International Mounted Games Association
Rules Committee

Rule Change Request Document

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Country:	**IMGA Rules Committee**

Summary of Change Requested:

There is a lot of scope for rule infringements to take place behind the penalty box line but this is an area that none of the assistant referees are watching.

Assistant referees should be placed on the penalty line to watch this area as well.

Current Rule Book Wording:

N/A

Suggested New Rule Book Wording:

AO3.1. It is recommended that there be a minimum of 8 assistant referees distributed evenly across the penalty, 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 t eam, pair or individual competition.

AO3.2. Assistant referees must not allow their attention to wander. Start and changeover line referees must check to ensure that changeovers happen behind the line and that all relevant rules are obeyed. Centre line referees must check mid field procedures and watch the linkup in pairs games. Penalty line referees must check that riders who are sent back to the penalty line remain behind the line when the race is started as well as watching for rule infringements behind the start line during the race.

Reason for Change Request:

This would ensure that assistant referees only concentrate on their particular area and reduce the possibility of incidents being missed.

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Reference:	2012 - 002

Submission Date:	29/04/2012

Decision Date:	08/05/2012

Votes	
Jens Martin	**In Favour**
Younes Ahlbom	**In Favour**
Nikki Carter	**In Favour**
Alun Whitney	**In Favour**
Melanie Scott	**In Favour**
Wolfgang Keuter	**In Favour**
Total In Favour:	**6**
Total Not In Favour:	**0**

Result:	Change Accepted

Actual Adopted New Rule Book Wording:

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Reason for Decision:

Improves the overall control of the competition and reduces the risk of errors or rule infringements being missed.

Implementation Date:	1st January 2013