the General Manager and the other parties at least 7 days before the appeal date. (Rule 83.4)

At the hearing of the appeal by Council a representative of the Region Committee is permitted to corroborate evidence heard before that region. (Rule 83.5)

A Councillor cannot deliberate on the appeal if he/she sat on the Region Committee to hear the appeal under Rule 82, unless he/she represents the appellant or another part to the appeal or for the purpose of corroboration of evidence heard before the Region Committee.

Penalties available.  
The Council may: rescind, vary, modify or confirm the decision of any Region Committee.  
(Rule 83.7) **The decision of Council is final.**

## **APPENDIX I – REINSTATEMENT**

### **SUSPENSION OF A MEMBER OR ORGANISATION**

- If an organisation suspends a member, the organisation must advise its local Region committee as soon as possible. The period of suspension must be stated. (R73)
- The Local Region must confirm the suspension and inform the General Manager. (R73)
- If the Local Region suspends an organisation the Region Secretary is to inform the General Manager, who in turn, will advise all other Region Secretaries. (R74)
- During the period of suspension the suspended member ceases to be a member of the RPRA, no address, loft number or ring number is recognised. (R75)

### **FREEING OF SUSPENSION**

- Any member / organisation can apply at any time for the freeing of an ineligible address, loft number or ring number, by applying to the Local Region. (R75)
- The termination of a suspension frees all rings, but does not entitle the suspended member / organisation to be reinstated to any organisation. He/she must reapply. (R79)
- For a suspension imposed or confirmed by the Local Region the suspended member may apply to that Region in writing, with the appropriate £5 fee. (R80)
- For a suspension imposed by Council, see Rule 81.

## ***PAST PRESIDENTS - NATIONAL HOMING UNION AND ROYAL PIGEON RACING ASSOCIATION***

1897 J. W. Logan	1920 A. W. Skinner	1943 E. Young	1966 A. H. Passmore	1989 H. R. Ryals
1898 J. W. Logan	1921 A. W. Skinner	1944 E. Young	1967 T. Cornwell	1990 J. James
1899 J. W. Logan	1922 H. N. Linaker	1945 E. Young	1968 T. Cornwell	1991 J. James
1900 J. W. Logan	1923 H. N. Linaker	1946 R. Fletcher	1969 T. Cornwell	1992 J. James
1901 R. Slack	1924 H. N. Linaker	1947 A. Rutherford	1970 M. Midgley	1993 R. Carlton
1902 R. Slack	1925 A. W. Skinner	1948 A. Rutherford	1971 M. Midgley	1994 R. Carlton
1903 W. Smethurst	1926 R. Fletcher	1949 A. Rutherford	1972 M. Midgley	1995 R. Carlton
1904 W. Smethurst	1927 R. Fletcher	1950 H. Smith	1973 R. W. Trippett	1996 J. C. Robilliard
1905 F. G. Skinner	1928 A. A. Whitehead	1951 H. Smith	1974 R. W. Trippett	1997 J. C. Robilliard
1906 F. G. Skinner	1929 A. A. Whitehead	1952 H. Smith	1975 R. W. Trippett	1998 J. C. Robilliard
1907 J. T. Hinks	1930 A. A. Whitehead	1953 R. Walker	1976 G. C. Barrett	1999 R. H. Moffatt
1908 J. T. Hinks	1931 T. H. Wood	1954 F. Pendlebury	1977 G. C. Barrett	2000 R. H. Moffatt
1909 E. H. Crow	1932 T. H. Wood	1955 F. Pendlebury	1978 G. C. Barrett	2001 R. H. Moffatt
1910 A. Whitehead	1933 T. H. Wood	1956 C. Howell	1979 L. P. Butler	2002 B. Tattersall
1911 T. H. Burton	1934 T. Brown	1957 C. Howell	1980 L. P. Butler	2003 B. Tattersall
1912 T. H. Burton	1935 T. Brown	1958 C. Howell	1981 L. P. Butler	2004 B. Tattersall
1913 A. W. Skinner	1936 T. Brown	1959 R. Berrey	1982 H. R. Ryals	2005 P. J. Mitchell
1914 T. E. Cooper	1937 G. Barrett	1960 R. Berrey	1983 H. R. Ryals	2006 P. J. Mitchell
1915 T. E. Cooper	1938 G. Barrett	1961 R. Berrey	1984 H. R. Ryals	2007 P. J. Mitchell
1916 W. Youde	1939 G. Barrett	1962 J. M. Young	1985 L. P. Butler	2008 L. Blacklock
1917 P. Wolstenholme	1940 E. Finch	1963 J. M. Young	1986 L. P. Butler	
1918 G. Pallett	1941 E. Finch	1964 J. M. Young	1987 H. R. Ryals	
1919 A. Burnett	1942 E. Finch	1965 A. H. Passmore	1988 H. R. Ryals	

