

## NEHU MANAGEMENT RULES 2024

### RULES

The following rules have been issued by the NORTH OF ENGLAND HOMING UNION and must be accepted in full by all clubs and Federations. They will govern all management and racing, in so far as they apply, the union Area.

#### NEHU BOUNDARIES :-

The boundaries of Northumberland, Tyne & Wear, Durham, Cleveland and North Yorkshire. The latter county divided by a line from Cumbria Border at 54 18 00 (south of Gardale Head) to where it meets the A19 (north of Borrowby) 54 18 00, -1 20 13 then up the A19 to 54 23 00 (Cleveland Tontine) then a line east to the coast.

Incorporating Northallerton homing society boundary.

Clubs and Federations must adopt additional rules, which will be known as Bye-Laws, to govern items not covered by these rules, which under local conditions need special treatment, such as :- race programme, Produce races, special prizes ,average and other competitions ,conditions of accepting nominations from other clubs ,etc, etc.

### MANAGEMENT

1. The society shall be called The north of England Homing Union . Its members shall be composed of Federations of homing societies within the prescribed area of the North of England Homing union Boundaries

Its objects shall be :-

- a) The training , racing ,showing and improvement of the Racing Pigeon.
- b) To ensure the provision of Road Transporters for the conveying of homing pigeons to race points, The organisation have provided specially constructed vans for this purpose.
- c) To ensure that the birds are sent in charge of fully qualified convoyers in order that they must be fed, watered And have every attention during the journey and at race points.
- d) To obtain necessary assistance at the race point for watering, feeding and liberating birds.
- e) To make such arrangements that the convoyers have ,as far as possible, full information as to the state of the weather between the home end and the race points ,thus to ensure every reasonable precaution has been taken to obviate a smash.
- f) To organise a race or races for prizes of to or by the organisation.
- g) To have a uniform system of race marking, setting and opening of clocks, checking or race marks, and the compiling of race reports.
- h) To offer every facility to all members in the purchasing of any utensils used in connection with the sport of Pigeon Racing, such as baskets ,clocks ,etc.

2. The radius shall be the whole of the area prescribed by the North of England Homing Union

3. All Federation must be members of the North of England Homing Union (this to apply to all members of the Partnership loft) must conform the rules of the Union for the time being in force.

Where partnerships exist, Legal agreement forms should be completed by the partners stating terms of partnership, Such forms are supplied by the union secretary. The partners failing to comply with this rule forfeit the right to Appeal to the NEHU in any dispute which may arise between the partners.

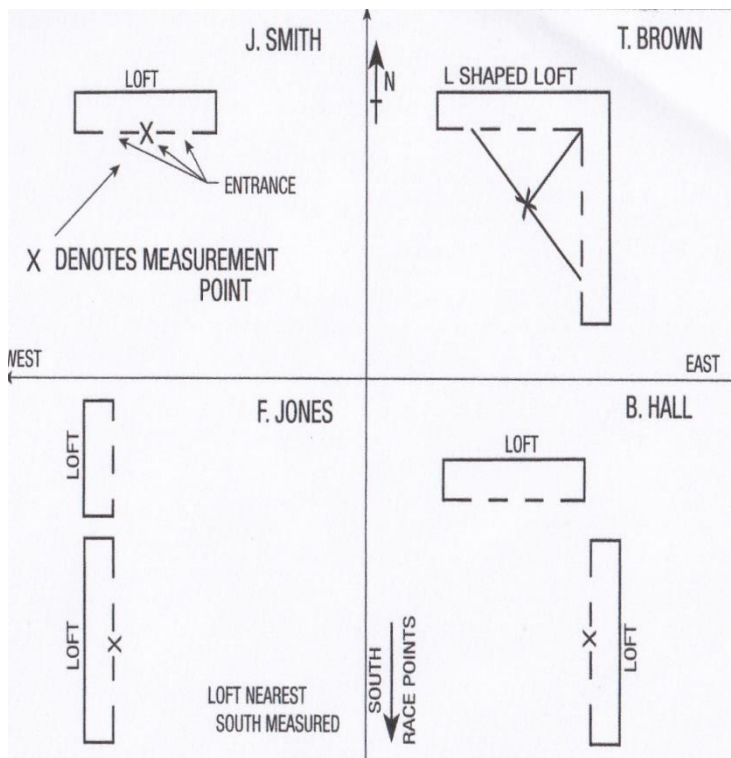
- a) Any person who move their loft into a clubs boundary and they are not members of any other club, can only be refused membership if it can be proved they are defaulters or undesirables. This will not apply to members who are already affiliated to a club or federation and wish to join another club, they will have to obtain a majority vote of the members in that club and federation before they become members. This will mean that a club or federation will not be made to take members they do not want or cannot accommodate.
  - b) Members may compete in as many clubs, federations or organisations as they wish provided Rule 3a is adhered to.
4. Union fees are due on the 1<sup>st</sup> March in each year. All club secretaries must produce to their Federation secretary The Union receipt for their membership fees before being allowed to commence racing.
5. Any Federation wishing to become a member must be proposed and seconded by members of society ,and elected By a majority of the members present a General or committee meeting of the society, such election to be confirmed at the next meeting, and subject to confirmation by the North of England Homing Union, after enquiry , the the federation shall be declared a member of the society.
- a) No newly formed club ,shall within its first 5 years of existence extend its inaugural boundary without the Express authority of general council.

