



## International Mounted Games Association Rules Committee

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### *Rule Change Request Document*

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

There is confusion about the meaning of identical equipment for competitors set up "the same for all lanes" in an "identical fashion".

Equipment is rarely going to be identical – we can manage the same design, weight, colour etc, but identical means the same wear, dents and is impossible unless the equipment is brand new

Interpretation of the relevant rules by referees, competitors and arena party would be helped by using the same terms in each rule and by using words that reflect the actual state of equipment.

#### Current Rule Book Wording:

CR19.1. It is the responsibility of the equipment marshal to ensure that equipment is set out in an identical fashion for all teams, pairs or individuals.

CR19.2. The Referee may stop and rerun a race if equipment is found not to be identical.

AO4.1. It is the responsibility of the equipment marshal to ensure that all equipment is set out the same for all lanes. The referee will not start the race until given clearance by the equipment marshal.

#### Suggested New Rule Book Wording:

CR19.1. It is the responsibility of the equipment marshal to ensure that similar equipment that meets the equipment specifications is set out in the same way for all teams, pairs or individuals.

CR19.2. The Referee may stop and rerun a race if equipment used in any lane is found to be significantly different to that used in other lanes or if it is set up in a way that may give an advantage to a team, pair or individual.

AO4.1. It is the responsibility of the equipment marshal to ensure that similar equipment that meets the equipment specifications is used in each lane and is set out in the same way in each lane. The referee will not start the race until given clearance by the equipment marshal.

Reason for Change Request:

Removes any element of misinterpretation whilst allowing for the realities of wear and tear on equipment

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Submission Date:	24/01/17
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Decision Date:	07/02/17
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Votes	
Jens Martin	<b>In Favour</b>
Valentin Vielldent	<b>In Favour</b>
Nikki Carter	<b>In Favour</b>
Margaret Welsby	<b>In Favour</b>
Dafydd Leach	<b>In Favour</b>
Alun Whitney	<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:

CR19.1. It is the responsibility of the assistant referees to ensure that equipment is set out in accordance to the rules for all teams, pairs or individuals. Assistant referees will raise their flags if they have concerns about the positioning of any equipment. The referee will not start the race if any assistant referee has their flag raised

CR19.2. The Referee may stop and rerun a race if equipment used in any lane is found to significantly different to that used in other lanes or if it is set up in a way that may give an advantage to a team, pair or individual

AO3.4. Assistant referees should check that equipment is set out in accordance to the rules for all teams, pairs or individuals and signal to the equipment marshal once this is the case

AO4.1. It is the responsibility of the equipment marshal to ensure that similar

equipment that meets the equipment specifications is used in each lane, to advise arena party of the set out of equipment and to check that equipment is set out in accordance to the rules for all teams, pairs and individuals. The equipment marshal should indicate to the referee that the arena is set for next game.

Reason for Decision:

Plenty of discussion on this one but it is felt that the finally agreed wording is in keeping with common practice.

Implementation Date:	1 <sup>st</sup> January 2018
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