## 2009 C.A.A. LIST OF AIRFIELDS TO BE NOTIFIED

Organisations intending to liberate (racing or training) at any site listed must notify the Air Traffic Controller, giving 14 days notice of the liberation. The convoyer should telephone the ATC 30 mins prior to liberation. Ensure a record is kept of the name of the ATC Controller.

RACE POINT	AERODROME	TELEPHONE NUMBER	RACE POINT	AERODROME	TELEPHONE NUMBER
<b>A</b>			<b>N</b>		
Ampthill	Cranfield	01234 754761	Northallerton	Topcliffe	01748 875376 or 875340
	Biggleswade	01767 627288		Lynton	01347 848261 Ext 7491/2
Appleton(Lymm)	Manchester(Barton)	0161 7877326		RAF Leeming	01677 423041
	Woodford	0161 4393383	<b>P</b>		
Arbroath	Leuchars	01334 839471 Ext 2055	Perth	Perth(Scone)	01738 551631
<b>B</b>			Peterborough	Wittering	01780 783838 Ext 7090
Basingstoke	Odiham	01256 702134 Ext 7295		P'Borough(Connington)	01487 832022
	Lasham	01256 384900		Sibson	01832 280289
Beverley	Leconfield	01964 550424	Pontefract	Sherburn in Elmet	01977 682674
Biggleswade	Biggleswade	01767 627288	Poole	Bournemouth	01202 364150
Blandford	Compton Abbas	01747 811767	<b>R</b>		
Bodmin	Bodmin	01208 821419 / 821711	Ramsgate	Manston	01843 823600
Bubwith	Church Fenton	01347 848261 Ext 7491/2	Retford	Retford(Gamston)	01777 838593/4
	Sherburn in Elmet	01977 682674	Ripon	Dishforth	01748 874633
<b>C</b>			Rotherham	Sheffield	0114 2015544
Carlisle	Carlisle	01228 573629	<b>S</b>		
Cheltenham	Gloucestershire	01452 857700 Ext 223	Salisbury	Boscombe Down	01980 663051 / 2
Coupar Angus	Perth	01738 551631		Old Sarum	01722 322525
Coventry	Coventry	02476 762220 or 882656	Sennen Cove	Penzance Heliport	01736 364296/7
<b>E</b>				Land's End (St Just)	01736 788944
Elgin	Lossiemouth	01343 812121 Ext 2051	Shrewsbury	Sleap	01939 232882
	Kinloss	01309 672161 Ext 7608	St Albans	Panshanger	01707 391791
Exeter	Exeter	01392 367433		Elstree	02089 537480
<b>F</b>			Stoneleigh	Coventry	024 76 639451
Fareham	Southampton	02380 627201 / 627203	Stratford-on-Avon	Wellesbourne Mountford	01789 842007
<b>G</b>			<b>T</b>		
Great Driffield	Leconfield	01964 550424	Taunton	Merryfield	01460 52018
Guernsey	Guernsey	01481 237766	Tilbury	Rochester	01634 861378 or 869968
<b>H</b>			Truro	Truro	01872 560488
Halifax	Huddersfield	01484 645784	<b>W</b>		
Hereford	Shobden	01568 708369	Wadebridge	St Mawgan	01637 872201 Ext 2045/6
Hexham	Newcastle	0191 2143250		Bodmin	01208 821419 or 821711
Honiton	Exeter	01392 367433	Ware	Panshanger	01707 391791
	Dunkeswell	01404 891643	Wellington	Dunkeswell	01404 891271 or 891643
Hullavington	Gliding School	01666 837160	Whitchurch	Shawbury	01939 250351 Ext 7227
		or 07974 102844	Wincanton	Yeovilton	01935 455415
	Hullavington Barracks	01666 508845	Windrush	Brize Norton	01993 842551 Ext 7551
	Lyneham	01249 890381 Ext 6214	Wollaston	Halfpenny Green	01384 221378
<b>K</b>			<b>Y</b>		
Kettering	Northampton(Sywell)	01604 644917	Yelverton	Plymouth	01752 204090 or 515341
<b>L</b>			Yeovil	Yeovil	01935 475222
Leicester	Leicester	0116 2592360		Yeovilton	01935 455415
Leyland	Warton	01772 633333	<b>M</b>		
Llantrisant	Cardiff	01446 712562	Mangotsfield	Bristol	01275 474444
<b>M</b>			Market Rasen	Wickenby	01673 885886
Morpeth	Newcastle	0191 2143250			

