



International Mounted Games Association Rules Committee

Rule Change Request Document

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Country:	Ireland
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Summary of Change Requested:

For health and safety reasons, riders should not be allowed to put any piece of equipment at any time in their mouth.

Current Rule Book Wording:

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Suggested New Rule Book Wording:

Riders are not allowed to place any piece of equipment at any time in their mouth.

Reason for Change Request:

1) Health

I don't believe it is very healthy to place a tool, for example, in your mouth when it has been lying in muck.

2) Skills

Vaulting with a piece of equipment in one's hand is part of the skills and technics a Mounted Games rider should have, especially at an international level.

3) Safety

This is clearly the main reason.

We shouldn't wait for a bad accident to happen to set this rule. The consequences of a rider falling on his face with a tool, a ball or any other piece of equipment in his mouth would be terrible.

How can we tell riders that they are not allowed to wear jewellery for safety reasons (ear rings as an example) when we allow them to have a tool in their mouth while riding and vaulting?

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Reference:	2017 – 02
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Submission Date:	21/01/2017
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Decision Date:	23/01/2017
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Votes	
Jens Martin	In Favour
Valentin Vieilledent	In Favour
Nikki Carter	Not in Favour
Margaret Welsby	In Favour
Dafydd Leach	Not in Favour
Iain Hopkins	In Favour
Total In Favour:	4
Total Not In Favour:	2

Result:	Change Rejected
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Actual Adopted New Rule Book Wording:

N/A

Reason for Decision:

Opinion was split but those who were against felt that that the decision should be left to the rider.

Implementation Date:	N/A
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