



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:

Change to the hatband rule to cover individuals

Current Rule Book Wording:

Hat Bands

- GR8.1. The last member of each team or pair must finish the race wearing a clearly visible hat band of contrasting colour distinguishable from the hat silks, not less than 4cm wide.
- GR8.2. The hat band must be in place and not changed from one rider to another once a race has started. Any infringement incurs elimination.
- GR8.3. If the hat band comes off the hat during the race, the rider may return to replace it and must cross the Start/Finish line with the hat band in place.

Suggested New Rule Book Wording:

Hat Bands and Covers

- GR8.1. The last member of each team or pair must finish the race wearing a clearly visible hat band of contrasting colour distinguishable from the hat silks, not less than 4cm wide.
- GR8.2. The hat band must be in place and not changed from one rider to another once a race has started. Any infringement incurs elimination.
- GR8.3. In Individuals riders will be assigned hat covers of different colours in order to aid with judging.
- GR8.4. If either the hat band (in the case of team or pairs competitions) or cover (in the case of individual competitions) comes off the hat during the race, the rider may return to replace it and must cross the Start/Finish line with the hat band/hat cover in place.

Reason for Change Request:

In individual competition the hat cover is just important as the hat band in other competitions and the rules should reflect this.

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Reference:	2015-08
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Submission Date:	10/02/2015
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Decision Date:	04/02/2015
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Votes	
Jens Martin	Not in Favour
Younes Ahlbom	Not in Favour
Nikki Carter	Not in Favour
Philippe Gargallo	Not in Favour
Lois Hamilton	Not in Favour
Iain Hopkins	Not in Favour
Total In Favour:	0
Total Not In Favour:	6

Result:	Change Rejected
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Actual Adopted New Rule Book Wording:

Added:

GR9.4 In individuals riders do not wear hatbands but may be required to wear different coloured hat covers in order to aid judging. Riders should make every effort to keep such hat covers but are not required to recover one which may be lost during a race.

Reason for Decision:

Change rejected as the hat silk can often be ill fitting and as such there may often be very little that a rider can do about it if lost. An additional paragraph has been added to GR 9 to make the use of hat silks in individual competition clear

Implementation Date:	1 st January 2016
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