



Homing Pigeons

## S.H.U. ETS Clock Rules

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### **RULES FOR ELECTRONIC TIMING SYSTEMS (ETS)**

An up-to-date list of SHU Approved ETS is available from the SHU Office  
The following separate rules apply to Electronic Timing Systems (ETS):

#### **RULES**

- 1) Electronic Timing Systems can be used in training.
- 2) Electronic Timing Systems can be used in Single Loft Races.
- 3) Electronic Timing Systems can be used to record arrival times of race birds.
- 4) Electronic Timing Systems must be fitted within the loft.
- 5) Permanent records to be retained by the club.
- 6) Only versions of software approved by SHU are acceptable.
- 7) Access Codes, electronic key and Club system must be administered by person authorised by the Club.
- 8) Rubber Rings are not required with ETS. Where race organisers use Double Rubber Rings as safeguard, entries fitted with ETS can also be double rung.
- 9) Organisation must manually set and check ETS to Master Timer and strike Organisation Master Timer.
- 10) Organisation Officials have the right to inspect trapping system used.
- 11) ETS can only record the arrival time after the pigeon has entered the loft.
- 12) In the event of an escape, where required, ETS birds must have their official Union ID Ring Number recorded.
- 13) Assignment or marking of pigeons to be carried out by authorised Organisation personnel.
- 14) Competitor's names, race and date to be recorded on all ETS print outs for race, and signed by ETS/Clock Setter/Convener, or appointed Club/Organisation Official, and retained for one year or following AGM.
- 15) Only Electronic Rings purchased from the Scottish Homing Union can be used with ETS.
- 16) ETS do not require to be controlled.
- 17) Operating procedures before, during and after races should be in accordance with manufacturer's instructions. Responsibility for providing manufacturers instruction manual to organisations rest with the owner of the ETS.
- 18) The Club/Organisation has the power to detain any ETS they consider doubtful.
- 19) In the event of an ETS failing to record arrival time, on presenting pigeon with assigned ETS ring at checking station, member will be credited with checking time.
- 20) In the event of ETS variation, calculation to be made as per example in SHU Rule Book.
- 21) Organisations that promote races may determine times when ETS will be checked after timing of birds, and ETS, where possible, must be checked on day birds are timed.
- 22) Sensor pads to be numbered & sealed in position.
- 23) The race progress report produced by ETS is an accepted record of any pigeons timed in on a race that takes more than one day. Two copies of the race report to be taken which will both be signed by the clock checker and the fancier. One copy will be held by the organisation and the other by the fancier. The ETS clock will still be struck off at the later date.

These rules form part of the Scottish Homing Union Constitution and can be found on page 15.

The SHU Constitution can be downloaded from here:- [www.homingpigeons.co.uk/pdf/SHUConstitution.pdf](http://www.homingpigeons.co.uk/pdf/SHUConstitution.pdf)