## **LIBERATION POINTS AND AIRFIELDS 2009**

The liberation of pigeons within an 8 mile radius of the following aerodromes is forbidden:-

Aberdeen	Dublin	Inverness	Prestwick
Belfast	East Midlands	Kirkwall	Sheffield
Birmingham	Edinburgh	Leeds (Bradford)	Southend
Bournemouth	Gatwick	Liverpool	Southampton
(Hurn)	Glasgow	Luton	Stansted
Bristol (Lulsgate)	Heathrow	Manchester	Sumburgh
Cardiff	Humberside	Newcastle	Teesside
Cork	(Hull)	Norwich	

# **VACCINATION CODE OF PRACTICE**

- (1) Racing pigeons entered in races or shows must be vaccinated annually against paramyxovirus with a DEFRA-approved vaccine.
- (2) A vaccination certificate containing the details of the vaccination must be used.
- (3) Vaccination of pigeons must be witnessed by two independent association/union members, or a veterinary surgeon who will be required to sign the vaccination certificate on the front and likewise after the last pigeon listed on the reverse of the form.
- (4) The vaccination certificate should have recorded on it the make of vaccine used and the batch number of the vaccine.
- (5) The original copy of the certificate should be retained by the club and a certified true copy lodged with any other club (if a member is in more than one club). These certificates should be retained for two years.
- (6) Members entering racing pigeons in races or shows will be required to certify on their race/show entry form that the pigeons have been vaccinated against paramyxovirus with a DEFRA-approved vaccine.
- (7) Club secretaries will require to certify to their conveying organisations that all pigeons entered have been vaccinated against paramyxovirus with a DEFRA-approved vaccine.
- (8) The driver of the transporter should be furnished with a certificate certifying that all pigeons carried have been vaccinated against paramyxovirus with a DEFRA-approved vaccine.

