



International Mounted Games Association Rules Committee

Rule Change Request Document

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| Country: | IMGA Rules Committee |
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Summary of Change Requested:

Second of 5 change requests regarding equipment specifications following experiences with the new equipment specifications this season.

This change comes originally from Pony Materials.

Current Rule Book Wording:

Four Flag Holder

An array of four tubes, the central one yellow, and a red, a white, and a blue tube equally spaced around it.

Each tube is between 20cm and 30cm long, made of plastic with an internal diameter of 2.3cm and an external diameter of 3cm.

The tubes are set in a weighted conical base of about 4kg which has no sharp edges or corners and a diameter of about 26cm at the base.

The spacing and arrangement of the tubes is as follows : the central tube is vertical with its top at 30cm above ground level. Each of the outer tubes is set around it at an angle of 15° to the vertical in such a way that the spacing between its top and the top of the central tube is 15cm (measured tube centre to tube centre). The 15° angle can be achieved by setting the bottoms or projected bottoms at ground level of the outer tubes at a distance of 7cm from the central tube bottom or projected bottom at ground level (tube centre to tube centre).

The exact means of manufacture used, and the exact size and shape of the base, may require small adjustments to the measurements given, but the overall height and the positioning and spread of the tubes must be as described.

Suggested New Rule Book Wording:

Not provided

Reason for Change Request:

- The 4 flag order. As you see in Worlds we use 4 flag with base (without conic base) and there was no problem. In my opinion the square base is more stable than a conic one. People say it will be dangerous but they never use it for a long time. You can trust me, we use it for a long time and I never see any sort of problem.

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| Decision Date: | 16/09/14 |
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| Votes | |
| Jens Martin | Not in Favour |
| Younes Ahlbom | Not in Favour |
| Nikki Carter | Not in Favour |
| Philippe Gargallo | In Favour |
| Lois Hamilton | Not in Favour |
| Alun Whitney | Not in Favour |
| Total In Favour: | 1 |
| Total Not In Favour: | 5 |

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| Result: | Change not Accepted |
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Actual Adopted New Rule Book Wording:

N/A

Reason for Decision:

This is now the third time in less than a year that the rules committee has discussed the relative merits of the agreed specification of this piece of equipment against the flat based metal version preferred by Pony Materials. On both previous occasions this alternative model has been rejected on the basis of fears around safety and this time the result is no different.

It is true that this model has been used around Europe for many years and there have been no reported accidents. Simply because nothing has ever happened in the past does however not mean it will never happen in the future.

Whilst there may not be a huge difference, when faced with a choice between this model and the officially specified conical version, which has no sharp edges or corners, it remains the opinion of the majority of the committee that the conical based version is the safer model and should remain the preferred model for IMGA competitions.

It should also be noted that the flat metal based model does not comply with any previous versions of the rules so recent changes have not led to this model being considered "illegal", it was never legal in the first place.

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| Implementation Date: | Not Applicable |
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