- b) Clubs must have a minimum four lofts.
6. The Entire Management of a society shall be vested in a Management Committee. Except that all elected Officers Shall be included in each society shall determine its own requirements.
  7. Societies should arrange to have a banking account. All cheques to be signed by two officials. Bank statements And/or bank books must be examined by the President / chairperson once per month. It is recommended that Duplicate issue of statements be arranged direct to that official.
  8. The last date for nomination of new members to be 1<sup>st</sup> of March. New starters wishing to fly young birds after the closing date are permitted. Members resigning must send in their resignation in writing on or before the date of the of the Annual Meeting. The Annual meeting shall be held early each year. Members resigning shall forfeit all claims to the societies property.
  9. The Annual subscription to the society (NEHU) shall be £14.00
  10. The society shall not be dissolved except by a resolution passed by a majority of not less than two-thirds of its Members present a Special meeting called for the purpose, and confirmed by a like majority at a subsequent Meeting. In the event of the society being disbanded under this rule the assets of the society shall be realised And the proceeds divided equally amongst then active members.  
This rule will also apply to any club wishing to leave the organisation to join another.  
This rule will also apply to a resolution relating to the change of headquarters of the society.  
A resolution which alters a Society's radius must not affect existing members  
A change of Federation Radius should not oblige a club to change its radius.  
Clubs may not join another federation outside their organisation with permission being granted.
  11. All monies due to the society must be paid before a member is eligible to compete in any race.
  12. Where two or more club members are flying separate nominations to the same loft ,each members must Nominate his team at the beginning of each season and must race the same team throughout all races.
  13. There shall be honours prizes only in each race. (Prize for open races and special prizes ,see announcements).
  14. A member may win as many prizes as he can. It event of there being fewer birds timed in than there is prizes, The prizes not taken will be divided amongst those timed in,in the event of there being no birds timed in before The close of the race then the prizes will go to club funds.
  15. Race fees must be paid the same day as birds dispatched, in cases of sickness special consideration will be given.
  16. All birds competing in races or shows are entirely at owner's risk and must be the absolute property of and fly To the loft of the member entering same.
  17. Purchases and gifts will not be entitled to win prizes unless they have been properly transferred and registered Through the union or unions concerned.  
Anyone wishing to race or show pigeon bearing Foreign rings must have them registered at the NEHU Office.
  18. The committee have the power to suspend any member of the society for Dishonourable conduct.  
Suspension shall mean the forfeiture of all claims against the society and its assets.  
All such suspensions must be confirmed at a General Meeting of the NEHU.
  19. Any objection to the society race results or other decisions of the society must be to the secretary in writing Within seven days of publication except in cases of errors or fraud subsequently discovered.  
Where pool monies or other prizes are paid out previously to the seven days elapsing and errors are discovered All monies thus paid out must be refunded. Suspension will take place immediately and remain force until the Monies are refunded.
  20. Should any dispute arise as to the distance ,rate of speed, identification of birds, or any cause what so ever, Its settlement be left to the committee, whose decision shall be final and binding on all parties, subject to appeal To the Federation, Organisation or to the North of England Homing Union.
    - a) Officers elected under NEHU rule 32 shall form a General Purposes committee and will as required to consider urgent Matters. They will report as appropriate to the Management Committee and/or General Council.  
All agreed minutes of all General Purpose committee meetings shall be circulated to the management committee.
  21. On giving seven days' notice in writing to the secretary, a special meeting may be convened at any time by a Requisition signed by five members, who must clearly state the resolution they intend to submit and no other Business will be discussed at this specially convened meeting.
  22. All measurements to be calculated by the computer engaged by the North of England Homing union.  
NO OTHER DISTANCES TO BE USED.  
No charge for distances to be issued ,clubs to supply S.A.E for return.  
Where a single loft is to be measured ,the loft is to be measured using average number of entrances.

