



International Mounted Games Association Rules Committee

Rule Change Request Document

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Summary of Change Requested:

To state who can notify the referee of a rule infringement – formulating general practice into a rule

Current Rule Book Wording:

No existing rule

Suggested New Rule Book Wording:

The only people who may notify the Referee of a possible rule infringement taking place in the Arena are:

- Assistant Referees (as in AO3.3)
- Equipment Marshall or Equipment Arena Party members who discover broken or misplaced equipment at the end of the race. Any broken or misplaced equipment must not be touched by anyone until the Referee has inspected it
- The Judge (as in AO5.2)

Reason for Change Request:

Currently the rules state that the Assistant Referees should notify the referee of any infringement (AO3.3) and the judge can also say if the hat band has been worn by the wrong rider (AO5.2). There is nothing to say that other people cannot notify the referee of an infringement, so we could have everyone acting as an Assistant Referee with resulting chaos

- . AO3.3. In the event of an infringement of the rules that is not corrected, an assistant referee raises his/her flag at the end of the race to attract the attention of the Referee. He/she then conveys to the Referee the error of the relevant rider(s) and the Referee then decides what action should be taken.
- . AO5.2. The judge is responsible for recording the order of finish of each game. In addition, if a team or pair has the hatband on the wrong rider, the judge may bring this to the attention of the referee. The judge is not concerned with any other aspects of the games.

The rule deliberately includes notification by arena party that equipment is not right (currently not mentioned).

It also only covers infringements INSIDE the Arena – offences such as pony abuse or excessive drinking or bad behaviour outside the arena can be reported by anyone at any time

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Reference:	2020 – 02
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Submission Date:	04/02/2020
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Decision Date:	06/05/2020
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Votes	
Jens Martin	In Favour
Iain Hopkins	In Favour
Brian Kennedy	In Favour
Davy Quinn	In Favour
Margaret Welsby	In Favour
Alun Whitney	In Favour
Total In Favour:	6
Total Not In Favour:	0

Result:	Change Accepted
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Actual Adopted New Rule Book Wording:

The only people who may notify the Referee of a possible rule infringement taking place in the Arena are:

- Assistant Referees (as in AO3.3)
- Equipment Marshall or Equipment Arena Party members who discover broken or misplaced equipment at the end of the race. Any broken or misplaced equipment must not be touched by anyone until the Referee has inspected it. Elimination will not occur based solely on evidence provided by equipment Marshall or arena party, additional evidence must be provided via an assistant referee or gained by checking the official video
- The Judge (as in AO5.2)

Reason for Decision:

Makes official what is normal practice anyway.

Implementation Date:	January 1 st 2021
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