

INTERNATIONAL MOUNTED GAMES ASSOCIATION



Annual Meeting 2019 Final version 1.0 (January 2020)

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Saturday 23 November and Sunday 24 November 2019

This record of the meeting has been compiled by Keith Martin from notes made at the time by Frie Martin and material provided by participants.

The sequence in which agenda items were discussed was not the same as published in the original agenda. This record, however, follows the original agenda sequence.

Meeting opened: Saturday November 23 at 09:00

Attendance List :

IMGA Officers:

Keith Martin	Vice Chairman
Marilyn Hackman	Honorary President
Jens Martin	Administration & Finance
Davy Quinn	Chief Referee

International Representatives:

Rachel Lechner	Austria	REMOTE
Michelle Cruikshanks	Canada	REMOTE
Signe Sehested	Denmark	REMOTE
Elaine Trevor Jones	England	
Mathias Hebert	France	REMOTE
Mark Devitt	Ireland	
Sue Robertson	New Zealand	REMOTE
Eivind Kjuus	Norway	REMOTE
Veronica Dodds	Scotland	
Paul Greiling	USA	REMOTE
Iain Hopkins	Wales	

Unable to attend, but represented by proxy:

Andrew Rodaughan	Australia	REMOTE
Robin Donnay	Belgium	
Keith Martin	Czech Republic	
Mats Hensel	Germany	
Mark Devitt	Italy	
Frie Martin	New Zealand	

Sam Woodrow	Northern Ireland	
Jens Martin	South Africa	
Sarah Forster & Caroline Parmelin	Switzerland	
Signe Sehested	Sweden	REMOTE

Unable to attend, no proxy received:

Quentin Voeltzel **	Burkina Faso
Annika Labruier	Luxembourg
Kabir Ali	Nigeria
Muhammad Irfan Zafar	Pakistan

** Quentin provided his votes for referees, rules committee, and hosts, but not a complete open proxy

Others present but not representing a member country:

Chris Wheeler	
Frie Martin	Notes of meeting
Jerome O'Connor	Ireland
Alun Whitney	Wales, Video conferencing and video systems
Mark Crowe	Ireland, Video conferencing and video systems

Apologies received:

Pierre-Luc Portron	Development Officer
Murren Addison	Communications Officer

1. Introduction

The attendance list is shown above, with information on proxies from those members unable to attend.

The meeting opened with guidelines for the meeting and voting procedures, and the allocation of costs between IMGGA, MGA Ireland, and the individuals present.

MGA Ireland kindly offered to provide lunch for participants on Saturday and tea and coffee both days during the breaks. IMGGA covered the costs of the meeting room.

Every year the option to participate from a remote location is becoming more and more popular, while the number of participants physically present in the meeting room is steadily reducing.

2. Looking Back at 2019

2.1 Review of IMGA's year

Keith Martin, IMGA's Vice-Chair, temporarily took on the duties of Chairman following the death of Nikki Carter in March 2019.

He reported to the meeting that his objectives during the months from March until the AGM in November were to ensure that :

- IMGA would continue to function, respecting its own rules and procedures
- All commitments already entered into for 2019 would be respected
- All IMGA-sanctioned Championships would be run as usual
- The day-to-day running of the Association would not be interrupted
- No fundamental changes would be made to existing activities and policies before a new Chairman could be elected

There was one major exception to this last point. The continued development of the rules and procedures for the introduction of Breathalyser Testing of riders at IMGA sanctioned Championships. This was considered to be important enough to be an exception, and a full-scale test was organised at the Nations Championship in New Zealand. (More detail about this 4.3 below.)

Keith Martin now returns to his post as Vice Chair, and a new Chairman, Chris Wheeler, was elected (See 3.1 below).

2.2 Rules Committee Report

Jens Martin reported on behalf of the Rules Committee that not many Rule Change Requests has been discussed and agreed during the year but that was because most of them were particularly complex and required much discussion and deliberation. But progress had been made and the results published in the usual way.

Rule Change Requests still awaiting considerations will be carried forward into 2020.

During this year Davy Quinn became a temporary member of the Rules Committee to fill the gap left by Nikki Carter. Later in the meeting Davy was elected as a full member of the Rules Committee (See 3.1 below).