## **IRISH LIBERATION SITES 2009**

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<i>Site</i>	<i>Code</i>	<i>Site</i>	<i>Code</i>	<i>Site</i>	<i>Code</i>
ARKLOW	6001	KILLKENNY	6011	ROSCREA	6023
BARLEY COVE	6006	MALAHIDE	6008	ROSSCARBERY	6004
BUDE	6015	MALLOW	6012	SKIBBEREEN	6017
CASTLETOWN BERE	6021	MULLIGAR	6007	TALBENNY	6016
CLONMEL	6022	NAVAN	6020	THURLES	6018
FERMOY	6014	NENAGH	6013	TRAMORE	6003
KILDARE	6010	PILMORE BEACH	6019	TULLAMORE	6009

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<b>A</b>		<b>H</b>	
ALNWICK, Rugby Club	4149	HASTINGS	4190
AMPTHILL, Redborne 2nd School	4001	HEREFORD, Racecourse	4046
APPLETON, Lymm Café	4002	HEXHAM, Racecourse	4047
ARBROATH, Victoria Park	4003	HONITON, Smeathorpe disused airfield	4186
AYCLIFFE, Coaltham Mundeville Services	4177	HULLAVINGTON, Hangar Farm	4048
		HUNTINGDON, Racecourse	4049
<b>B</b>		<b>I</b>	
BASINGSTOKE, Down Grange Playing Fields	4006	INGLETON, White Scar Cave	4163
BATH, Hartley Farm, Swainswick	4007		
BERWICK, Berwick Rangers Football Ground	4008		
BEVERLEY, Racecourse	4009	<b>K</b>	
BIGGLESWADE, Rugby Club	4010	KELSO, Racecourse	4166
BILLERICAY, Showground	4179	KEMPSEY, Farmers Arms car park	4051
BISHOP AUCKLAND, Witton Castle	4011	KETTERING, Wicksteed Park	4053
BLANDFORD, Army Camp	4161	KINGSDOWN, Hardstanding in field	4147
BODMIN, Priory car park	4013		
BOSTON, White House Farm	4014	<b>L</b>	
BOVINGDON, Disused Airfield	4015	LEATHERHEAD, Top car park at Leisure Centre	4055
BROUGH, Grand Prix Coach Park	4016	LEICESTER, Racecourse	4056
BUBWITH, Disused Airfield	4017	LERWICK, Victoria Pier	4057
BUCKINGHAM, Finmere Airfield	4018	LEYLAND, Lancs Enterprise Business Park	4139
BURSCOUGH, Industrial Estate, Tolgate Road	4019	LITTLEHAMPTON, Banjo Road car park	4059
		LLANTRISANT, Leisure Centre	4060
<b>C</b>		LOWESTOFT, Railway Station	4062
CARLISLE, Racecourse	4165	LUDLOW, Racecourse	4063
CARNFORTH, Truckhaven Ltd	4174	LULWORTH, Lulworth Castle	4064
CHALE, The Showground	4150	LYNDHURST, Minstead Manor	4065
CHELMSFORD, Boyton Hall Farm	4182		
CHELTENHAM, Racecourse Lorry Park,	4021	<b>M</b>	
CHEPSTOW, Racecourse	4022	MAIDSTONE, Monk Lakes	4181
CHESTERFIELD, Sharley Park, Clay Cross	4023	MALTON, Wentworth Street car park	4067
COCKENZIE, Boat Yard	4170	MANGOTSFIELD, Rodway Common	4068
COUPAR ANGUS, Larchan Park	4025	MARKET RASEN, Racecourse	4069
COVENTRY, Mobbs Wood Farm	4154	MARLBOROUGH, East of Frees Avenue	4070
		MELTON MOWBRAY, Cattle Market lorry park	4071
<b>D</b>		MORPETH, Grange House Playing Fields car park	4073
DERBY, Mackworth College, Wilmorton	4162		
DUNBAR, Rugby Club car park	4153	<b>N</b>	
		NANTWICH, Brookfield Park	4074
<b>E</b>		NEWARK, New Livestock Market lorry park	4075
EAST PRAWLE, Silo Field at West Prawle	4030	NEWBURY, Racecourse public car park	4076
EASTBOURNE, Beachy Head car park	4031	NEWPORT, Tredegar Park	4078
ELGIN, Lossie Green, Boroughbriggs	4032	NEWTON ABBOT, Racecourse	4079
EXETER, Haldon Racecourse	4178	NORTHALLERTON, RU FC	4080
		<b>O</b>	
<b>F</b>		OTTERBURN, The Beacons	4167
FAREHAM, Wicor Recreation Ground, Porchester	4035		
FRASERBURGH, The Links End of car park	4036	<b>P</b>	
FROME, Showfield Car Park, Rodden Road	4180	PENKRIDGE, Monkton Recreation Centre	4157
		PERTH, Sconce Palace Park, Racecourse	4084
<b>G</b>		PETERBOROUGH, EoE Showground	4187
GARSTANG	4189	PONTEFRACT, Park Approach	4086
GREAT DRIFFIELD, Agri Society Showground	4183	POOLE, Baiter Park	4087
GREAT YARMOUTH, Radar Lodge, Hopton on Sea	4041		
GUERNSEY, Victoria Avenue	4042		

