



# International Mounted Games Association Rules Committee

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## *Rule Change Request Document*

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| Country: | <b>IMGA Rules Committee</b> |
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### Summary of Change Requested:

Arena officials. Bullet point 2 says at least six assistant referees. At the end of this sentence add 'this may be varied at the discretion of the referee taking into account the number of riders in each heat and whether it is a team pairs or individuals competition.

- Peter Hern -

### Current Rule Book Wording:

- at least 6 assistant referees distributed evenly across the start, centre and changeover lines

### Suggested New Rule Book Wording:

- at least 6 assistant referees distributed evenly across the start, centre and changeover lines. This may be varied at the discretion of the referee taking into account the number of riders in each heat and whether it is a team pairs or individuals competition

### Reason for Change Request:

Some competitions do not need 6 assistant referees. Adding this caveat will ease competition organisation.

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| Reference: | 2008– 06 |
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| Decision Date: | 27/05/08 |
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| Votes                |                  |
| Jens Martin          | <b>In Favour</b> |
| Younes Ahlbom        | <b>In Favour</b> |
| Nicola Leese         | <b>In Favour</b> |
| Yvonne Struthers     | <b>In Favour</b> |
| Margaret Welsby      | <b>In Favour</b> |
| Alun Whitney         | <b>In Favour</b> |
| Total In Favour:     | <b>6</b>         |
| Total Not In Favour: | <b>0</b>         |

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| Result: | Change Accepted |
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**Actual Adopted New Rule Book Wording:**

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| AO1.1.                           | The arena officials are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ the Referee</li><li>▪ the assistant referees</li><li>▪ the judge</li><li>▪ at least 1 judge's writer</li><li>▪ the commentator</li><li>▪ the equipment arena party</li></ul>  |
| <b><u>Assistant Referees</u></b> |  |
| AO4.1.                           | It is recommended that there be a minimum of 6 assistant referees distributed evenly across the start, centre and changeover lines. This may however be varied at the discretion of the referee, taking into account the number of riders in each heat and whether it is a team, pair or individual competition. |
| AO4.2.                           | Assistant referees must not allow their attention to wander. Line referees must check to ensure that changeovers happen behind the line and that all relevant rules are obeyed. Centre referees must check mid field procedures and watch the linkup in pairs games.   |
| AO4.3.                           | In the event of an infringement of the rules that is not corrected, an assistant referee raises his/her flag at the end of the race to attract the attention of the Referee. He/she then conveys to the Referee the error of the relevant rider(s) and the Referee then decides what action should be taken.     |
| AO4.4.                           | Assistant referees should assist with the equipment in between races.  |
| AO4.5.                           | Assistant referees should wear coloured tabards and carry a red flag whilst officiating.   |

Reason for Decision:

Rule change as such is accepted although there seemed to be some contradiction in the wording so an alternative wording has been agreed on. This will remove unnecessary burden from competition organisers.

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| Implementation Date: | 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2009 |
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