

# IRISH SOUTH ROAD FEDERATION

PRESIDENT HENRY BYRNE    SECRETARY ALAN MEEHAN



## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2014

TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY 11TH JANUARY 2015 AT 10.30AM IN THE CLANN  
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### AGENDA:

1. MINUTES OF LAST AGM
2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
3. SECRETARY'S REPORT
4. TREASURER'S REPORT
5. TRANSPORT MANAGERS REPORT
6. LIBERATOR'S REPORT
7. AUDITORS' REPORT
8. BALANCE SHEET
9. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2015
10. NEW MEMBERS

OLDCASTLE: T PIETRUSA KILNALECK Co CAVAN, P SWIONIAK VIRGINIA Co CAVAN

TRIM: G McCABE SUMMERHILL Co MEATH, N BYRNE RATHMOYLAN Co MEATH

11. MOTIONS

## ISRF RACE PROGRAMME 2015

### OLD BIRDS

18<sup>TH</sup> APRIL THURLES  
25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL TRAMORE  
2<sup>ND</sup> MAY PILMORE BEACH  
9<sup>TH</sup> MAY MALLOW  
16<sup>TH</sup> MAY MACROOM  
23<sup>RD</sup> MAY **BARLEYCOVE OPEN**  
30<sup>TH</sup> MAY PILMORE BEACH  
**30<sup>TH</sup> MAY TRURO OPEN**  
6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE PILMORE BEACH  
**6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE TRURO OPEN**  
13<sup>TH</sup> JUNE MALLOW  
**13<sup>TH</sup> JUNE PENZANCE OPEN**  
20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE MACROOM  
**20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE PENZANCE OPEN**  
**26<sup>TH</sup> JUNE ST. MALO OPEN**  
27<sup>TH</sup> JUNE MACROOM  
**4<sup>TH</sup> JULY BARLEYCOVE OPEN**

### YOUNG BIRDS

18<sup>TH</sup> JULY THURLES  
25<sup>TH</sup> JULY THURLES  
1<sup>ST</sup> AUG PILMORE BEACH  
8<sup>TH</sup> AUG MALLOW  
15<sup>TH</sup> AUG MACROOM  
22<sup>ND</sup> AUG **BARLEYCOVE OPEN**  
29<sup>TH</sup> AUG THURLES  
5<sup>TH</sup> SEP PILMORE BEACH  
5<sup>TH</sup> SEP **TALBENNY OPEN**  
12<sup>TH</sup> SEP MALLOW  
19<sup>TH</sup> SEP MACROOM  
**26<sup>TH</sup> SEP BARLEYCOVE OPEN**

### **MOTION 1 FROM ISRF COMMITTEE**

THAT AN INTERNET CODE OF CONDUCT BE ADOPTED TO APPLY TO ALL MEMBERS, THIS DOCUMENT TO BE PUBLISHED ON THE WEBSITE AND RULE BOOK

### **MOTION 2 FROM ISRF COMMITTEE**

THAT ALL ISRF MEMBERS JOIN IRISH NATIONAL FLYING CLUB EN BLOCK

### **MOTION 3 FROM ISRF COMMITTEE**

THAT ALL CLUBS ABIDE BY GUIDELINES FOR RACEMARKING AND CLOCK CHECKING AS PUBLISHED IN THE RULE BOOK AND ON THE WEBSITE

### **MOTION 4 FROM ISRF COMMITTEE**

THAT RACING RULE 60 BE MODIFIED PER IHU RULE CHANGE TO READ:

*All Club and Federation winning pigeons to be verified by club or Federation officials. This process to include checking ownership and liberation of the winning pigeon and re-entry to their loft being observed. Unverified winners will be disqualified after 7 days.*

### **MOTION 5 FROM ISRF COMMITTEE**

THAT RACING RULE 38 BE MODIFIED TO READ:

All crates to be dressed properly, any crate not complying with same shall be refused collection by Transport Manager. Only sawdust must be used as dressing, wood chipping is not acceptable. *Crates to be disinfected weekly.*

### **MOTION 6 FROM ISRF COMMITTEE**

THAT ALL BASKETTING AND CLOCKING INFORMATION REGARDING 1<sup>ST</sup> FEDERATION WINNING PIGEONS BE SENT TO THE FEDERATION SECRETARY WITHIN 7 DAYS OF RACE RESULT BEING ISSUED. FAILURE TO DO THIS WILL RESULT IN AUTOMATIC DISQUALIFICATION.

