

SUBURBAN COMBINE, INC.

Constitution and By Laws

ARTICLE I. Name, Clubs, Purpose

Section 1. Name

From this date, October 30, 1966, we shall be called and known as SUBURBAN COMBINE, INC.

Section 2. Clubs

The Suburban Combine shall consist of the following member clubs:

Conshohocken Western Club	(CWC)
Delaware Valley Pigeon Club	(DVC)
Norristown Homing Pigeon Club, Inc.	(NORR)
Norristown Sportsman Club, Inc.	(NSC)
North Penn Homing Pigeon Club, Inc.	(NPC)
Phoenixville Eastern Pigeon Club, Inc.	(PHX)

Section 3. Purpose

The purpose of the Suburban Combine is to foster and promote the science of breeding, training, racing, and exhibiting of racing Homing Pigeons; to maintain the sport as a gentleman's pastime; to promote true sportsmanship above reproach; to make available in case of any national emergency, all pigeons and facilities deemed necessary for national defense.

ARTICLE II. Boundary

The Suburban Combine shall have a boundary, it shall be as follows:

Section 1. East and West

All lofts flying no less than 80 miles and not more than 115 miles from Carlisle, PA.

Section 2; North and South

40° 35' 00" shall be the Northern boundary. 40° 03' 25" shall be the Southern boundary. All flyers living within the Philadelphia city limits shall be excluded from Competition in the Suburban Combine.

Section 3. Boundary Changes

The boundary was adopted and passed 100% on October: 30, 1966.

One dissenting vote is all that is needed to prevent any changes in the Combine boundary. (Adopted February 19, 1967)

Section 4. Exceptions

The following members, who are in good standing in their clubs, have asked and received variances of the boundary:

Wm. Bierlin	CWC	John Soroka	CWC
Wm. Hoeflich	CWC	John Steczak	CWC
Stanley Marek	CWC	Joe Rieser	CWC
Chas. Packer, Jr.	CWC	Edw. Sabowski	CWC
Gene Pondo	CWC	Joe Gydosh	NSC
Edward Pondo	CWC	Geo. Hannah	DVC

Boundary status shall be determined by Bowen Survey sheet. Because the above members were in good standing at this time, they shall remain members so long as their dues and standing in the Combine remain up to date. At any time, they become inactive or default in payment of dues for one year, they shall forfeit forever membership in the Suburban Combine, Inc. They must also fly one race in Combine competition in each series of races scheduled. The above members can also remain members if they move into boundaries.

ARTICLE III. Membership

Section 1. Membership in the Suburban Combine shall be as a member in an affiliated member club, not as an individual.

Section 2. Dues

Annual dues shall be \$3.00 per year for each member.

Section 3. Flying in two or more clubs.

Any member may fly in more than one Combine club. He shall be required to pay Combine dues in each club. His combined limit shall be 15 birds. He shall be allowed two (2) diplomas in each club. His average speed shall be by club, not a combined average of the clubs. Two or more flyers may compete from one loft; as a loft, they will pay only one due, and are limited to only one vote. A flyer may not compete from two separate lofts.

Section 4. Clubs

Any clubs comprised of five (5) or more reputable fanciers may become affiliated with the Suburban Combine. It must be accepted 100% by the existing Combine clubs.

Section 5. For Competition

A club shall be required to have five (5) actual flyers in a race to compete as a club. In the event a club falls below five members, the remaining members shall, as a group, enter their birds in any Combine club. However, clocks shall be set and taken off by the club accepting their birds. They shall receive position and compete in their own club only.

Section 6. Forfeit

Resignation of any club from the Suburban Combine shall forfeit the club's right of any existing monies and relinquish all claims on Combine assets. Any club not competing in a series shall be considered as resigned and must be reaccepted as a new club fore it may compete again, as a member club in the Suburban Combine.

Section 7. Fanciers or Flyers

Any fancier joining the Combine after February 15, 1967, shall be considered a new flyer.

All new flyers shall pay \$15.00 Combine fee (Truck Fund)

ARTICLE IV. Combine Officers. All terms shall be for one (1) year.

Section 1. Directors

All clubs shall elect three (3) members go the board of directors. The board of directors shall govern the Suburban Combine. Voting shall be by clubs. Each club shall be entitled to only one vote. All issues will be decided by a to 2 votes. No ties.

Section 2. Chairman and Vice-chairman of the Board

The directors shall elect a chairman and a vice-chairman of the board. The chairman shall have full executive power and shall preside at all Combine meetings. He will not cast a vote on any Combine issues. The vice-chairman assumes duties in absence of the chairman. The chairman and vice-chairman of the board may be any member of the Combine.

Section 3. Secretary-Treasurer

The secretary-treasurer shall be appointed by the board of directors. A salary shall be set by the directors to compensate the secretary-treasurer for his efforts.

Section 4. Bond

The Combine secretary-treasurer shall be bonded. The sum of \$5000.00 will be the bond worth, Bonding fee is to be paid by the Combine.

Section 5. Duties of Secretary-Treasurer

This officer shall keep all minutes of all meetings; will notify all member clubs when dues are payable, collect, record, and keep a complete list of all members. He shall conduct all Combine correspondence. All correspondence from clubs is to be directed to the secretary-treasurer. He will receive and verify all club race reports. He shall make a Combine race report and issue diplomas. (One for each five lofts.) He shall make and send a copy of all minutes to each director. He shall send two copies to each club secretary, one to be posted in the club.

