

## APPENDIX D

### GENERAL, RACING, AS WELL AS CLOCK RULES, AND RELEASE OF PIGEONS

All member must annually check the following rules that are binding.

Should a member transgress the rules, a penalty of up to a maximum of R10.000 can be imposed.

#### D1 Racing rules

##### D1.1

The racing programme for each season, compiled by member organisations, as well as details of the release points, times, transport costs, registration fees, basket dates, and release dates shall be made available to every member at least 14 days prior to the first race.

#### D2 Speed calculation

##### D2.1

Each race shall be calculated according to the system of speed calculation over a straight distance and the time elapsed between the releasing time and the clocking in time, minus the night hours where applicable. The winning pigeon shall have flown the most number of meters per minute, and the next places in sequence according to the most number of meters per minute flown.

##### D2.2

A race shall terminate in accordance with the distance flown and the clocking in time of the winning pigeon plus the number of hours mentioned hereunder:

- a. up to 700 km - 12 hours (excluding night hours)
- b. 701 to 1000 km - 24 hours (excluding night hours)
- c. over 1000 km - 48 hours (excluding night hours).

##### D2.3

A race terminates as soon as the first pigeon's speed is less than 450 metres per minute. Such race is cancelled and annulled.

##### D2.4

A race shall be cancelled only following a decision by the member organisation's executive committee.

#### D3 Pigeons that may take part in races

##### D3.1

Pigeons that compete in races must be the *bona fide* property of the member who registered them, and every pigeon must be ringed with the official registration ring of SANPO.

##### D3.2

Derby race: Only pigeons with the official derby ring of the member organisation, issued for that purpose to a member of the organisation, and registered in his name, may participate in derby races. If a club member become a member of another organisation, he may register his pigeons as Derby's before 1<sup>st</sup> April. The cost due per ring must be paid. It is for the organisation to accept it or not.

##### D3.3

Young pigeons: Young pigeons that are ringed and registered in the owner's name may participate in races for young pigeons, provided that, if registration rings from another recognised organisation are used, the rings are not issued before the date of the member's organisation. In the case of foreign rings, a certificate stating that the rings were not issued before the date of issue of the rings of the member's organisation, must be received from the organisation that issued the rings.

#### D3.4

Registration: Member organisations themselves can decide whether the next rule shall apply to their members. If so, every member must before the start of each racing series register all the pigeons that will participate in the next racing season. A list of all pigeons shall be handed to the secretary of his club at least 14 days prior to the start of the races. This list must be handed to the racing secretary of the organisation who, upon acknowledgement of receipt, stores the list in his file for record purposes. Additional lists may be handed in during the season, but any pigeons that appear on such lists may not participate in races before 14 days have elapsed from the date of the handing in of the list. When such list signed by the member is handed in, the member by implication states that he is the *bona fide* owner of the pigeons on the list.

#### D3.5

Registration rings: Registration rings supplied by SANPO and registered in the name of a member organisation must be issued to the members of such organisation and registered. A ring register must be kept by the organisation or club that issues the rings to its members. The ring numbers and details of the member, his address and telephone number, must appear in the register. No member may register any pigeons that are not his property for a race. Upon signing the racing registration form, the member declares that the pigeon thus registered is *his bona fide* property. (See paragraph D3.8)

#### D3.6

Issuing of rings: No rings shall be issued by SANPO to any member organisation or to any member thereof unless all amounts owing are paid. No issued rings may be sold or alienated to any non-members, or to any member whose membership fees are in arrears. SANPO's management committee shall be entitled to impose a penalty for transgressing this rule. Member organisations shall fix the date on which the rings shall be made available to their members.

#### D3.7

Damaged rings: All pigeons taking part in races must wear an undamaged registration ring. Any rings that are stretched or tampered with/damaged disqualify the pigeon for participation in races. Any infraction invalidates the right to prizes, places, and further participation in races.

#### D3.8

Stray pigeons: It is prohibited to participate in races with stray pigeons. (Refer to SANPO Constitution clause 8.6)

#### D3.9

Before the racing season all pigeons must be vaccinated with a registered vaccine for Paramyxovirus and Pigeonpox. A certificate in this regard must be available.

### D4 Basketing

#### D4.1

Basketing and ringing of pigeons may not start before at least four members of whom at least two must be unrelated, are present.

#### D4.2

All pigeons taking part in races must be ringed with a rubber ring supplied and approved by the organisation to its clubs. When electronic clocks are used, the pigeons must wear electronic rings.

