



International Mounted Games Association Rules Committee

Rule Change Request Document

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Summary of Change Requested:

TO USE PLASTIC POLES ON BASES. WHEN USING GRASS ARENAS GROUND CAN BE INCONSISTANT SO SOMETIMES SPIKED POLES CAN BE LOOSE OR FIRM, THERE IS A MARKED VARIATION IN EQUIPMENT USED ON ALL WEATHER ARENAS ACROSS DIFFERENT COUNTRIES, WOODEN POLES WITH METAL SPIKES ARE A POTENTIAL SAFETY ISSUE. IF THIS CHANGE IS ADOPTED IT MAY BE WISE TO BRING IT IN AS AN ASPIRATIONAL RULE ALLOWING A COUPLE OF YEARS TO BRING IT IN DUE TO MANUFACTURING OF SO MUCH NEW EQUIPMENT.

Current Rule Book Wording:

A POLE IS MADE OF A VERY STRONG WOOD (EG ASH) AND HAS A ROUND CROSS-SECTION WITH A DIAMETER OF BETWEEN 2.5CM AND 3.5CM. THE HEIGHT OF THE POLE FROM GROUND LEVEL TO THE TOP IS 1M 52. TO INSURE THAT THE POLE IS HELD SECURELY UPRIGHT, IT MUST BE FITTED WITH EITHER A METAL SPIKE BETWEEN 12.5CM AND 17.5CM LONG WITH A DIAMETER BETWEEN 1CM AND 2CM, OR SOME OTHER FORM OF STABILISER (EG A HEAVY BASE) IN CASES WHERE THE PLAYING SURFACE IS UNSUITABLE FOR SPIKES.

Suggested New Rule Book Wording:

APOLE IS MADE FROM EXTRUDED PLASTIC IS SQUARE IN SECTION WITH ROUNDED CORNERS THE TOP SECTION BEING 2.5 TO 3.5cm SQUARE ITS HEIGHT FROM GROUND TO TOP MUST MEASURE 1M 52CM. THE POLE IS SUPPORTED BY A SOLID CONICAL BASE WITH A CENTRAL HOLE FOR THE POLE TO FIT SNUGLY IN. THE BASE IS APPROXIMATELY 26CM AT THE BASE AND 15CM TALL AND WEIGHS APROXIMATELY 4KG

Reason for Change Request:

IF A WOODEN POLE IS OVER FIRM IF HIT AT SPEED IT CAN FRACTURE LEAVING A SHARP PART IN THE GROND AND A POTENTIAL FLYING FRAGMENT BOTH OF WHICH ARE POTENTIAL DANGERS. I HAVE WITNESSED AN INCIDENT WHERE THIS HAPPENED AND THE BROKEN SECTION LANDED OUTSIDE THE ARENA CLOSE TO SPECTATORS. ALSO THERE DOES NOT SEEM TO BE A SPECIFICATION FOR POLES ON AN ALL WEATHER SURFACE. THIS CHANGE WOULD IMPROVE SAFETY AND BRING CONSISTANCY TO OUR EQUIPMENT.

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Submission Date:	09/02/2017
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Decision Date:	17/02/2017
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Votes	
Jens Martin	Not in Favour
Margaret Welsby	Not in Favour
Nikki Carter	Not in Favour
Valentin Vieilledent	Not in Favour
Dafydd Leach	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:

N/A

Reason for Decision:

Whilst the discussion on this point has raised a number of related subjects which may lead to separate rule change requests there was little or no interest in accepting this rule change as it stands due to the impact it would have on the nature of the races and the impact on equipment supplies of the various associations around the world.
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Implementation Date:	N/A
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