

CONSTITUTION OF RULES

1. That this Federation be called "**The Lanarkshire Racing Pigeon Federation**".
2. In the construction of these rules, unless the context requires a different meaning: – Homing Society means any club or Society formed or established for the promotion and regulation of the Sport of Homing Pigeons keeping in any of its branches. General Meeting means the General Meeting of the members. Committee Meeting means the management committee. Secretary means Secretary and Treasurer.
3. Radius: – Open to Lanarkshire as known by County Maps in 1973.
4. Any club with members within the radius may be allowed to join the Federation. The club must submit names and Addresses of intending members to Secretary of the Federation. The management committee will have the power to accept or Reject applications and shall not be bound to state reasons.
5. Clubs desiring to resign must give notice to Secretary on or before the first day of November, otherwise they will be held Liable for their full share of fees and expenses for ensuing year.
6. Clubs resigning from the Federation forfeit all claims to the Property of the Federation.
7. All club members must be members of Lanarkshire Federation and Scottish Homing Union.
8. All secretaries must send names and addresses of members when sending Federation fees. All membership fees to be paid before 30th December of the preceding year.
9. All meetings to be held at some place approved by Committee.
10. Nominations for all offices – President, Vice-Presidents and Secretary and Transport Manager must be forwarded to the Secretary, Six weeks before the Annual General Meeting; same to be placed on the Agenda attached to notice convening the Meeting. All proposers and seconders to be at the meeting.
11. The office-bearers of the Federation shall be President And two Vice-Presidents and Transport Manager and Secretary Who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and hold Office for one year and shall be eligible for re-election.
12. The management of the Federation shall be vested in Office-bearers and committee who shall manage the Federation In accordance with Federation Rules and recommendations of Annual General Meeting, the Committee of Management to consist Of one delegate for every 30 members or part thereof who Shall be appointed annually by clubs and whose names and Addresses should be sent to Secretary before 31st January Each year (one nominated substitute per club permitted whose Name should also be submitted).

13. The committee shall have power to form sub-committees For special purposes but any business or resolutions passed Must be confirmed by management committee.
14. It will be the duty of the Secretary to attend all committee And General Meetings and keep minutes thereof which shall be entered in books provided for the purpose. He will also keep a True and correct statement of assets and liabilities.
15. All books shall be held by the Secretary, the committee shall determine to what extent the books and accounts or any of Them shall be open to inspection by application of members Through clubs.
16. The federation accounts shall be audited by two LRPF members appointed at the Annual General Meeting and serve for a maximum of two years.
17. The Annual General Meeting will be held on the last Saturday of November if possible in each year. Any alteration to This Constitution and Rules can only be made giving six week's notice together with the proposed alteration clearly stated and the resolution intended to be submitted, such to be placed on The Agenda attached to notice convening the meeting.
18. The President may call a Special General Meeting at Any time.
19. The President or in his absence a Vice-President, shall Preside as Chairman at all meetings (General or Committee). In the absence of the President or Vice-Presidents, those present shall elect one of their number to act as chairman. The chairman shall have a deliberate and a casting vote.
20. The declaration of the chairman that a resolution has or has not been carried, shall, unless a poll is demanded, be conclusive, but if a poll is demanded, it shall be taken by a show of Hands. Any relevant amendment may be proposed without previous Notice but the decision of the chairman on the relevancy shall be final. Every member of the Federation shall have one Vote. No voting by proxy.
21. No minority vote can win in any vote taken.
22. Should the Federation be in debt, each club shall pay in Proportion to the number of members such sums as will make up the deficit.
23. No money can be specially voted from funds for prizes or any such purpose when the amount standing at the credit of The Federation is less than £1.040. This is exclusive of close Seasons general expenses.
24. The only office bearers are allowed to vote in remit – Committee, President, Vice-Presidents and Transport Manager.
25. That we adopt standing orders of Scottish Homing Union.

26. In the event of any question arising as to the interpretation of any of the rules of the Federation or as to the definition of any word or sentence therein, the question shall be referred to the Management Committee.

27. The foregoing rules or any rules hereafter approved of shall govern all affiliated clubs of the Federation and any question which may arise not provided for herein can only be dealt with by the committee of management. Aggrieved parties may Appeal to Scottish Homing Union whose definition shall be final and binding on all parties. The Federation claim the supreme Right to settle all cases and disputes with the right of appeal Only to Scottish Homing Union. See S.H.U. Rule 27, Page 7 for Adoption procedure.

28. The Management committee choose appeal court as Per S.H.U. book. See S.H.U. Rule 29, Page 8.

29. That clocks can remain unsealed only in clock setter's care Provided that they are under lock and key. Keys to be held by a Responsible official.

30. That Race Programme to be held on another day other than Annual General Meeting, date to be fixed at pre-season's A.G.M. 30a. That the race programme AGM be formatted with race points to be voted on race by race, full programmes will be accepted in advance but if the body of the hall wish to propose against these or individual races within, they have the right to do so without prejudice.

31. Powers of Race Controller in the event of bad weather. (a) In Old Bird Races, will have the power to bring the birds back to another point or return them to the Club. (b) In Young Bird Races, can bring birds back to another race point or return them to the Club. The birds will return to missed race point the following week and races put back a week. (c) In Open or Duplication Races, where Federation Pools and Prizes are involved, if it is impossible to race from stated race point Or the preceding longest, all monies in pools will be returned less 5%. Entry money for duplication races to be returned, entry money in Open races to be retained. (d) In the event of an unfavourable weather forecast the officials Plus Race Controller has the power to select an alternative race Point without the necessity of going to the original race point on the Programme. (e) Where there is no chance of a race due to extreme weather conditions, Basketting may be delayed for 24 hours by the race controller. This decision must be taken by 1300hrs on race marking day.

32. Dual membership with other Federations will invalidate membership Of Lanarkshire Federation. Only members holding dual membership in 1986-87 will be accepted. Clubs applying as new Members must comply with this Rule within twelve months of acceptance or acceptance becomes invalid.

33. In the event of birds having to be returned from any race point failing to race, birds will be returned to the premises of Uddingston & District Homing Club where clubs at their own expense make arrangements to uplift same.

34. That the federation acquire and maintain a website, this to contain all the information that is in the year book, also to include the history-documents-results-latest news-reports by the pro-liberation time and any other info that is of importance to the members.

35. That a social convenor will be elected who will be responsible for the organisation of the annual social presentation of prizes, including all matters relating to this event.