### **MOTION 7 FROM ISRF COMMITTEE**

THAT RACING RULE 10 BE MODIFIED TO READ:

*For All races Clocks and ETS must be checked in the same clock station in which they were set unless permission is given by the Federation Secretary or President. Members who get anyone else to clear their clocks for any race organised by the federation will be disciplined by the federation committee.*

### **MOTION 8 FROM ISRF COMMITTEE**

THAT RACING RULE 28 BE MODIFIED TO READ:

When race marking birds for races at least five individual members must be present before such race marking can commence (a partnership equals one member). *Clubs with 10 or less members complete a sign in sheet each week and hand to the transport manager to show minimum 5 federation members present at marking time. If no sheet is received the club is excluded from the result for that week. Clubs found to be falsifying this information to be expelled.*

### **MOTION 9 FROM ISRF COMMITTEE**

THAT ALL CLUB CRATES BEING TRANSPORTED TO PICK UP POINTS FOR RACE LOADING BE ACCOMPANIED BY MINIMUM 2 PEOPLE. MINIMUM 3 NEEDED TO HELP LOAD. CLUBS FAILING TO COMPLY TO BE AUTOMATICALLY EXCLUDED FROM RACE RESULT FOR THAT WEEK. HABITUAL OFFENDERS TO BE DEALT WITH BY THE COMMITTEE

### **MOTION 10 FROM ISRF COMMITTEE**

THAT RACING RULE 15 BE MODIFIED TO READ:

FOR OPEN RACES ALL CLOCKS TO BE RETURNED TO STATIONS FOR 5PM OR WITHIN 2 HOURS IF CLOCKING LATER. NO CLOCKS TO BE PRINTED BEFORE 5PM. STATIONS OPEN FOR 1 HOUR.

WEEKDAY OPEN RACES 5PM TIME CHANGES TO 7PM.

FOR FRENCH OPEN RACE ALL BIRDS TIMED ON THE WINNING DAY TO BE NOTIFIED WITHIN 1 HOUR TO THE FEDERATION SECRETARY WHO WILL SET THE CLOCK STATION OPENING TIMES.

FOR ALL RACES LATE BIRDS CHECKED BY AGREEMENT WITH THE CLOCK STATION.

IN THE EVENT OF NON NOTIFICATION OF FRENCH PIGEONS TO THE FEDERATION SECRETARY OR CLOCKS WHICH ARE RETURNED LATE TO STATIONS COMPETITORS WILL BE GIVEN THE TIME THAT THE CLOCK OR ETS IS PRINTED AT THE CLOCK STATION, NO PENALTY TO BE GIVEN WITHOUT INFORMING THE FEDERATION SECRETARY.

### **MOTION 11 FROM ISRF COMMITTEE**

ANY PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY A CLUB FOR THE AGM MUST INCLUDE THE NAME OF THE ORIGINAL PROPOSER AND SECONDER, THESE PEOPLE MUST BE PRESENT IN THE HALL TO SPEAK ON THE MOTION OR IT WILL NOT BE DISCUSSED. CLUBS MAY BE ASKED FOR MINUTE BOOKS TO SHOW THIS.

#### **MOTION 12 FROM ISRF COMMITTEE**

THAT ANY PROPOSAL DISCUSSED AT AN AGM CANNOT BE PUT ON THE AGENDA AGAIN FOR 3 YEARS UNLESS AGREED BY THE COMMITTEE

#### **MOTION 13 FROM ISRF COMMITTEE**

THAT RACING RULE 68 BE MODIFIED TO READ:

ALL CLUBS IN OPEN RACES TEXT ISRF SECRETARY WITH TOP 3 VELOCITIES WITHIN 1 HOUR OF RESULT BEING DONE, ALLOWING A PROVISIONAL TOP 10 RESULT TO BE PUBLISHED ON THE DAY OF THE RACE. *Failure to send text will be an automatic €20 fine.*

#### **MOTION 14 FROM ISRF COMMITTEE**

THAT THE KIMMAGE CLUB BE REMOVED AS MEMBERS OF THE FEDERATION

#### **MOTION 15 FROM ISRF COMMITTEE**

PIGEONLINK WEBSITE FUNDING FOR COMING SEASON

#### **MOTION 16 FROM CELTIC INVITATION**

THAT LONG RANGE WEATHER FORCAST BE USED BEFORE RACE MARKING AND DECISION MADE THURSDAY AT 7 OCLOCK IF RACE MARKING IS TO BE CHANGED.

