



International Mounted Games Association Rules Committee

Rule Change Request Document

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Country:	Luxembourg
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Summary of Change Requested:

The existing "Tampering with Equipment" competition rule is not flexible enough to deal with the issues we now encounter in competitions.

Current Rule Book Wording:

Interference with the equipment, or the correct positioning of the equipment, by any trainer, rider or their associated arena party, incurs the elimination of that team, pair or individual from that race.

Suggested New Rule Book Wording:

Interference with the equipment, or the incorrect placement of equipment, with the intention of gaining an unfair advantage or to disadvantage a team, pair or individual by anyone, may (at the discretion of the referee) incur the elimination of the team, pair or individual for that game, and/or the expulsion of the offender from the arena for the remainder of the competition.

Reason for Change Request:

As it is, the existing rule is not sufficiently enforced, the rule needs to be changed in order to cover all possible scenarios and give the referee more scope for punishing offenders.

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Reference:	2011 – 12
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Submission Date:	07/08/2011
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Decision Date:	26/08/2011
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Votes	
Jens Martin	In Favour
Younes Ahlbom	In Favour
Nikki Carter	In Favour
Melanie Scott	In Favour
Margaret Welsby	In Favour
Alun Whitney	In Favour
Total In Favour:	6
Total Not In Favour:	0

Result:	Change Accepted
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Actual Adopted New Rule Book Wording:

Interference with the equipment, or the incorrect placement of equipment, with the intention of gaining an unfair advantage or to disadvantage a team, pair or individual by anyone, may (at the discretion of the referee) incur the elimination of the team, pair or individual for that game, and/or the expulsion of the offender from the arena for the remainder of the competition.

Reason for Decision:

Cheating in equipment placing has become common place in MGA and it is hoped that implementing this rule will go some way towards eradicating this practice.

Implementation Date:	1 st January 2012
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