



## International Mounted Games Association Rules Committee

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### *Rule Change Request Document*

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Country:	<b>IMGA Chairman</b>
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#### Summary of Change Requested:

While not really entitled to raise change requests, I have to bring this to the attention of the Rules Committee.

At the 2013 IMGA annual meeting, a series of decisions were made concerning the use of video equipment. I am updating the "Organisation of an IMGA Competition" document, but I think some changes to rule CR 20.1 may be needed.

#### Current Rule Book Wording:

Use of video playback

CR 20.1.

At competitions where a video camera is used to record the order in which competitors cross the finish line, that recording may also be used to help the Referee with any decisions that involve the Start/Finish line.

#### Suggested New Rule Book Wording:

The following decisions have to be reflected in CR 20.1 :

1. Video images, when available, are to be used (or not) by the referee at his own discretion.
2. "Unofficial" video images (for example from spectators) must never be consulted.
3. Position of official cameras :
  - One on start/finish line
  - One on Changeover line if technically possible
  - iPads, if possible, on each corner as an aid to Assistant Referees
4. A single appeal for each team/pair/individual is allowed per session. If the referee (having reviewed the video or not, at his discretion) upholds the appeal, then the team/pair/individual concerned retains the right to a further appeal. If the appeal is not upheld, then no further appeals are allowed.

Suggested new wording (to be discussed by the Rules Committee) :

Use of video

CR 20.1.

Official video camera(s) must be set up on the start/finish line, on the changeover line if possible, and Assistant Referees may be helped by small tablet-type computers located on each corner of the arena.

CR 20.2

The images captured by these cameras serve two purposes :

- They are used by the judge to verify the finishing positions of riders
- They may also be used by the Referee to help in reaching decisions and/or to verify what is reported to him by an Assistant Referee. The decision whether to do this or not is taken by the Referee.

CR 20.3

Only images from the official cameras may be used by the judge(s), assistant referees, and the referee. Unofficial images from other sources may not be consulted.

CR 20.4

A single appeal to review video images is allowed for each team/pair/individual per session. If the referee (having reviewed the video or not, at his discretion) upholds the appeal, then the team/pair/individual concerned retains the right to a further appeal. If the appeal is not upheld, then no further appeals are allowed.

This procedure is managed using a system of signal cards. Appeals to the referee are normally made by trainers, riders are only allowed to do so if no trainer is present in the arena.

An appeal is made by standing on the penalty line and raising a yellow card.

If the Referee's decision is to uphold the appeal, then the Referee informs the judges, scorers, and the commentator, and returns the card to the trainer/rider. It may be used again for further appeals.

If the Referee's decision is to deny the appeal then he keeps the card, denying that particular trainer/rider any further appeals.

Reason for Change Request:

To conform to decisions made at the 2013 IMGA annual meeting.

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Submission Date:	15/01/2015
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Decision Date:	01/02/2015
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Votes	
Jens Martin	<b>In Favour</b>
Younes Ahlbom	<b>In Favour</b>
Nikki Carter	<b>In Favour</b>
Philippe Gargallo	<b>In Favour</b>
Lois Hamilton	<b>In Favour</b>
Iain Hopkins	<b>In Favour</b>
Total In Favour:	<b>6</b>
Total Not In Favour:	<b>0</b>

Result:	Change Accepted
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Actual Adopted New Rule Book Wording:

**Objections**

GR7.1. No objections or representations to any of the officials in charge of a competition are permitted after the briefing except for official appeals (see CR21).

**Use of video playback**

CR 20.1. Official video camera(s) must be set up on the start/finish line and on the changeover line if possible. Additionally, official small fixed tablet-type computers may be placed at fixed locations on the corners of the playing area.

CR 20.2. The images captured by these cameras serve two purposes :

- They are used by the judge to verify the finishing positions of riders.
- They may also be used by the Referee to help in reaching decisions and/or to verify what is reported to him by an Assistant Referee. The decision whether to do this or not is taken by the Referee.

CR20.3. Only images from the official cameras may be used by the judge(s), assistant referees, and the referee. Unofficial images from other sources must not be consulted.

## Appeals

CR21.1. Each Team/Pair/Individual is attributed the right to make an appeal against a refereeing or judging decision at the start of each session. An appeal can only be made about an incident in which the Team/Pair/Individual or their Trainer were physically involved. To facilitate this, the trainer of each Team/Pair/Individual is given a green coloured appeal card by the referee upon entering the ring. In the case where there is no trainer present, the card is given to (one of) the rider(s).

CR21.2. In order to make an appeal the trainer (or rider in the absence of a trainer) should stand on the penalty line in their lane and raise their appeal card. This can only be done after the referee has signalled the end of the relevant race and the official result has been given by the commentator. It must also be done before the flag has dropped to signal the start of the race following the official announcement of the result. If the appeal relates to the final race of a session, the appeal must be lodged before Team/Pair/individual (or any part thereof, including the trainer) has left the arena.

CR22.3. Once an appeal has been made the referee approaches the appellant who explains the decision against which they are appealing and the reasons for doing so. The referee takes the appeal card and reviews the decision. This may be done by reviewing official video footage or consulting with assistant referees. If the referee overturns the decision, the scores are amended and the appeal card is returned to the appellant in order to be used again. If the decision is upheld, the referee keeps the appeal card and that Team/Pair/Individual can make no further appeals for the duration of that session.

CR22.4. Before leaving the ring, all unused appeal cards must be returned to the referee.

Reason for Decision:

Some slight amendments from the originally suggested wording but the essence of the change is hereby implemented as per the decision of the IMGA AGM.

Implementation Date:	1 <sup>st</sup> January 2016
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