



International Mounted Games Association Rules Committee

Rule Change Request Document

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Country:	England
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Summary of Change Requested:

Whilst there are rules regarding the age and duties of Referees and Assistant Referees, there is nothing said about Trainers, who are probably the most vulnerable people in the ring during a competition. Additional rules (as used in MGAGB) are proposed to reflect current best practice, making sure that as few people on foot are in the ring as possible during games.

Current Rule Book Wording:

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Suggested New Rule Book Wording:

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- AO4.3 Arena Party members must not be in the arena when races are in progress

Trainers

- AO8.1 Trainers entering the arena must be at least 18 years old on the day of the competition
- AO8.2 Trainers entering the arena must not be under the influence of alcohol and must not have impaired mobility

General

- AO9.1 No-one may use a camera, video camera or other device to take photographs or images whilst in the ring without prior approval of the show organiser.

Reason for Change Request:

There have been several incidents where people in the ring have been hit by ponies. The aim of these rule changes is to minimise the potential for further accidents.

There is no need for Arena Party members to be in the ring when races are in progress, and anyone who is taking videos/photographs is concentrating on the images they will produce, not the pony approaching rapidly from behind.

Trainers are physically in the most dangerous position in the arena so need to be able to take evasive action when required. With regard to age, if we insist that Assistant Referees must be 18 then trainers should be of a similar age since they have care of at least five other riders (In GB we also insist that trainers have to have a Criminal Record check)

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Submission Date:	13/08/16
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Decision Date:	08/09/16
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Votes	
Jens Martin	In Favour
Younes Ahlbom	In Favour
Nikki Carter	In Favour
Philippe Gargallo	In Favour
Lois Hamilton	In Favour
Iain Hopkins	In Favour
Total In Favour:	6
Total Not In Favour:	0

Result:	Change Accepted
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Actual Adopted New Rule Book Wording:

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Reason for Decision:

General agreement that all changes make sense. Some discussion around the 18 age limit for trainers but ultimately unanimous agreement from all.

Implementation Date:	1 st January 2017
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