#### **MOTION 17 FROM CELTIC INVITATION**

THAT LIBERATOR BE ON RACE SITE WITH BIRDS.

#### **MOTION 18 FROM CELTIC INVITATION**

THAT SKIBBEREEN BE REMOVED FROM RACE PROGRAM AND REPLACED WITH A SIMILAR DISTANCE RACE POINT.

#### **MOTION 19 FROM CELTIC INVITATION**

MARKING STATIONS BE USED FOR OPEN RACE'S.

#### **MOTION 20 FROM CELTIC INVITATION**

THAT FED SEC RETURN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT LETTER BY REG POST WITHIN 7 DAYS OF RECIVEING ANY LETTERS BY MEMBERS

**MOTION 21 FROM CELTIC INVITATION**

THERE TO BE ONLY ONE PERSON AS LIBERATOR.

**MOTION 22 FROM CELTIC INVITATION**

NO MEMBER WITH PIGEON RELATED FINICAL GAIN SHOULD HAVE ANY DECISION IN MARKING OR LIBERATION TIMES.

**MOTION 23 FROM CELTIC INVITATION**

THAT FED AGM BE HELD IN NOV IN A MORE CENTRAL LOCATION.

**MOTION 24 FROM BLANCHARDSTOWN RPC**

MAX 20 YOUNG BIRDS TO CRATE, INLAND RACES

**MOTION 25 FROM BLANCHARDSTOWN RPC**

AUTOMATED VENTILATION SYSTEM TO BE FITTED TO TRANSPORTERS AND WIRE DOORS FOR REAR OF TRUCKS

**MOTION 26 FROM BLANCHARDSTOWN RPC**

ANY ISRF MEMBER CAUGHT CHEATING THAT THEY BE BANNED FOR LIFE FROM ISRF

**MOTION 27 FROM SHELBOURNE PREMIER**

RACE PROGRAM TO BE AGREED AT THE FED AGM BY THE MEMBERS IN THE HALL FOR 2016

**MOTION 28 FROM SHELBOURNE PREMIER**

LIBERATION COMMITTEE ABOLISHED, ONE LIBERATOR TO MAKE DECISIONS

**MOTION 29 FROM SHELBOURNE PREMIER**

FRANCE RACE TO BE CHANGED BACK TO €3 PER BIRD

**MOTION 30 FROM GREENHILLS**

THAT THERE BE A 20 BIRD LIMIT ON ALL OPEN RACES WITH NO ACCESS PIGEONS BEEN ALOUD.

### **MOTION 31 FROM GREENHILLS**

BANK CHARGES THAT THE CLUBS INCUR IN RELATION TO THE CHEQUES THAT ARE GIVIN TO THE FED SHOULD BE REFUNDED TO ALL CLUBS.

### **MOTION 32 FROM GREENHILLS**

ALL POSITIONS IN RELATION TO THE RUNNING OF THE ISRF SHOULD BE ELECTED BY THE BODY OF THE HALL ON THE DAY.

### **MOTION 33 FROM FINGLAS**

TO REPLACE THE DRINKING SYSTEMS ON THE TRANSPORTERS, PUT INDIVIDUAL DRINKERS ON THE BASKETS TO ENSURE ALL BASKETS GET WATER AND TO HELP STOP THE SPREAD OF SICKNESS.

### **MOTION 34 FROM FINGLAS**

THAT WHEN THE FEDERATION CONDUCTS A DRUG TEST THAT THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAMPLES BEEN SENT TO THE LABORATORIES AND NOT THE IHU AND THAT THIS MUST BE CARRIED OUT WITHIN 5 DAYS OF THE SAMPLE BEEN TAKEN.