#### D4.3

Rubber rings: Before a member's pigeons are ringed for basketing, the necessary number of rubber rings with paper slips for the relevant pigeons must be kept in such a way that the member does not have access to them.

#### D4.4

Handling: The organisations may decide whether a member or his deputy may be allowed to handle his own pigeons for the purposes of attaching rubber rings or to place them in the racing basket.

#### D4.5

Reading ring details: No member and/or his partners may read out the numbers of his own pigeons when attaching the rubber ring numbers to his pigeons during basketing. The details on the pigeon's registration ring must be read.

#### D4.6

Control of rubber rings:

##### D4.6.1

When pigeons have been ringed with rubber rings and prior to their being placed in the specific basket, the basket official or another nominated member must control and ensure that the pigeon has a rubber ring/electronic ring that fits properly around its leg. The member must also ensure that the pigeon is placed in the correct basket. Pigeons may under no circumstances be placed in another basket than the one with the ascribed number.

##### D4.6.2

No pigeons may for whatever reason be removed from an ascribed basket without the approval and supervision of the club racing secretary or his deputy.

#### D4.7

Race registration forms:

##### D4.7.1

All members must be in possession of a registration book that is numbered and that provides duplicate registrations, or in cases where electronic clocks are used that provide for this.

##### D4.7.2

The registration form must be completed in full and correctly, and mention the name of the club, the member's name and the racing point. Upon completion the form must be signed by the member or his deputy.

##### D4.7.3

Faulty or omitted ring details of pigeons shall disqualify such pigeons from the relevant race.

##### D4.7.4

As soon as basketing is completed, all the original race registration forms of each club must be addressed, posted or delivered in a sealed envelope to the relevant organisation's racing secretary.

#### D4.8

Duplicate registration form and paper slips of rubber bands: The corresponding paper slips of the rubber bands issued for the banding of a member's pigeons and the duplicate registration form

must be sealed in a separate envelope and kept in a safe place until the member's clock is read. The way of safe keeping must be approved by the management committee of the organisation.

#### D5 Sealing baskets

##### D5.1

Before pigeons are placed in a basket for a race, the large release door of the racing basket must be sealed with numbered seals. Once all the pigeons are placed in the basket and before the baskets are removed from the basketing place, the entrance door of the basket must also be sealed with a numbered seal.

##### D5.2

Supervision of baskets: From the time the basketing started until the baskets are loaded in the car that transports the pigeons, the baskets must continuously be supervised by at least four competing members.

#### D6 Controlling a winning pigeon

##### D6.1

In all races, the winning pigeon of each club must be controlled as soon as possible by two nominated competing members. The ring details and the colour of the pigeon shown to them must be reported back to the club. The winning pigeon must not be released less than twenty metres from the relevant member's loft in order to establish whether it returns to the loft. The names of the two nominees must be annotated in the registration book or racing result of the relevant member (owner).

#### D7 Night hours

##### D7.1

No pigeons home on racing day: If no pigeons return on the day of their release, the night hours shall be the period from 30 minutes after sunset to 15 minutes before sunrise. If one or more pigeons are clocked in more than 15 minutes before sunrise the next morning, the race shall open at the clocking in time of the first pigeon, but in any case no more than 30 minutes before sunrise.

##### D7.2

Pigeons home on racing day: The race shall terminate within 30 minutes after sunset and open 15 minutes before sunrise the next morning. If any pigeon is clocked in within 60 minutes after sunset on the day of the race, the night hours shall start 5 minutes after such pigeon is clocked in, within the 60 minutes period, provided that the night hours shall in no case start before 30 minutes after sunset. If pigeons are clocked in more than 60 minutes after sunset, their clocking in time shall be the time at which the race opens the next day, that is 30 minutes before sunrise.

#### D8 Loft distances

##### D8.1

Application: Applications for distances must be directed to the member's organisation by his relevant club.

##### D8.2

Participation before distances are received: Until the distances are provided, members who applied in terms of Section D8.1 shall be allowed to take part in races in accordance with the distances of a loft whose distances are known and which is the least to his disadvantage, or distances approved by the management committee of the organisation.

##### D8.3

New lofts: If a member's loft is moved more than 20 metres, he must re-apply for the distances.

#### D8.4

Accepted distances: Only distances calculated by a competent person with a GPS shall be accepted. Organisations must have their members' distances calculated with the same method and type of GPS preferably by the same person.

