



International Mounted Games Association Rules Committee

Rule Change Request Document

Name:	Mark Crowe
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Country:	Ireland / Chief Referee
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Summary of Change Requested:

Amend GR5.3 so that the hat type used is a Skull cap, with no fixed peak. Riders from many countries e.g., South Africa, New Zealand, France and others present for tack inspection with helmets that have peaks (admittedly some of which are fairly flimsy and are likely to break off easily) made of rubber or plastic. They claim that the reason they have them is that the current rule uses the word "should" and it is not a "must rule". This proposal is to replace "should" with "must" in two occasions in this rule.

Current Rule Book Wording:

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- VG1 01.040 (2014-12) (with BSI Kitemark or Inspec IC mark)
- ASTM F1163 (2004a or 04a onwards) (with SEI mark)

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- SNELL E2001, E2016 or E2021 (with SNELL label and number)
- AS/NZS 3838 (2006 onwards) (with SAI Global mark)

or any new standard approved by FEI that meets or exceeds those stated.

Headwear should be a jockey skull cap, with no fixed peak, peak type extensions or noticeable protuberances above the eyes or to the front and should have an even round or elliptical shape with a smooth or slightly abrasive surface. A removable hat cover with a light flexible peak may be used if required.

As an exception to this rule riders are allowed to remove their headgear while accepting prizes or during the playing of the National Anthem only; they must refasten their headgear prior to the lap of honour.

Suggested New Rule Book Wording:

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Reason for Change Request:

To stop riders presenting with helmets that have peaks at IMGA and MGA competitions. These are dangerous in the event of a fall where the peak extends the head backwards, or breaks causing injury to eyes or face.

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Reference:	2023 – 05
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Submission Date:	15/12/2023
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Decision Date:	01/01/2024
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Votes	
Jens Martin	In Favour
Mark Crowe	In Favour
Alun Whitney	In Favour
Warwick Slade	Not in Favour
Margaret Welsby	Not in Favour
Robin Donnay	Not in Favour
Total In Favour:	3
Total Not In Favour:	3

Result:	Change Rejected
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Actual Adopted New Rule Book Wording:

N/A

Reason for Decision:

Split decision on the committee. Some strongly felt this was necessary to bring the rules into line with common practice. Others felt there was no need for this as there is a lack of documentary evidence that this is in fact a danger.

Implementation Date:	N/A
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