In the case of a member flying to more than one loft, the loft nearest to the race point will be used for the Calculation and using the above average (see appendix 1)

All measurements will be measured using GPS system owned by the NEHU

Charge for Mapping :- existing NEHU members £40.00 new members £20.00 under 16's Free



## RACE MARKING

23. Special clubs are required to provide entry form/pool sheet to each competitor which to validate entries, Must be completed and submitted before schedule liberations.
24. Stringing and sealing of baskets for all races. Each basket must be sealed with strong string.
  - 3 ties on the drop front (one each end and one in the centre) and one tie on the small lid.
  - Each tie must be sealed. In national races the official NEHU approved numbered seals only must be used (i.e. ACME or Haspesslagh clip on seals) 4 seals on each basket.
  - no more or less, this is very important to comply with continental regulations. The small lid must be tied separately from the drop front.
- NOTE:- In view of past complaints regarding the poor quality of string used on many baskets, the organisation Will in future supply a uniform quality of string which Federations must order for their clubs with their other Requisites.
25. Birds must be race marked with rubber race rings supplied through the Organisation.
  - The inside and outside number will constitute the race mark.
  - The secretary shall place each members rubber ring duplicates in envelopes and these together with clock setting Sheets, entry forms and the societies race register shall be place in a box with two locks of different design, The keys to be kept by two separate members of the society each week. Race registers must be kept in this box From the time the last bird is rung until after the close of race. Secretaries may have possession of the race register at all other times for the purpose of entering the race results and entering up the entries for the next race.
  - Seals and sealing pliers must be also be locked away under the terms of this rule.
26. Members of four separate lofts must attend the start of race marking, Two lofts must competing (Two competing lofts & Two Non Competing lofts minimum)
  - The race ringer controller will take full charge of all race rings for that race, issue them one by one to the ringer, and will check the outside number is entered correctly in the race register, then placing the duplicates in envelopes sign his name over the sealing flap
  - In national races the organisation will detail inspectors from their Federations for this position.
  - The race register must be signed by not less than 4 members who have officiated at the race marking.

The secretary will not be allowed to enter the particulars of his own birds in the race register, nor will be allowed to ring or basket them. A member will be appointed each night of the race marking to enter particulars of the secretaries birds. This rule will apply to all members of the marking committee.

27. Not less than three members from different lofts must accompany the birds to the transporter on dispatch nights and must not leave until the birds are handed over or put into the van ,unless the premises are locked with three separate locks with different keys. These keys are to be held by three members from different lofts.  
The premises not to be entered until all three key holders are in attendance. Where two separate clubs are using the same station for dispatch, one member from each club will be deemed to be carrying out this rule.
28. Race marking commence at time arranged by Federations for dispatch nights ,no birds will be accepted after the Time fixed by the Federation.
29. All inland races will close at times fixed by the federations. For continental races see Bye-law.

### **POOLS**

30. All clubs and Federation pools must be entered in race registers in duplicate. For national races these pools Must be entered in triplicate. Pools are optional and must not be made compulsory.
31. In the event of there being no pool birds timed in, the pool monies will be returned to the entrants. In the event of there being fewer pool birds timed in then there are prizes, the prizes not taken will be divided amongst those those timed in .In the event of any birds not reaching the race point in time to compete in the race ,through no fault of their own, pool monies will be returned to the entrants.

### **CLOCK RULES**

32. Members must announce the arrival of their birds on Automatic Timing Clocks approved by the North of England Homing Union

All clocks must be 3 way tested except Junior T2,T3,and T3S computer clocks.