Preparations for a new Rule Book for 2020 are already under way, and the new book should be available early next year.

Request from Chris Wheeler : that each game page in the Rule Book should clearly specify the format (Team, Pairs, Individual) at the top of the page.

2.3 Financial Report

Jens Martin presented the current financial situation (See Attachment for 2.3 below).

This is a “snapshot” of the current situation showing all payments and receipts since the last AGM.

He recommended that the current structure of Affiliation Fees, including the current fee of EUR 315.00 per year, and all rebates and special conditions should remain unchanged.

Decision 19.01 : The automatic percentage rise in Affiliation Fees for 2019 is set at zero.

2.4 Report by Chief Referee

Davy Quinn presented his report, (See Attachment for 2.4 below).

There followed a discussion on some of the points raised by Davy.

Abuse of referees : It seems that some referees have been discouraged by the level of abuse they are subject to and have decided to not continue as referees. The main culprits appear to be parents who are prepared to challenge any decision which goes against their riders. If anyone has a legitimate complaint then they should report it to the organisers or the IMGA Official present at the competition. They must not air their grievances on Facebook !

A lack of experienced Assistant Referees may be the cause of too many faults being falsely called. At this year’s European Championships 40% of faults called by Assistant Referees were not really faults.

A further cause of difficulties is that many Assistant Referees simply do not pay attention. i.e. They don’t do the job they’re there to do !

If any Assistant Referee is seen to not be paying full attention, not following the action, talking on a mobile phone, etc., then this should be reported to the Referee.

Davy Quinn acknowledged the problems connected with badly trained (or not trained at all) Assistant Referees and he is already planning to tackle this problem.

2.5 Report on IMGA Communications

No information available.

2.6 Report on Country Development

Pierre-Luc Portron was unable to attend the meetings due to professional commitments, but he provided a report, in French, which was read in summary to the meeting.

Original French version :

Comme j'en ai échangé avec Chris Wheeler, avec mon changement d'établissement fin août et ma prise de fonction dans l'équipe de direction du plus gros Institut Médico Educatif de France, je ne peux actuellement m'absenter au de là du samedi dimanche. C'est aussi pour cela que je n'ai pu participer aux championnats IMGA pour lesquels j'avais été validé. J'ai eu beau regarder toutes les solutions (Niort - Dublin), rien n'a été compatible avec mon obligation d'être présent dans mon établissement le vendredi AM et de retour le lundi matin. Je te prie d'excuser mon absence auprès des différents participants.

Je reconnais avoir "un peu" laissé pour compte mes fonctions de développement au sein de notre bureau, depuis début juillet, toujours en lien avec mon départ de l'hôpital de Niort (afin de mettre en ordre l'ensemble de mes dossiers) et ma prise de fonction.

Au cours de cette année, j'ai tenté de poursuivre grâce aux indications fournies par Jens à ma prise de fonction et ai tenté sans obtenir de résultats satisfaisants, auprès de la Finlande, les îles Caïman, la Lituanie et la Slovaquie.

Le dernier pays à nous avoir rejoint est le Pakistan (oct 2018).

Je m'inquiète, au vue des réponses que j'ai pu obtenir, des difficultés que les nouveaux pays peuvent avoir avec leurs fédérations pour réellement développer le mounted games. Je prend pour exemple la République Tchèque ou malgré l'accompagnement de la référente madame Alžbeta Mašková qui se bat quotidiennement pour le développement de notre discipline dans son pays, sa fédération ne suit pas.

Concernant le Pakistan, j'espère que celui-ci pourra participer à nos prochaines échéances en permettant à des cavaliers, des paires et / ou des équipes à venir nous rejoindre sur les terrains de nos championnats 2020.

Comme j'en avais parlé avec Nikky, je tiens d'ailleurs en ce jour lui rendre encore un hommage au travail qu'elle menait avec tout l'investissement que nous lui connaissions, il me semble nécessaire de mettre en place un véritable travail de promotion et d'accompagnement des "nouveaux" pays.

Il faudrait lors de cette AG pouvoir échanger ensemble pour connaître ce que les uns et les autres vous auriez aimé avoir pour vous soutenir dans le développement à vos débuts.