#### D9 Transport arrangements

##### D9.1

All pigeons registered for races shall be transported at the owner's risk.

##### D9.2

During transportation, the member organisations shall arrange that pigeons have food and water. (See SANPO's rules for the care and release of racing pigeons.)

##### D9.3

The member organisations shall appoint truck drivers who shall be responsible for the trucks, transport, care and release of the pigeons.

##### D9.4

The member organisations shall not be responsible for the delay, any injuries or loss of racing pigeons for whatever reason.

##### D9.5

Truck drivers are obliged to draw the member organisations' attention to any baskets deemed unfit for the transport of pigeons.

#### D10 Escape of racing pigeons

##### D10.1

When during the transportation of the pigeons or at the release point the truck driver notices that some of the baskets are damaged or not sealed, he must immediately notify the member organisation's transport official. If the baskets are so damaged that it is suspected that some pigeons have escaped, he must annotate the number(s) of the basket(s), count the remaining number of pigeons in the specific basket(s), and annotate the ring number of the pigeons. The report must be handed to the member organisation's transport official upon arrival.

##### D10.2

Except in the case of rule D10.3, if on account of a report the transport official is convinced that pigeons transported to a release point have escaped from a specific racing basket(s), he shall report to the member organisation's management, and all the pigeons placed in the specific basket(s) for the race shall be disqualified from the specific race.

##### D10.3

If it is established at the release point that pigeons have escaped from basket(s), and the remaining pigeons' registration numbers can be annotated in consultation with the member organisation's management in the presence of a person approved by the organisation's management, and ensured at the release point that such pigeons can be released with the remaining pigeons, only the pigeons whose registration numbers are annotated from the relevant basket(s) shall be allowed to compete in the specific race.

#### D11 Release of pigeons

##### D11.1

The truck driver shall receive written instructions from the transport official concerning the release times as decided by the member organisation's management.

#### D11.2

If, due to unforeseen circumstances, release times must be amended, the member organisation's management shall decide accordingly.

#### D11.3

See SANPO's rules in respect of the care and release of racing pigeons. ( D13)

### D12 General

#### D12.1

A member is not allowed to compete in races to more than one loft, unless such lofts are situated no more than twenty (20) metres from each other.

#### D12.2

The number of pigeons which members may register for races shall be determined by the member organisation.

#### D12.3

Appeals against race results must be handed in to the member's club secretary within seven (7) days after the date of publication.

#### D12.4

It is compulsory for each affiliated organisation to take part in races, subject to these race rules and not to his own or those of other organisations. Decisions by SANPO's management concerning any matter and upon approval at the Annual General Meeting shall therefore also apply and be binding on all affiliated organisations.

### D13 Rules for the care and release of racing pigeons

#### D13.1

SANPO was compelled to establish standards for the care of racing pigeons for the period during which the pigeons are transported to the racing point until the pigeons are released, and for the release of the pigeons and the circumstances at the release point itself.

### D14 Care

#### D14.1

Water bowls and food must always be available on the trucks so that the bowls are there should circumstances so change that the pigeons need food and water.

#### D14.2

In short-distance races of up to 300 kilometres where the pigeons are placed in baskets on Friday evening, it is essential that the pigeons get water, but where circumstances change so that early release is not possible, the pigeons must get water before being released.

#### D14.3

With long-distance races where the pigeons are placed in baskets on Thursday evening, it is essential that there is enough food so that if the pigeons must be kept over there is always food.

#### D14.4

The pigeons must get water twice or more a day, preferably in the morning after 10 o'clock and again in the afternoon. The pigeons must definitely get water the following morning before being released.

#### D14.5

The pigeons must be fed once or twice a day: in the morning after being placed in baskets just prior to being given water, and again in the afternoon just prior to being given water.

### D15 Releases

#### D15.1

No pigeons may be released in mist or rain.

#### D15.2

No pigeons may be released if vision is not reasonable to very good.

#### D15.3

No pigeons may be released before 15 minutes after sunrise.

#### D15.4

No pigeons may be released near electric wires or other obstructions that can injure the pigeons upon release.

#### D15.5

No pigeons may be released in traffic, on highways, or other roads.

### D16 Injuries

#### D16.1

All pigeons which upon release cannot for one or other reason fly must be returned by the truck driver to the organisation, which must then return the pigeons to the owner.