Clocks approved which may be used public or private :-

#### **Printing Clocks**

1. Robert Plasscheart 9,12,14 and 19 bird.
2. Alfred Plasscheart  
12 bird  
13 bird (this clock is identical to the Jundes)  
19 bird  
Jundes (not to be confused with Jundes Thexor)

#### **NOTES;**

- a) With the exception of the 19 bird clocks ,all of the above require to be fitted with a cam modification.
- b) 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.
- c) All of the above clocks should possess a device which pierces the paper strip (clock roll)when the clock is opened or closed.
- d) The 19 bird clock should possess a Dolometer fitted in the lid of the clock and indicates in the corner of the rectangular glass of the lid. These clocks should possess a stop pin which is fitted to the drum after the 19<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> aperture .
3. Toulet.
  - a) Standard (wooden case)
  - b) W Super (metal case)
4. Jundes Thexor 13 and 18 bird, These require to be modified by fitting of two ratchet type cams to the underside of the clock lid.
5. Benzing
  - a) 14 and 27 bird strobbe A modified. Dolometer on dial.
  - b) Model one (Dolometer on dial) 9,10,12,14 and 27 bird also the 14 bird double roll modified.
  - c) Model two (auto escapement) 12 and 14 bird modified. Also the Benzing 261,26 bird in Terulan case.
  - d) Benzing Quartz Model 301  
Old type Benzing printing clocks up dated with latest escapement as fitted in the present day. Benzing 261 can be used. Proof of this modification must be provided by the clock agent.
  - e) Benzing 126 (Quartz or Mechanical)
6. Benzing Comatic 12 and 27 bird numerical printer
7. Easy Way

- a) Standard 14 bird auto escapement ,14 bird second on dial auto escapement.
- 8. Girod 12 bird
- 9. Junior
  - Junior (original), metal case, Junior 12 bird (metal case) Junior 12 bird(makrolon case).
- 10. Le Ledoise
  - a) Standard 12 bird
  - b) 12 bird with seconds on dial.
- 11. S T B (fitted with Dolometer and locking bar) modified.
  - a) Model 1101. 32 bird clocks below 015.00 require a cam modification and also a completely new drum.
  - b) Model 1201 14 bird
  - c) Model 1661 32 bird with seconds on dial
  - d) S T B Quartz
  - e) STB Electronic computer model 102 14 E 1870.
- 12. Simplex 12,14 and 30 bird. Single or double roll. All these clocks require the cam modification.
 

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.

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.

#### Junior Printer

The early model of the junior printer does not provide an opening or clocking puncture and must be modified in order to do so. The modification consists of fitting a new back plate to the clock. Only Junior clocks providing an opening or locking puncture will be accepted for competition. Junior clocks with the serial A,B or C cannot be modified and are not approved clocks.

- 13. Kovo 32 bird , This clock must be modified by the insertion of a proud screw in the side of the thimble drum also modified locking bar.
- 14. Race master
  - a) 10 bird numerical printer, auto escapement.
  - b) Wilkinson Quartz model
  - c) Wilkinson mark II (seco)
  - d) Wilkinson mark III (seco)

All printing clocks (with the exception of the 19 bird Plasschaert) must leave the officials after setting so that The first bird can be timed into No1 compartment of the thimble drum. Second hand clocks purchased outside the NEHU area must be sent to the clock experts Boddy & Ridewood. Second hand clocks purchased within the NEHU area should be notified to the club secretary and provided the Clock is acceptable for competition, need not be inspected and approved.

#### Rules of Benzing Computer Clock

This clock is approved to be used without thimbles. In the event of power failure or break down to the printer The stored data may obtained from the digital display ( for the purposes of obtaining a result).This information Must be ratified by production of the print out when power resumed.

The resultant print out must have the following information to it by the clock committee.

- 1) Name of club or organisation
  - 2) Two signatures of the clock committee
  - 3) Competitors name
  - 4) Race point
- The insertion of race rubber is optional.

#### Junior Quartz Computer Clock and Data Printer Rules.

- 1.) Clocks will be set by official clock setters strictly in accordance with the manufacturers instructions and set to receive a thimble in number one receptacle.
- 2.) Clocks will be sealed with an official NEHU approved numbers seal and must be entered on the clock sheet at setting and prior to opening before being accepted as being in order.

- 3.) Telescopic thimbles must be used. On removal from clock thimbles must be seen to be intact with rubber inside the thimble.
  - 4.) The clock record sheet or envelope must bear the clock number, the time of setting, the receptacle showing on the clock, race date and competition name.
  - 5.) On checking, two printouts must be obtained and sufficient clear white paper allowed to provide room for:-
    - a) Name of Organisation
    - b) Race Point
    - c) Two signatures of the clock committee. The printed information on what must be crossed checked against the digital display information on the clock itself.

