

ELECTRONIC TIMING SYSTEMS

THESE RULES FORMULATED AND APPROVED 21.3.09 (with further additions)

1. Electronic Timing Systems (ETS) can be used to record times of birds providing the Organisation has the equipment and the Officials are willing to use it.
2. ETS must be fitted within the loft.
3. Permanent records are to be retained by the Club.
4. Only versions of ETS approved by Council of NWHU are acceptable.
5. Access codes, electronic key and club systems must be authorised by the Club.
6. Organisations must check the radio clock and ETS has synchronised before marking. The radio clock must be used to set the Club's Master Timer (for conventional clocks)
7. The Organisation has the right to inspect timing systems used.
8. ETS can only record the arrival time after the pigeon has entered the loft, NOT the traps or external fittings.
9. In the event of an escape, where required, other ETS birds must have their official Union I.D. ring number recorded.
10. Assignment of allocation of ETS rings to be carried out by authorised personnel 14 days before the first race on the Federation programme.
11. Competitor's names and race date to be recorded on all ETS printouts, on race date and signed by clock setters and member.
12. No Organisation can be made to use the ETS nor provide the hardware and software for its use if there are no Officials willing to administer its use.
13. No member is permitted to take part in the race marking/entry process of their own pigeons.
14. NWHU members be allowed to purchase their own chip rings from the manufacturers of ETS that are approved by the NWHU only with the relevant receipt of authenticity being presented at their club to enable registration of rings with their NWHU loft number.
15. Operating procedures before, during and after races should be in accordance with manufacturers instructions. Responsibility for providing manufacturers instruction manual to Organisations rests with the owner of the ETS.
16. The Club or Organisation has the power to retain any ETS they consider doubtful.
17. Organizations that promote races may determine times when ETS will be checked after timing birds.(see clock rule 103)
18. The ETS approved for use by the NWHU are as follows: Benzing; Bricon; Mega; Victory; Tauris; Tipes and Unikon and all to be Unives 1.7 protocol.

THIMBLE-LESS CLOCKS

It was decided that STB; Benzing and Junior clocks can be used without the use of thimbles, without having to have a drum conversion. However, in the case of Junior clocks, if these are used without the drum conversion, then a member must accept the responsibility for any damages caused to the clock – in other words these are used at members own risk.

'Click & Clock' inserts (instead of having a drum conversion) are to be allowed for Junior clocks.