### **MOTION 35 FROM FINGLAS**

THAT WHEN A DRUG TEST IS CARRIED OUT THAT A COPY OF THE RESULTS BE SENT TO ALL CLUBS IN THE ISRF

### **MOTION 36 FROM FINGLAS**

THAT THE POSITION OF LIBERATOR BE HELD BY ONE ELECTED MEMBER OF THE ISRF AND HE SHALL HAVE THE FINAL DECISION ON ALL LIBERATIONS

### **MOTION 37 FROM FINGLAS**

THAT ALL MARKING STATIONS BE BROUGHT BACK FOR ALL OPEN RACES

### **MOTION 38 FROM FINGLAS**

THAT THE DOORS ON THE WOODEN CREATES BE FIXED TO STOP THEM FROM NOT OPENING DURING LIBERATIONS.

### **MOTION 39 FROM DONNYCARNEY**

THAT THE FEDERATION RETURN TO 6 MARKING STATIONS FOR OPEN RACES

**MOTION 40 FROM DONNYCARNEY**

ALL FEDERATION MEMBERS TO RECEIVE TEXTS RE MARKING CHANGES, LIBERATIONS ETC RATHER THAN JUST CLUB SECRETARIES

**MOTION 41 FROM DONNYCARNEY**

NO MEMBER OF THE ISRF SHALL USE THE INTERNET (CHAT ROOMS ETC) TO COMPLAIN, ABUSE OR BRING THE FEDERATION INTO DISREPUTE. ANY MEMBER IDENTIFIED WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR 3 MONTHS RACING FOR THEIR FIRST OFFENCE AND REFUSED MEMBERSHIP OF THE FEDERATION FOR ANY SUBSEQUENT OFFENCE

**MOTION 42 FROM DONNYCARNEY**

THE ISRF WEBSITE WILL BE UPDATED WEEKLY WITH RESULTS AND INFORMATION ON RACES AND WILL BE USED TO COMMUNICATE RACE OR RULE CHANGES TO MEMBERS

**MOTION 43 FROM DONNYCARNEY**

ALL FEDERATION MEMBERS TO RECEIVE TEXTS RE MARKING CHANGES, LIBERATIONS ETC RATHER THAN JUST CLUB SECRETARIES

**MOTION 44 FROM DONNYCARNEY**

COPIES OF RESULTS SHOULD BE AVAILABLE AT THE TRANSPORTER TO FACILITATE MEMBERS WHO ARE NOT COMPUTER LITERATE

**MOTION 45 FROM DONNYCARNEY**

TO AMEND RULE 9 OF THE GENERAL RULES SO THAT AN 8 PERSON MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE BE ELECTED. THESE TO BE:

PRESIDENT (THE FIGUREHEAD OF THE ISRF)  
CHAIRMAN (RESPONSIBLE FOR DAY TO DAY RUNNING OF THE FEDERATION)  
SENIOR VICE CHAIRMAN  
JUNIOR VICE CHAIRMAN  
SECRETARY  
TREASURER  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY  
ASSISTANT TREASURER



OTHER POSITIONS ELECTED AT THE AGM INCLUDING TRANSPORT MANAGERS, LIBERATOR, STATION MANAGERS SHALL NOT FORM PART OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE BUT WILL ATTEND MEETINGS IF THEIR AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY IS TO BE DISCUSSED

**MOTION 46 FROM DONNYCARNEY**

TO AMEND RACING RULE 59 SO THAT THE RACE PROGRAMME IS NOT DECIDED AT A SECRETARIES MEETING BUT BY THE WHOLE MEMBERSHIP

**MOTION 47 FROM DONNYCARNEY**

THE FEDERATION SHOULD LOOK FOR NEW RACE POINTS AND TO THIS END TWO MEMBERS SHOULD BE SENT OUT TO SCOUT FOR NEW POINTS. THEY SHOULD WORK THEIR WAY AROUND THE EAST COAST TO BARLEYCOVE AND BACK UP THE CENTRE OF THE COUNTRY AND INCLUDE PICTURES, VIDEOS AND RACE CO-ORDINATES

**MOTION 48 FROM DONNYCARNEY**

TO ENCOURAGE MEMBERS WHO ARE NOT READY FOR THE FIRST 3 RACES OF THE YOUNG BIRD PROGRAMME, THE THIRD TRANSPORTER SHOULD GO TO THURLES EACH WEEK AS THE PROGRAMME MOVES ON