**This must be done prior to the opening of the clock.**
  - 6.) In the event of a power cut or break down of the print out, the clock should be checked with the master timer and then taken off when the power resumes.
  - 7.) Clocks manufactured for use without thimbles or which are modified for that purpose to a standard acceptable to the management committee are acceptable for use in the NEHU.
- 33) No clock shall be eligible for use until it has been in the clock committee hands for a least seven days, and must Not be let out of their care unless for timing in purposes during the whole of the racing season, except where Necessary for repairs.( for the purpose of this rule it is recommended that Societies arrange for the insurance of their clocks at the Centre where they are to be kept)
- All clocks must be returned unopened to Club Clock Centres at the close of race whether used or not. Clock committee may grant special permission to members to have their clocks out or to be used for open races Outside their control during the racing season. The clock committee must take entire charge of all regulating and Repairs to clocks. The committee shall have the power to issue a clock to a member other than his own, but Must be the same make as his own clock, without giving an explanation.

#### **Variation and 3 way Testing Procedure**

**All clocks must be 3 way tested except Junior T2,T3 and T3S Benzing and Paloma Computer clocks**

All clocks must then be set and controlled as normal for a race(setting time).The Master Time being controlled By “TIM” the GPO speaking clock or the pips on the radio.

After the clocks have run for a minimum of 18 hours up to a maximum of 24 hours ,whilst standing in the Wilkinson suggested position No 1. They should be struck once.

Immediately after this, all clocks must be run for a further hour in the Wilkinson position No2. After which After this they should be struck once again (2<sup>nd</sup> check)

Immediately after this second check the clocks should be run for a further hour in the Wilkinson No3 position, After which they should be struck again.

The clocks are then opened and the dials read with the readings recorded on the NEHU Clock and 3Way Testing Record Sheet.

Clocks which vary more than plus or minus 3 seconds from the hourly variation at the second and Final check Are not acceptable and must not be used for racing until they have been brought up to the standard required.

Completed record sheets must be sent to the Federation Secretary.

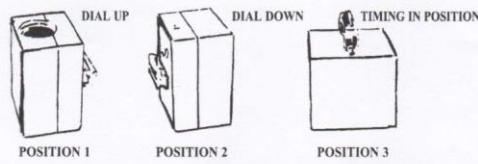
N.B. The position referred to above and printed in the “Racing Pigeon “ by Edward Wilkinson.

Clarification of 7 above.

Obtain each hourly gain/loss after the 2<sup>nd</sup> and final checks compare with hourly variation (column 10)

These must be within plus or minus 3 seconds.

**THREE WAY TEST POSITIONS  
FOR THE MOST POPULAR CLOCKS**



CLOCKS TO BE TESTED IN THESE POSITIONS ARE:- STB, PLASSCHAERT, EASYWAY, JUNDES, STANDARD TOULET, JUNIOR, LA LEDOISE PRINTER AND ALL BENZINGS INCLUDING COMATIC.



TEST POSITION FOR TOULET SUPER

34. The committee will fix suitable clock stations for its members and running allowance at the rate of four minutes To the mile, running on foot. No other means of running will be allowed. In cases where members clocks are not at their lofts at the time of arrival and they have to time into another members clock ,running allowance will not be allowed.
35. When timing in, each rubber ring must be placed in a thimble(unless the clock has been modified by the provision Of flappers or is of a type approved for use without thimbles by the NEHU Clock Committee) and placed in first Available chamber of the clock. The clock is then struck to record the time. Only one rubber per chamber is allowed . Members may have more than one clock set and may time into any clock. When clocks must go to a centre setting point, a clock may be left at the loft to record subsequent arrivals. Any clock left for this purpose and timed into must be controlled with a master timer within four hours. Should a clock be used for verification purpose (to guard against a clock stopping) it must be clearly understood that the time registered on the verification clock can only count if the rubber ring inside and outside numbers, have been copied on piece of paper and inserted in the clock in the normal way.
  - a) Where a clock has been modified by the provision of flappers or inserts, each individual rubber must remain Contained inside its own chamber, when a clock is opened. Any rubber found to be either partially or wholly Outside of its own chamber upon a clock being opened that rubber shall be disqualified. Any clock jammed And unable to strike under these circumstances will be disqualified.
36. Should a bird arrive with out a race mark it will be debarred from taking any position in that race.
37. All birds must be timed in the timing clocks allowed only, and the velocities calculated from the registered times Upon the dials after variations, if any, have been dealt with.
38. Variations of Timing clocks .when the gain or loss be at the rate of ten seconds or less per hour the variation will be (struck and deducted in the case of a fast clock) or added in the case of a slow clock) the registered times on the dials .In the event of a clock gaining more at the rate of more than ten seconds per hour the registered times on the dials will be taken at the times of arrivals. In the event of a clock losing at the rate of more than ten seconds

per hour ,the variation must struck and double the time slow at the time of timing in will be added to the registered times on the dials.