<b>P</b>			<b>T</b>	
PORTLAND, Open land next to Portland Heights Hotel	4088		TAUNTON, Racecourse	4113
PORTSMOUTH, Southsea Common	4089		TEBAY, Truckstop	4172
<b>R</b>			THORNTON, Memorial Park	4188
RAMSGATE, Joss Bay	4090		THURSO, Riverside Road car park	4115
REED, Hatchpen Farm	4092		TILBURY, Anchor Field	4116
RETFORD, Football Ground, East Retford	4093		TRURO, St Stithians Showground	4118
RIPON, Racecourse	4094		<b>U</b>	
ROTHERHAM, Herringthorpe Playing Fields	4156		UTTOXETER, Racecourse	4119
<b>S</b>			<b>W</b>	
SALISBURY, Hudson Field	4096		WADEBRIDGE, Royal Cornwall Showground	4120
SCOTCH CORNER, Barton lorry park	4097		WAKEFIELD, Redbeck Café	4121
SEAHAM HARBOUR, Seaham Hall	4098		WANSTEAD FLATS, Fairground site	4123
SEATON, Harbour Road car park	4099		WARE, Wodson Park	4124
SEDBERGH, Killington Lake	4171		WELLINGTON, Sports Centre	4126
SENNEN COVE, car park at top of hill	4100		WEST BAY, Melplash Agri Society Showground	4127
SHAP, Open space outside Village	4101		WETHERBY, Racecourse	4128
SHREWSBURY, Rugby Club	4159		WHITBY Car park next to Abbey	4129
SLEAFORD, David Williams Pavillion	4151		WHITCHURCH	4168
SOUTHAM, Model Farm	4175		WHITLEY BAY, Briardene car park	4131
St ALBANS, William Bird Playing Field	4106		WINCANTON, Racecourse	4132
St BOSWELLS, Village Green	4107		WINDRUSH, Disused Airfield	4133
STAFFORD, Stone Flats	4108		WOKING, Burnt Common Auction Rooms	4155
STONEHAVEN, Swimming Pool car park	4109		WOLLASTON, Recreation Ground	4134
STONELEIGH, National Agri. Centre, Spine Road	4110		WORCESTER, Perdisswell Leisure Centre	4135
STRATFORD ON AVON, Racecourse	4112		<b>Y</b>	
			YELVERTON, Old Airfield	4137
			YEOVIL, Showground	4176