**MOTION 49 FROM DONNYCARNEY**

THE YOUNG BIRD PROGRAMME MOVES ON TOO QUICKLY – GOING FROM 80 TO 200 MILES IN FIVE STEPS IS NOT EDUCATING THE BIRDS ENOUGH. A YOUNG BIRD PROGRAMME SHOULD CONSIST OF 2 RACES OF 70 TO 90 MILES, 2 RACES OF 90 TO 120 MILES, 2 RACES OF 120 TO 160 MILES ALONGSIDE 2 MORE RACES AT 70 TO 90 MILES ON THE THIRD TRANSPORTER, A RACE OF 160 TO 200 MILES AND A COMEBACK RACE OF 70 TO 90 MILES

**MOTION 50 FROM DONNYCARNEY**

THAT THE FEDERATION JOIN THE INFC IN BLOCK TO OFFER MEMBERS MORE AND VARIED RACING

**MOTION 51 FROM DONNYCARNEY**

THAT IRRESPECTIVE OF WEATHER FORECAST, LAND RACES ARE MARKED ON A FRIDAY

**MOTION 52 FROM DONNYCARNEY**

IF MOTION 12 IS NOT PASSED THEN THE CUT OFF POINT TO CHANGE MARKING TIMES AND RACE DAYS SHOULD BE 10.00 AM ON THURSDAY MORNING. NO CHANGES TO BE MADE AFTER THIS TIME

**MOTION 53 FROM DONNYCARNEY**

FOR BARLEYCOVE BIRDS MUST HAVE MORE TIME FOR REST AND MARKING SHOULD BE ON FRIDAY MORNING

**MOTION 54 FROM DONNYCARNEY**

THAT RACING RULE 41 BE APPLIED AND ONLY ONE LIBERATOR TO DECIDE ON LIBERATION OF BIRDS

**MOTION 55 FROM DONNYCARNEY**

THE FEDERATION MEMBERS SHOULD ELECT A CHIEF CONVOYER WHO SHOULD GO TO AS MANY RACES AS POSSIBLE

**MOTION 56 FROM DONNYCARNEY**

ONLY THE SAME BASKETS TO BE USED ON ANY GIVEN TRANSPORTER, EITHER WOODEN OR METAL. IF NECESSARY NEW BASKETS SHOULD BE PURCHASED

**MOTION 57 FROM DONNYCARNEY**

TO AMEND GENERAL RULE 8 TO MOVE THE FEDERATION AGM TO NOVEMBER SO THE SEASON IS STILL FRESH IN FANCIERS MINDS

**MOTION 58 FROM DONNYCARNEY**

WHEN THE SECRETARY AND CHAIRMAN MEETING IS CALLED CLUBS CHIEF CLOCK SETTER IS ALSO INVITED SO ALL MASTERS AND SYSTEMS CAN BE CHECKED TO ENSURE THEY HAVE THE MOST UP TO DATE SOFTWARE ETC

**MOTION 59 FROM DONNYCARNEY**

EACH CLUB SHOULD BE INSTRUCTED TO ELECT A CHIEF CLOCK SETTER

**MOTION 60 FROM DONNYCARNEY**

THAT THERE BE A CENTRAL POINT WHERE BOTH TRANSPORTERS ARE PARKED AND LOADED ON RACE NIGHTS

**MOTION 61 FROM DONNYCARNEY**

THAT THE DRINKERS ON THE TRANSPORTERS BE CHANGED TO A DESIGN THAT ALLOWS WATER FOR EACH BASKET TO BE SEPARATE

**MOTION 62 FROM DONNYCARNEY**

TO CHANGE THE WAY WE FEED BIRDS ON A HOLDOVER. THEY SHOULD BE FED HALF AN OUNCE WHEN A HOLDOVER IS CALLED AND A FURTHER HALF AN OUNCE APPROXIMATELY FIVE HOURS LATER

**MOTION 63 FROM DONNYCARNEY**

THAT THE FEDERATION ONLY FEED MAIZE TO THE BIRDS WHEN CHANNEL RACING OR HOLDOVERS

**MOTION 64 FROM DONNYCARNEY**

THAT THE FEDERATION EXAMINE YOUNG BIRD CHANNEL RACING. RACE POINTS SHOULD BE NO MORE THAN 150 MILES AND SITUATED SO THAT THE BIRDS HAVE A RUN AT THE WATER BEFORE THEY HAVE TO CROSS

