

SOLWAY FEDERATION
of
RACING PIGEON SOCIETIES
in the
SOUTH of SCOTLAND
CONSTITUTION
RULES
BYE-LAWS
2008

Constitution and Rules

1. That the Federation be called "The Solway Federation" and shall consist of a limited number of Racing Pigeon Societies situated in the Southwest Region. **Only members of Clubs affiliated to the Federation will be accepted.**
2. That any Club in the above region wishing to join the Federation must send to the Federation Secretary a list of its members, names and addresses (all must be members of the Scottish Homing Union).
3. Any such Club must send to the Federation Secretary a written notice of its intention to seek affiliation before 1st October, such application to be considered at the first Federation Committee Meeting after application has been lodged and, if accepted, to be endorsed at the Annual General Meeting. Club Affiliation Fee must be deposited with application.
4. That Club Affiliation Fee and Members Subscriptions be fixed annually at Annual General Meeting. Those who are members of two Clubs only require to pay Members Subscription through one of the Clubs
5. That the officials of the Federation shall consist of a President, Vice-President and a Secretary/Treasurer. President and Vice-President to be elected annually. Nominations for Secretary/Treasurer must be in the hands of the Secretary twenty-eight days before the Annual General Meeting.
- 5a. The Management of the Federation shall be vested in the Officials and one member from each of the constituent clubs which form the Federation. These members will be nominated by each club and will serve on an annual basis
6. The entire management of the Federation to be vested in the Committee for the time being, whose officials shall have the power to make such regulations as they from time to time deem necessary to deal with all matters relating to the Federation and Clubs connected therewith. Their decision to be subject to appeal to the Scottish Homing Union.
7. The Annual General Meeting shall be held on the third Sunday in November each year at 1.00pm. All business, notices of motion must be in the hands of the Federation Secretary twenty-eight days prior to the meeting. All members can attend and vote on any business transacted. Twenty-six to form a quorum. Secretary to give fourteen days notice of any Annual General Meeting and must furnish agenda with such notice.
8. Should the Federation be in debt each Club to pay in proportion to the number of its members such sum as will make up the deficit. Any Club retiring or being expelled from the Federation must forfeit all rights, monies, etc, deposited with the Federation, and will be held liable for proportionate part of any deficit at time of retirement or expulsion.

9. Treasurer shall keep a correct account of all monies received and paid on behalf of the Federation and must furnish each member with audited balance sheet fourteen days prior to Annual General Meeting
10. An appointed Sub-committee to have power to make all arrangements in respect of races during the season if this is necessary.
11. By giving fourteen days notice to the Secretary a Special Meeting may be convened at any time by special requisition signed by seventy members, signatories to specify in writing the resolution or resolutions they propose to submit to such meeting. No other business to be transacted. The majority of the members present to decide any question or questions submitted.
12. Should any dispute arise as to distance, identification of birds, rate of speed, or from any cause whatever in connection with races, its settlement to be left in the hands of Committee whose decision is subject to Scottish Homing Union.
- 12a. All appeals concerning velocities, averages or any other matter dealing with Club or Federation Races must be lodged with Federation Secretary within seven days after publication of official result.
13. In every case where a Club is proved to conduct its affairs or to have allowed any member to conduct its affairs in a loose, negligent or unsatisfactory manner the Federation Committee will be empowered to have such Club's name removed from the list of affiliated Clubs. Its members, therefore, will be disqualified from taking part in future Federation competitions, subject to the right of appeal to the Scottish Homing Union. Clubs are especially requested to see that each individual member makes it his or her duty to uphold the integrity and good name of the Club and the Solway Federation.
14. The Federation President, or whosoever he may appoint, has the power to visit at any time the marking room or clock station of any affiliated Club.
15. Clubs wishing to resign must send in written notice to the Federation Secretary twenty eight days before the Annual General Meeting each year, otherwise they will be held liable for their full share of expenses of ensuing year. Clubs resigning from the Federation shall forfeit all claims they might have to its finances or property.
16. The Bye-laws contained in this book, or any Bye-laws hereafter approved of to govern all affiliated Clubs of the Federation, and any question not provided for herein which may arise, can only be dealt with by Committee. Aggrieve parties may appeal to the Scottish Homing Union. It is imperative that all members have a copy of Bye-laws, which will be supplied by the Federation Secretary. Each Club Secretary must satisfy himself that each member of his Club has been provided with a copy of Federation Bye-laws, and acknowledgement to this effect be given to Federation Secretary in writing.

17. Any proposed alteration in the foregoing Constitution and Rules must be in the hands of the Federation Secretary twenty eight days prior to Annual General Meeting and shall only be effected by a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting.

17a. Young Pigeons must still be wing stamped as per Scottish Homing Union Constitution and Rules (Club/Federation).

Race Rules

All as per Scottish Homing Union rule book. Pages 14,15,16 and 17.

Clock Rules

All as per Scottish Homing Union rule book. Pages 17,18 and 19

BYE-LAWS

1. All Federation perpetual trophies to be returned to the Federation Secretary a month before the Annual General Meeting.
2. All birds to be entirely at owners risk from time they leave their hands.
3. That no official or member shall be allowed to race-mark his own birds or retain his own race sheet, and that four members must be present at race marking.
4. One-day races to close at midnight. Races over 250 miles to be two-day races, and close at 11-30pm on second day. Hours of darkness 11-00pm to 5-00am. Clock rules as Scottish Homing Union.
5. A full report and result, with cash included, must be forwarded to Federation Secretary by each Club Secretary for each race within four days after race takes place (Sunday included), failing which the results will be withheld from Federation Race Result.
6. Diplomas to be issued for races as decided at the Annual General Meeting.
7. All race sheets must be completed in ink
8. Any person wishing to join any of the affiliated clubs which form part of the Federation shall be required to pay the sum of £150 directly to the Federation Secretary.