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Membership Criteria

The Initial membership criteria (for national organisations applying to join IMGA) are :

- The candidate member organisation must provide a letter requesting membership to the IMGA Development Officer
- The candidate member organisation must be able to show that they offer membership within the requirements of IMGA's non-discrimination policy (see the equality statement) to all those who wish to join their organisation
- The candidate member organisation must have an initial executive consisting of a minimum of three members residing in the country applying for membership
- The candidate member organisation must have 5 active riders
- The candidate member organisation must have a clear and concise understanding of the dynamics of IMGA, its structure, governing rules and regulations, constitution and the rules governing the sport of mounted games
- The candidate member organisation must appoint a country representative to serve on the IMGA committee
- The candidate member organisation must provide details of all other organisations within their country for which mounted games is known to be the main or a major activity

The long-term membership criteria (for national organisations which have been members for two or more years) are :

- A member organisation must have a written democratic constitution which provides members with the ability to elect all members of its executive unless membership of its country's National Equestrian Federation prevents this
- A member organisation must have at least 10 active riders
- A member organisation must have a written plan to grow the sport of mounted games within their country
- A member organisation must take steps to become a sanctioned member of that country's Equestrian Federation
- A member organisation must attend either an SAGM or an AGM at least every two years. Attendance may be by electronic means but submitting a proxy vote is not considered as attendance
- A member organisation must take steps in team development to be able to send at least one rider to at least one IMGA sanctioned competitions every two years. This could be a team, individual or pairs competition



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- A member organisation must hold national mounted games championships annually or at least have a competition structure in place

These criteria refer to an Equality Statement, which is :

The International Mounted Games Association is committed to the principles of equality of opportunity and aims to ensure that no individual receives less favourable treatment on the grounds of age, gender, disability, race, ethnic origin, nationality, colour, parental or marital status, pregnancy, religious belief, class or social background, sexual orientation or political belief, except where this may conflict with local/national laws and regulations. This includes all those involved in mounted games in whatever capacity: riders, parents, employees, trainers, officials, other volunteers and spectators.