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<b>FRANCE</b>				<b>BELGIUM</b>	
Alencon	5001	Pau	5034	Beersel	5049
Arras	5003	Pau - BICC	5035	Boom	5050
Bergerac	5005	Picauville	5038	Gent	5051
Bordeaux	5007	Poitiers	5039	Herstal	5052
Bordeaux - BICC	5008	Redon	5040	Ostend	5053
Bourges	5009	Reims	5041	<b>LUXEMBOURG</b>	
Boves	5079	Rennes	5083	Luxembourg	5054
Cherbourg	5011	Sartilly	5084	<b>SPAIN</b>	
Clermont	5013	St Malo	5072	Barcelona	5046
Falaise	5017	St Nazaire	5075	Palamos	5047
Fougeres	5064	Saintes	5042	San Sebastian	5048
Jouy le Chatel	5020	Saran	5043		
Lamballe	5022	Tarbes BICC	5055		
Le Mans	5076	Tours	5044		
Lessay	5073	Vannes	5085		
Lille	5023				
Lillers	5024				
Limoges	5025				
Marmande	5026				
Messac	5029				
Nevers	5032				
Niort	5033				

# ROYAL PIGEON RACING ASSOCIATION

# 2009 PRICE LIST

<b>SECRETARIES' GUIDE</b>	Free on request – send 9" x 6" S.A.E. + 72p postage
<b>GB RINGS (TO ORGANISATIONS)</b>	Orders in multiples of 50 rings before 31st January
<b>CURRENT MEMBERSHIP RECEIPT TO ACCOMPANY ORDER PLEASE</b>	(From 1st February multiples of 20 rings can be accepted)
	£6.11 per 20      £66.15 per 300      £150.75 per 700
	£12.46 per 50      £87.30 per 400      £172.73 per 800
	£23.03 per 100      £108.45 per 500      £193.88 per 900
	£44.18 per 200      £129.60 per 600      £215.03 per 1,000
	<i>(All inclusive postage, packing and VAT)</i>
<b>GB RINGS (TO INDIVIDUALS)</b>	<b>30p each plus postage, packing and VAT</b>
<b>(MEMBERSHIP CARD TO ACCOMPANY ORDER PLEASE)</b>	i.e. 10 rings = £4.23 (inclusive)      40 rings = £14.81
	20 rings = £7.76      50 rings = £18.33
	30 rings = £11.28
<b>CLOCK SEALS</b>	£14 per 500 (minimum order)
	£24 per 1,000
	£44 per 2,000
	10% discount on orders over 5,000 at the 2,000 rate
<b>BASKET SEALS</b>	£12 per 500 (minimum order)
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<b>DISTANCES</b>	<b>FREE to RPRA-affiliated organisations + large S.A.E.</b>
	Individual applications £1 per distance + large S.A.E.
<b>LOFT LOCATIONS</b>	<b>MEMBERS: £2.50      NON-MEMBERS: £5.00</b>
	Full postage required for map return. Distances charges as above.
<b>TRANSFERS</b>	£1.50 per form for up to 18 rings. No stamps or envelopes required.
	Transfer forms now 5p each + return postage
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	10-55 forms      @ 5p each + 76p p&p
	56-99 forms      @ 5p each + £1.04 p&p
	100-140 forms      @ 5p each + £1.41 p&p
	Other prices available upon request
<b>FOREIGN RING REGISTRATION</b>	75p per ring card + S.A.E.
<b>VACCINATION CERTIFICATES</b>	Free on request – send 9" x 6" S.A.E. + 76p postage.
<b>HOURS OF DARKNESS</b>	£1 per calculation – send 9" x 6" S.A.E. + 76p postage.
<b>LAPEL BADGES</b>	£1 each plus postage
<b>VERIFICATIONS</b>	10p per ring + 8" x 4" S.A.E. + 39p 1st class postage.
<b>CHANGE OF ADDRESS</b>	£3.50 + 8" x 4" S.A.E. + 39p 1st class postage.
<b>PARTNERSHIP/DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP</b>	£3.50 + 8" x 4" S.A.E. + 39p 1st class postage.
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<b>RPRA TIES</b>	£5 + £1 p&p
<b>RPRA LOGO POLO SHIRTS</b>	£9 each (Sky Blue or Dark Blue, quote size: S - M - L - XL - XXL)
<b>RPRA LOGO BASEBALL CAPS</b>	£5 each + £1 p&p

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