Je pense qu'il faut plusieurs axes de travail : des formations pratiques (échauffement, travail des poneys, techniques de jeux, ...) et théoriques (connaissance des jeux, du règlement, ...) pour cavaliers et coachs. Des "packages" qui pourraient être portées par des membres du bureau dans des stages en immersion dans les pays.

De même les vidéos de "promotions " actuelles s'adressent pour moi à des cavaliers / coachs qui maîtrisent déjà toutes les techniques et on est plus tôt dans une "démonstration" d'un haut niveau. Je pense que des vidéos "éducatives" qui seraient des outils pédagogiques que l'on pourrait proposer (vendre) aux pays seraient plus opérants. De plus des extraits de ces vidéos, me permettrait d'avoir un appui un peu plus concret dans mes démarches auprès des différents responsables qui parfois ne nous connaissent que par des vidéos "you tube".

Ceux sont bien sur des propositions que je vous soumets et si vous me renommez à la fonction en charge du développement, c'est, si vous le validez bien sûr, dans cette démarche que je m'engagerai.

Je te remercie Keith de bien vouloir encore une fois excuser mon absence à notre AG. Je vous souhaite de bonnes journées de travail.

English Translation :

As I discussed with Chris Wheeler, with my change of job at the end of August and my appointment as a member of the management team of the largest medical and educational institute in France, I cannot currently be absent on Saturday and Sunday. That's also why I couldn't participate in the IMGA championships for which I had been selected. No matter how much I looked at all the possibilities (Niort - Dublin), nothing was compatible with my obligation to be present at work on Friday AM and back on Monday morning. I apologise to the other participants for my absence.

I acknowledge that I have neglected my development duties slightly since the beginning of July, also in connection with my departure from Niort hospital (in order to put all my files in order) and my taking up my duties. During this year, I tried to continue thanks to the guidance provided by Jens when I took office and tried, without satisfactory results, to work with Finland, the Cayman Islands, Lithuania and Slovakia.

The last country to join us was Pakistan (Oct 2018).

I am concerned, in view of the answers I have been able to obtain, about the difficulties that the new countries may have with their federations in really developing Mounted Games. I take as an example the Czech Republic where, despite the support of the representative Mrs Alžbeta Mašková who fights daily for the development of our discipline in her country, her federation does not recognise Mounted Games.

Concerning Pakistan, I hope that it will be able to participate in our future events by allowing riders, pairs and/or teams to come and join us for our 2020 championships.

As I had discussed with Nikki (I would like to pay tribute to her again today for the work she was doing with all the commitment she had), I think it is necessary to set up a real campaign to promote and support the "new" countries.

During this AGM, we should be able to discuss together to determine what each of you would have liked to have had to support you in your development at the beginning.

I think that we need several areas of work: practical training (warm-up, pony training, game techniques, etc.) and theoretical training (knowledge of the games, the rules, etc.) for riders and trainers. Packages that could be provided for intensive training courses in these countries.

Similarly, the current promotional videos are intended for riders / trainers who have already mastered all the techniques and so are a high level "demonstration". I think that "educational" videos as tools that could be offered (sold) to countries would be more effective. In addition, excerpts from these videos would allow me to have a more concrete support in my dealings with the various people who sometimes only know us through "you tube" videos.

These are of course proposals that I am submitting to you and if you reappoint me to the development function, it is, if you approve it of course, in this way that I will commit myself.

Thank you Keith for once again apologising for my absence from our AGM. I wish you all the best in your work.

2.7 Reviews of 2019 IMGA sanctioned competitions

- **World Team Championship (Wales)**
- **World Pairs Championship (England)**
- **World Individual Championship (England)**
- **European Team and Individual Championship (Ireland)**
- **Nations Championship (New Zealand)**

Some comments from the participants :

- One of the arenas at Ashton-le-Walls is really too small, that is known and should be recognised. But Facebook is not the right medium for complaints
- The scheduling of some championships during school time, and/or too close to other championships resulted in a low turnout at some championships.

(See Attachment for 2.7 below).

2.8 IMGA Sub-Committees

- **Compliance Sub-Committee (Keith Martin)**

The sub-committee has kept the rhythm of its work going through a very difficult year. Championship venues have been checked and inspected, and standards for championships have been maintained. The biennial membership Criteria Checking exercise has been prepared and is ready to begin.