Variations must be worked out on Master Times for both setting and checking times.

Variations worked out to decimal points used to be near results. In the cases of Clocks being “ Out of Bounds” Allowance must be made for any variation in setting.

NOTE ; This rule does not apply to Master Timers that run out of bounds and the correct time must be worked Out for each given off using total time fast or slow.

39.The Society shall appoint a clock committee .whose duty it shall be to obtain the correct time each day setting and Opening.

40. No member must be allowed to set or open his own clock .This includes the winding of the clock, writing and Signing of the dials and the striking of clock at setting and opening. Any member contravening this rule will Will have his clock automatically disqualified.

41. Clock Setting .

All clocks may be set on the night of basketing where feasible as per club or Federation arrangements.

In cases of long holdover all clocks must be reset on the fourth day (this not apply if a liberation takes place on The fourth day). Full details of the race must be indicated on the back of rolls, viz Name ,Federation or Society, Race ,Date, number of clock and must also bear the signatures of not less than two members of the clock Committee, the signatures may be put on the front of dials.

42. Opening of Clocks.

Envelopes and clock sheets must be properly fill in with ink or indelible pencil, showing the variation times of Setting and opening etc. Every bird timed in must be fully recorded before the second ring is taken from the clock, And the same procedure followed until all rings are taken from the clock

**All times to be read to the nearest possible second.**

All Master Timers must be struck each time a time is given off for setting and checking

Where printing clocks are used as Master Timers, In the event of the paper tearing or running out before striking Is complete, the clock may be opened by the clock committee and the paper put on again without interfering with the clock dial. The rejoining end of the roll to be signed by the clock committee.

This rule also applies to members` clocks of this type

NOTE:- As a precaution against a Master Timer stopping during a race, It is recommended that two clocks be set and checked with the Federation M.T. and both clocks struck each time a time is given off.

The duplicate clock can be brought into use if the MT stops and may also be used for timing in on.

**Members have the privilege of seeing their clocks checked with the Master Timer.**

43. In the event of a members clock stopping before timing in the owner must time in on his nearest members clock. Running time will be allowed. In the event of members clock stopping after timing in he may immediately take his Clock to the nearest member`s clock who will puncture his clock inserting a slip of paper giving the particulars Of time clock stopped and at the same time puncturing the stopped clock. The time thus verified on the running Clock ,will taken as time of arrival, providing the stopped clock is still standing at the time of operation.

As a safe guard against a clock stopping, a competitor when timing in ,may open the rubber ring and time in the Inside and outside numbers written on a slip of paper on another members clock.

In the event of his clock stopping the time registered on the other clock ,less running allowance, will be accepted Provided the rubber ring and number on the slip agree with the race ring duplicate.

44. All races . **Where** possible all clocks having arrivals timed in must be checked the same day.

All clocks having arrivals timed in to be returned to their clock centre and be struck with the master timer.

Within a time limit which ever the Federation may fix. **A Maximum of FOUR Hours` time limit has been Fixed by the NEHU. Plus travelling time of the first arrival.**

Travelling time allowed at a rate of 15 minutes per mile. Any arrivals on a clock exceeding this time limit will be Disqualified .each bird timed in must be checked in this matter.

The checking of the Master Timer will constitute the opening time.

Federations will arrange with their Clubs for a convenient time for checking of the Master Timer and after being Checked the correct time will be worked out for the opening checks of the clocks.

**For Late Arrivals ( too late to get to the clock centre that day) and arrivals after the first day.**

Federation Master Timers to be available on the second day from the of 10 am of earlier if possible,

Federations to arrange a least an hour for checking clocks with late and early morning arrivals timed in and Again in the evening from 6 pm, for subsequent arrivals.

Master Timer will be checked with Combine Master Timer and correct times of checking worked out



**Instruction** Early morning arrivals, for the purposes of this rule all birds timed in up to 9 am on the second day Or subsequent days must be checked with the master timer at the morning session of the clock centre.

In Continental Races, clocks may be reset for further arrivals by Clock Centre Officials using the official Master Timer.

Should there be any dispute regarding the reading of clock dials, a sub committee of three members be appointed To read the dials. The decision of the committee will be final.

45. Where an ETS Club system is available it may be used as a Master Timer for conventional clocks  
An up to date time signal must be obtained prior to use as a master timer.