Section 6. Custodian

The secretary-treasurer shall be custodian of all Combine funds and pay all bills and expenditures authorized by the directors.

Section 7. Books

The secretary-treasurer shall have a complete set of bookkeeping records which shall have all entries current and up to date at all times; shall have a financial report for each Combine meeting; shall call for an audit once a year before the first annual meeting. Upon completion or expiration of term of office, he shall turn over to the new secretary-treasurer all Combine effects. This is to be done before the first meeting of the new term.

Section 9. Committees

The board of directors shall assist the chairman in the selection of the following committees:

Bylaw Committee

Race Committee (Secretary of each club)

Audit Committee

Hall of Fame and Publicity Committee

Section 9. Hall of Fame

LMC and QCC point systems shall be used. There shall be two awards a year, one for old birds and one for young birds.

Section 10. Liberating Secretary

The liberating secretary shall have full authority over the liberation of the pigeons and complete control of convoyer and trucker from here to liberating time. He shall consult with two other named assistants. All three shall contact weather bureau for weather along the course. He shall be reimbursed and be paid a set fee for service.

ARTICLE V. Race Rules

Section 1. The race rules set up in this article shall be administered by the race committee, The race committee shall be made up of the race secretary of each club and the Combine chairman, who shall preside and cast a tie breaking vote if needed.

Section 2. The schedule of races shall be arranged and agreed upon by the directors.

Section 3. Crates shall be satisfactory, standard and in serviceable condition. No sick birds are to be shipped.

Section 4. Clocks

- a. All clocks must be set up continuous running, Tapes must be legible and clocks in good running order,
- b. Capsules are required in all clocks, any capsule may be used that completely closes. No open-end capsules shall be allowed,
- c. All timers are to be sealed.
- d. Variations are to be calculated by the standard black book procedure

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- e. At all times, the short second shall be read on all clock tapes
- f. In the event of hold over or any race, no clock may run for more than 72 hours without being reset by master timer.

Section 5. Race Procedure

- a. All clubs shall countermark, ship their own birds, seal crates and ready them to be transported by Combine arranged facilities. No member shall be allowed to countermark his own birds or handle them any time after they have been countermarked. Only the birds competing in the race may be shipped.
- b. Master time shall be Bell Telephone Co., T16-1212, for setting up clocks for master time on shipping night and knock off on race day. All master timers shall be set with two or more club members in attendance.
- c. All clubs shall have completed race results to Combine secretary within 48 hours after race is completed.
- d. Race reports shall be checked, and results printed each week a race is flown by the Combine secretary.
- e. Any bird may be disqualified for improbable or impossible speed when a protest is made by another Combine club, in writing, to the Combine secretary within 14 days of the date race in question was flown.
- f. Any fancier disqualified for any reason may appeal the decision of the race committee within same time limit of original disqualification. The appeal shall be heard by the entire board of directors, who shall render a just and immediate verdict. Their verdict shall be final.
- g. No member club may schedule, ship, or take off a race from their headquarters the same day as a Combine scheduled race.
- h. Any Combine winner may be tossed by the race committee or anyone designated by them. All winning birds shall be produced upon request at the winning loft.
- i. Any owner having more than one loft at the same location shall be allowed only one entry in the Suburban Combine.
- j. The time out for darkness shall be taken from the U. S. Weather Bureau calculations for time between sunset and sunrise, plus one hour. (1/2 hour after sunset and 1/2 hour before sunrise).
- k. In the event that a seal is missing, or a crate damaged to the extent that a bird escape or there is the possibility of escape, the entire club shall be disqualified from that race and Combine average speed,
- l. Each club shall be required to pay for a minimum of 75 birds in each scheduled Combine race.
- m. No clock shall vary more than 13 seconds per hour. A variation greater than this is automatic disqualification,
- n. If any clock stops after member's first bird is clocked, the member shall take his clock to his club secretary or president, The official shall remove the countermark from the stopped clock and insert it in the official's clock for timing; or, take stopped clock to club headquarters and have a club designed official remove the countermark and insert it in official's clock for timing; or, if clock stops before the first bird is clocked, take the stopped

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Clock and countermark to the nearest club member and insert the countermark in other member's clock. This can also be done with the second bird's countermark instead of taking clock to the club official for removal of first countermark if time is better to do so. Under no circumstance will a member break a clock seal. This shall be an automatic disqualification.

Section 6. Junior Members

The Suburban Combine, wishing to encourage new blood, has set forth the following provisions for junior fanciers:

- a. A junior fancier shall be considered a member if he is a student under 19 years of age, who elects to compete for Combine trophies, diplomas, and positions only.
- b. As a junior member he shall not pay Combine dues. In the event he elects to pay Combine dues as an adult flyer, he shall be ineligible to again resume as a junior flyer.
- c. No junior flyer may compete for pools in any Combine race.
- d. Cost of shipping pigeons shall be the only requirement of a junior flyer.

AMMENDMENT I. Article IV, Section 3

The secretary will handle administrative duties and the treasurer will handle financial matters as outlined in Article IV, Sections 5, 6 and 7, due to the fact that the secretary-treasurer's job has been delegated to two men instead of one. (November 26, 1967)