



## International Mounted Games Association Rules Committee

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### *Rule Change Request Document*

Name: **Jens Martin**

Country: **IMGA Rules Committee**

#### Summary of Change Requested:

To make it no longer permitted to hold items of equipment in the mouth.

#### Current Rule Book Wording:

N/A

#### Suggested New Rule Book Wording:

GR12.1. It is not permitted for any rider to hold any piece of equipment in their mouth. To do so incurs elimination.

#### Reason for Change Request:

In the current climate of the COVID-19 pandemic, this presents an obvious danger of spreading the virus. This rule change should be considered as either a short term measure during this crisis or as a permanent one on the simple grounds of hygiene.

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Reference:	2020-05
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Submission Date:	15/03/2020
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Decision Date:	26/04/2020
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Votes	
Jens Martin	<b>In Favour</b>
Iain Hopkins	<b>In Favour</b>
Brian Kennedy	<b>In Favour</b>
Davy Quinn	<b>In Favour</b>
Margaret Welsby	<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:

GR12.1. It is not permitted for any rider to hold any piece of equipment in their mouth. To do so incurs elimination.
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Reason for Decision:

After some discussion it was deemed that it was time that this change was made implemented for Mounted Games on a permanent basis.  Officially this will enter the rule book for 2021 but if any competitions do take place during 2020, it is highly advisable that this rule is implemented immediately.
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Implementation Date:	1 <sup>st</sup> January 2021
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