**MOTION 65 FROM DONNYCARNEY**

RACING RULE 15 TO BE AMENDED AND CLARIFIED. THERE SHOULD BE A CUT OFF POINT WHERE MEMBERS SHOULD HAVE TO BE IN THEIR CLUBS BY EG 5.00 PM OR 5.30 PM

**MOTION 66 FROM DONNYCARNEY**

WHERE THERE IS AN ISSUE WITH A BIRD OR BIRDS ESCAPING THE TRANSPORTER, THE TRANSPORT MANAGER SHOULD MEET THE TRANSPORTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND REPORT TO THE CHAIRMAN

**MOTION 67 FROM DONNYCARNEY**

RULE 51 OF THE GENERAL RULES TO BE AMENDED TO EITHER DROP DRUG TESTING OR DO IT PROPERLY

**MOTION 68 FROM DONNYCARNEY**

CHANGE THE DATE OF THE FEDERATION PRESENTATION SO THAT IT IS NOT THE DAY IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE DUBLIN SHOW

**MOTION 69 FROM KILDONAGH**

PROPOSAL ALL CONVOYERS BE ELECTED AT THE AGM ALSO CHIEF CONVOYERS.

**MOTION 70 FROM KILDONAGH**

YOUNG BIRD TALBENNY INSTEAD OF TRURO

**MOTION 71 FROM KILDONAGH**

BRING BACK CLOCKING STATIONS

**MOTION 72 FROM NORTHSIDE**

TO BRING BACK THE MARKING STATIONS

**MOTION 73 FROM NORTHSIDE**

THAT ALL JOBS BE PASSED AT THE AGM

**MOTION 74 FROM NORTHSIDE**

WE STICK TO THE RACE PROGRAM AND ITS NOT TO BE CHANGED

**MOTION 75 FROM NORTHSIDE**

THE TRANSPORTER SHOULD BE SPRAYED AND DISINFECTED EACH WEEK

**MOTION 76 FROM NORTHSIDE**

THE FED SHOULD LOOK FOR NEW RACE POINTS

**MOTION 77 FROM NORTHSIDE**

THAT WE HAVE A PILMORE RACE THE WEEK BEFORE WE GO TO THE CHANNEL

**MOTION 78 FROM NORTHSIDE**

WHEN WE GO TO THE CHANNEL ALL BIRDS TO BE LIBERATED AT THE SAME TIME

**MOTION 79 FROM CABRA**

EXCESS PIGEONS TO BE SENT AS TRAINERS ONLY AND NOT RACE MARKED IN THE OLD BIRD RACES

**MOTION 80 FROM CABRA**

FIRST TWO YOUNG BIRD RACES TO HAVE NO BIRD LIMIT

**MOTION 81 FROM CABRA**

YOUNG BIRDS NOT TO BE JUMPED MORE THAN 30 MILES BETWEEN RACES

**MOTION 82 FROM CABRA**

YOUNG BIRD CHANNEL RACE BACK TO TALBENNY

**MOTION 83 FROM SARFIELD**

THAT A SUB COMMITTEE BE SET UP TO CHOOSE THE RACE PROGRAM. THIS TO BE OF EQUAL REPRESENTATION FROM NORTH AND SOUTH SIDE CLUBS.

**MOTION 84 FROM SARFIELD**

THE EXISTING RELEASE POINT IN SKIBBEREEN BE CHANGED TO A BETTER SITE AS THERE SEEMS TO BE PROBLEMS GETTING MORE THAN 1 TRUCK INTO SITE.

**MOTION 85 FROM SARFIELD**

THAT DURING THE SEASON ESPECIALLY THE YOUNG BIRDS, THE RACE PROGRAM SHALL NOT JUMP AHEAD TOO FAR IN THE CASE OF A PREVIOUS RACE BEING BROUGHT BACK. IE LAST YEAR THE BIRDS WERE JUMPED FROM THURLES TO SKIBBEREEN.

## INTERNET CODE OF CONDUCT

Members of the federation have an opportunity to discuss any issue by proposing a motion through their club for the Annual General Meeting.

Outside of this meeting, members of the federation who have a grievance or comment regarding the business of the federation must write to the federation secretary. Only complaints or comments received in writing will be considered. These issues will then be discussed by the federation committee. Every opportunity will be given to the complainant to have their opinion heard.

