



International Mounted Games Association

## Rules Committee

### Rule Change Request Document

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#### Summary of Change Requested:

To state that being in the arena whilst under the influence of alcohol is not permitted and to specify penalties for so doing

#### Current Rule Book Wording:

Partial rule for trainers and vague rule for riders

GR11.1. The use of any artificial stimulants for either riders or ponies is strictly forbidden.

GR11.2. A list of the artificial stimulants for ponies referred to in GR11.1. is published annually by the International Federation for Equestrian Sports (FEI). This is freely available from: [www.mounted-games.org/imga/documentation](http://www.mounted-games.org/imga/documentation)

AO8.2 Trainers entering the arena must not be under the influence of alcohol and must not have impaired mobility

#### Suggested New Rule Book Wording:

GR11.3. Riders, Trainers, Referees and Assistant Referees must not enter the Arena or practice area whilst under the influence of alcohol.

Being under the influence of alcohol is defined as having a BAC (blood alcohol content) of greater than 0.00% as measured using calibrated breathalyser

Any rider or trainer who exceeds these limits will not be permitted to enter the arena or practice area on that day of competition. Any referee or assistant referee who exceeds these limits will not be permitted to enter the arena or practice area for the next session.

#### Reason for Change Request:

Although the Breathalyser is not (at the time of writing) completed, the introduction of a rule, which can be used to cover its operation, needs to be introduced.

The penalties were agreed by IMGA embers at the 2018 AGM.

The subject of testing will be covered by the protocol document

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Reference:	2021 – 01
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Submission Date:	21/01/2021
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Decision Date:	26/01/2021
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Votes	
Jens Martin	<b>In Favour</b>
Robin Donnay	<b>In Favour</b>
Mark Crowe	<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:

GR11.3 Riders, trainers, referees and assistant referees are not permitted to be under the influence of alcohol during competition or practice sessions. For further information on applicable limits, enforcement of this rule and sanctions for violating it, please see the IMGA Breathalyser policy available at [www.mountain-games.org/imga/documentation/index.html](http://www.mountain-games.org/imga/documentation/index.html)

AO9.2 Trainers entering the arena must not have impaired mobility

Reason for Decision:

After some discussion the decision was to go with a more generic and future proof statement for the rule book which refers back to the breathalyser policy. A small adjustment to AO9.2 was also agreed as this was now partly redundant.

Implementation Date:	1 <sup>st</sup> January 2022
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