- **Health, Safety and Risk Management (Jens Martin)**

Progress has been slow and difficult but the main objective, the introduction of breathalyser checking, is moving forward. See agenda point 4.3 below.

- **Sponsorship and Promotions (Murren Addison)**

No information available.

- **Strategic Planning (Keith Martin)**

This subject was very much driven by Nikki. There has been no significant progress this year.

- **Technology (Jens Martin)**

No significant progress this year.

- **Training and Qualifications (Davy Quinn)**

There was much discussion about the availability of good and experienced Assistant Referees, and Davy Quinn outlined his plans to improve the situation. He needs feedback from competition organisers so that he can better suit the training to what is required.

As agreed last year, a new camera system has been bought and used during 2019. There is a need for people to transport, maintain, and set up this equipment.

It was agreed that for small competitions, the use of iPads is acceptable, but for major championships, especially when 2 arenas are in use, IMGA needs to purchase more camera equipment.

(See attachment for 2.8 below)

Decision 19.02 : IMGA to purchase a second set of video equipment.

Decision 19.03 : IMGA to investigate the best way to store and transport this equipment

- **Arena Working Group (Davy Quinn)**

There was a detailed discussion on arena size.

It was generally felt that the current availability of arenas which do conform to IMGA size requirements are few.

It was proposed that the Rule Book should no longer refer to arena dimensions as “min”, leaving more flexibility.

But any reduction in arena size should not be at the expense of the safety buffer zones.

Decision 19.04 : to remove “min” from the standard arena diagram

Action : to change the standard arena diagram and include the new version in a) the 2020 Rule Book, and b) HOST (Keith Martin)

3. Looking Forward to 2020 and Beyond

3.1 Election of IMGA Officials

The following Officials were elected unopposed :

Chairman	Chris Wheeler (nominated by Iain Hopkins - Wales)
Officer for Development	Pierre-Luc Portron (nominated by Philippe Gargallo - Switzerland)
Chief Referee	Chief Referee - Davy Quinn (nominated by Mark Devitt - Ireland)

3.2 Election of IMGA Rules Committee Members

2019 was not election year for the Rules Committee but there was one vacant place to be filled until the next election at the 2020 AGM.

Davy Quinn (nominated by Signe Sehested - Denmark) was elected after a secret ballot.

3.3 Election of referees for 2020 IMGA sanctioned competitions

A secret ballot took place to select the referees to officiate at the IMGA sanctioned competitions in 2020

	Selected
IMGA World Team Championship Open & U17 Scotland Aug 2-8 2 referees required	Davy Quinn Alun Whitney
IMGA World Pairs Championship Germany July 12-19 4 referees required	Dieter Birreck Rob Lockyer Davy Quinn Alun Whitney
IMGA World Individual Championship Wales Aug 13-17 6 referees required	Mark Crowe Rob Lockyer Davy Quinn Anthony Rowles-Jones Margaret Welsby Alun Whitney
IMGA European Team and Individual Championship Denmark July 6-12 4 referees required	Dieter Birreck Jerome O'Connor Davy Quinn Alun Whitney
IMGA Nations Team Championship USA September 21-27 1 referee required	Davy Quinn

3.4 Selection of hosts for 2022 IMGA sanctioned competitions

2022 IMGA World Team Championship (Open & U-17)

Belgium withdrew their offer, leaving only laBonde, but this was not officially supported by the French Federation.

There was discussion on the exact conditions for bids to host IMGA sanctioned Championships.

Decision 19.05 : For a member country to bid to organise an IMGA sanctioned Championship in another member country, there must be agreement from that country

Decision 19.06 : It was agreed to delay the selection of hosts for 2022 until January 1 2020 to allow time for further bids and official approval from FFE

2022 IMGA World Pairs Championship (All age groups)

Decision 19.07 : It was agreed to accept the bid from Ireland

2022 IMGA World Individual Championship (All age groups)

The bid from laBonde was not considered to be valid because it was not officially backed by FFE.

Decision 19.08 : It was agreed to delay this decision until January 1 2020 to allow time for further bids

2022 IMGA European Team Championship (All age groups)

The bid from laBonde was not considered to be valid because it was not officially backed by FFE.