Federation news, rules and results are available on the website [www.isrf.ie](http://www.isrf.ie) or twitter feed isrfnews

Members must consider that any comments put on the internet can be viewed by the entire world and their publication may not be in the best interests of the federation or its members.

The following code of conduct applies to any person who uses a public internet forum to comment on any business of the Irish South Road Federation. This code may be updated as and when necessary.

Members are not to comment on the following topics on any internet site:

- Decisions of the federation committee members
- Decisions of the liberator both before AND after liberation
- Rules of the federation.
- The race program or issues decided by the members at the AGM except for information purposes.

The following steps will apply in the event of anyone breaching this code in the opinion of the committee:

1. Any member who comments on any internet forum on any issue listed above will be called in front of the committee and warned as to their future behaviour.
2. If the comments are deemed by the committee to be derogatory towards officials, committee members or the good name of the federation a further fine or suspension may also be imposed.
3. If this member is found to have repeated this behaviour a further appearance in front of the committee will be arranged and an automatic 6 week suspension from racing at a time decided by the committee will apply.
4. In the event of a third breach of this code of conduct the member will be called in front of the committee and will be automatically expelled from the organisation. No fees will be refunded.
5. Members who use a name other than their own and found to breach this code will be sent a message inviting them to appear in front of the committee.
6. Any member who fails to appear in front of the committee when invited under this code without contacting the secretary with an explanation will be automatically suspended from all activities until such time as an appearance date is arranged. Pool and prize money won after this date will be forfeit.
7. Members who remain anonymous after this time may be pursued legally by the federation, when their identity is confirmed they will be liable for any costs incurred by the federation in addition to any sanctions recommended by the committee.
8. Any person who comments on federation business who is NOT a member will be refused membership in the case of any future application to join.
9. Any member can report breaches of this code to the secretary of the federation for investigation.

## **Instructions for using race rubbers and non ETS clocks**

All clubs which use rubber rings MUST set a master timer. It is NOT allowed to use a PC clock to set clocks. Clubs may use an ETS system for this ONLY IF IT PROVIDES A PRINTOUT OF THE SETTING TIME. This printout must be signed and dated by the club secretary and the chief clocksetter, along with the racepoint. If they are the same person a second signature should be given. Anyone using a clock MUST be issued with a race envelope.

Members using rubber rings must complete a 2 part race sheet and supply a clock with a valid 3 way test certificate whose results have been lodged with the federation secretary per racing rule 2. Race sheet should include the FULL RING NUMBER and pools.

Counterfoil numbers are filled in by the clerk who then signs the sheet when all birds are marked. Top copy goes to Brown Envelope for Federation treasurer, bottom copy is retained by the club for clock checking.

All competitors using manual clocks must be issued with a race envelope with the competitors name, racepoint, set date, clock number, clock setting time, seal number and outgoing cell number recorded. Clubs MUST also record this information and verify this is correct at clock check. **T3 clocks must be printed after setting to verify the serial number.**

Clock checking times for open races per ISRF Racing Rule 15. The competitor is responsible to make sure the clock is checked within this time limit.

The race envelope must be completed by the competitor prior to the clock being checked. No clocks to be checked by an official unless the envelope is completed, this includes incoming cell of the clock. On presenting the clock at the station the time is noted by the clock official on the envelope.

**T3 clocks must be pulled and printed before being opened. NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Clocks which fail to provide a valid printout will not be allowed. It is advised to pull clocks twice at checking time. Ribbons which are torn into more than 1 piece will not be allowed.

All printouts MUST be signed and dated by the clock official, along with the racepoint.

Clocks on opening must have rubbers from 1 cell at a time checked. The clock official should match the counterfoil to the rubber and write on the race sheet the cell position of each rubber removed. This is in case there are pigeons from more than 1 race in the clock. All cells in a clock up to the checking cell MUST have a rubber ring in them.

For Open races all relevant information for the competitor should be placed into the clock envelope. This includes all counterfoils, rubbers, signed printouts/ribbons, race sheet and seal. All clocks set for the race must be returned and printed even if unused.

All clock envelopes are then placed in the white A4 envelope along with ETS information and master timer printouts, these to be returned within 3 days of race liberation.

19<sup>th</sup> November 2014

## **Instructions for use of ETS Clocking Systems for ISRF races**

All ETS clocks and master system serial numbers being used MUST be registered with the Federation Secretary before being used per racing rule 6. Clubs are responsible for the correct operation of master systems.

Allocation/assignment sheets MUST be printed and signed by 2 club officials and the club member before the clock can be used in any race. Club and fancier keep a copy each. Wrong information on this sheet is the responsibility of the club member once this sheet is signed by them.

### **Time synchronisation:**

No ETS master competing in ISRF races may be manually set without informing the federation secretary. This to be done before pigeons are liberated for basketting issues or before checking clocks if problem occurs after clocking. Text message is acceptable. Failure to do so: Disqualification of any competitor using this system.

Where ETS master systems produce a synchronisation printout when set it should have the racepoint noted, be signed by a clock official and kept by them in case of any problems.

Clubs must check radio clocks where used have a correct time signal. After synchronisation clubs MUST check that the time displayed on ALL masters in use is the same AND is correct. Radio clocks should have batteries replaced yearly.

### **Marking Pigeons:**

There must be a minimum of 5 individual members present before ANY birds can be marked. Partnerships count as 1 member no matter how many partners are present.

There must be at least 1 metre between the member being marked and the master system.

There must be at least 2 members marking the birds, 1 presents the pigeon to the club master and calls out the full ring number, the other MUST check the ring number is correct on the club master screen.

In the case of an incorrect ring number, where possible the pigeon is represented to the system and cancelled from the race. Some systems don't allow this, in this case the wrong ring number is noted from the system screen and is crossed off ALL copies of the basketting list printout. The printout correction is then initialled by both competitor and ETS official in this location. Incorrect ETS rings are NOT to be removed from pigeons under ANY circumstances.

For Open races 3 copies of the basketting list are needed, these 3 to be signed by 2 clock officials and the competitor. 1 for the federation, 1 for the club and 1 for the fancier.

Pools must be clearly marked by an X on the printed pool sheet which is put in the brown envelope for the federation treasurer and sent to the transporter with the pigeons. No other mark accepted.

If the system does not produce a pool sheet, only letters A, B, C, TV, Nom clearly marked opposite the intended pigeon will be accepted to indicate pools in these categories by the treasurer. The decision of the treasurer in this matter is final.

All ETS printouts must contain the correct competitor name and racepoint.

### **Checking Clocks:**

Clock checking times for open races per ISRF Racing Rule 15. The competitor is responsible to make sure the clock is checked within this time limit. For all races clocks must be read out in clubs and printouts retained until the AGM.

For Open races 3 copies of the clocking list are needed, these 3 to be signed by 2 clock officials and the competitor. 1 for the federation, 1 for the club and 1 for the fancier. Clocking lists must be checked against basketting lists for accuracy.

Clubs are reminded to check for variations in ETS clocks when calculating results. Clocks which run 3 or more seconds per day cannot be included in the result without a report from the manufacturer.

All Open race printouts to be put in the white envelope and sealed, this to be completed and returned within 3 days of race release. Failure to return envelope or email spreadsheet: Disqualification of the club.



## **Instructions for manual setting of ETS Master Systems**

Clubs using manual time setting of ETS systems for any federation race **MUST** inform the federation secretary. This must be done before pigeons are liberated for basketting issues or before checking clocks if problem occurs after the race is completed. Text message is acceptable. **Failure to do this will result in disqualification of any member using this system.**

Below is the procedure for doing this. It should **ONLY** be done as a last resort.

1. Set a master timer using the speaking clock. Master timer must be struck at this time. Using a radio clock is **NOT** allowed.
2. Use this master timer to set the ETS system. The master timer should be struck at the same time that the ETS is synchronised.
3. The master timer should be printed out at the end of the process, the printout should show the set time from the speaking clock and also the time that the ETS master was set.
4. This printout must be signed and dated by the club secretary and the chief clocksetter, along with the racepoint. If they are the same person a second signature should be given

Clubs will be asked for evidence that the ETS was set from a correctly set master timer so this printout must be kept. If the ETS master system produces a printout this must also be signed and kept. There must always be a paper record of master setting times regardless of master timer or ETS system used.

The manual setting procedure differs according to each ETS system. It is the responsibility of the club to follow this procedure properly. Failure to do this may result in disqualification of any member using this system.

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