Decision 19.09 : It was agreed to accept the bid from England

2022 IMGA European Individual Championship (Open)

The bid from laBonde was not considered to be valid because it was not officially backed by FFE.

Decision 19.10 : It was agreed to accept the bid from England

2022 IMGA Nations Team Championship (Open)

Decision 19.11 : It was agreed to accept the bid from Canada

(For details of the offers see Attachment for 3.4 below)

3.5 Decision on host and date for 2020 Annual General Meeting

USA volunteered to hold the next AGM in Florida November 14-15. The offer was gratefully accepted.

Decision 19.12 : The 2019 IMGA AGM will be held November 14-15 2020 in Florida, USA

3.6 Presentation of details for 2020 IMGA sanctioned competitions

- IMGA World Team Championship Open (Scotland)
- IMGA World Pairs Championship (Germany)
- IMGA World Individual Championship (Wales)
- IMGA European Team and Individual Championship (Denmark)
- IMGA Nations Championship (USA)

(See attachment for 3.6 below)

3.7 Presentation of details for 2021 IMGA sanctioned competitions

- IMGA World Team Championship Open (France)
- IMGA World Individual Championship (England)
- IMGA World Pairs Championship (England)
- IMGA European Team and Individual Championship (Wales)
- IMGA Nations Championship (South Africa)

(See attachment for 3.7 below)

4. Important Discussions and Decisions

4.1 Organisation of IMGA sanctioned competitions document (HOST)

Comments on the proposals for applying sanctions to selected hosts who do not deliver according to HOST requirements :

- The threat of sanctions could be a deterrent to potential bids.
- Requirements should be ranked according to importance.
- Some requirements could be “show-stoppers” if not provided.
- Does a vet have to be on-site permanently. Is on-call possible ? Costs much higher for on-site. On-call agreed as acceptable.
- What is the point of having the HOST document to specify requirements if there’s no way to ensure those requirements are met ?
- If there are certain requirements which, for whatever reason, are not possible, then this must be made clear at the time of bidding.
- Advance inspections necessary (but this is already covered).
- Question : for 2020 laBonde has already been accepted, but what if the promised improvements are not implemented ? Chris Wheeler volunteered for the laBonde inspection.
- This is exactly why sanctions are being proposed !
- Questions about having a horse ambulance on-site.

Decision 19.13 : to prepare a draft contract

Action : to prepare a draft contract (Jens Martin)

4.2 Flags and Trophies

Problem : Most trophies are re-presented each year, which means that the previous winners are required to return their trophies the following year for re-presentation. Too often this is not done !

Another problem : There is a similar situation with IMGA flags. They should be passed along by competition organisers to the organisers of the next IMGA Championship. This is unreliable. Since the IMGA flags were first purchased and used they have been lost several times. New ones have now been purchased, so we must keep track of them.

The following possibility was discussed : Trophies are presented in the arena for the Lap of Honour, and then re-possessed by the organisers until the trophy winners sign a document and pay a deposit returnable when they return the trophies.

Marilyn Hackman has battled with this problem for several years and has yet to find a good solution. In the end it depends on the good will of the trophy-receivers, and that good will is not always reliable.

Decision 19.14 : A procedure must be defined to cover the availability of trophies for re-presentation, and the circulation of flags for use at subsequent championships.

Action : to define procedures and circulate to all International Representatives (Jens Martin)

4.3 Breathalyser Procedures

A report on the Breathalyser trial carried out at this year's Nations Championship was written by the members of the Health, Safety and Risk Management Sub-Committee and circulated prior to the meeting.

Davis Harris summarised the contents of the report and the subject was then opened to the meeting for general discussion.

Some comments and questions raised :

- At a big competition, full testing of all riders is not possible.
- Scotland and Wales already test their own riders. Why not just extend this to all participating countries ?
- What should be the acceptable alcohol limit ? After much discussion it was agreed :

Decision 19.15 : For Open riders the limit is set at 0.02, for all others the limit is set at zero.

- Each country needs to have its own testing equipment, and IMGA has to have the equipment necessary for spot-checking.
- A standard form for recording the test results must be created.
- Testing equipment must be checked and re-calibrated every year to ensure accurate readings.
- IMGA already has 1 Breathalyser, but needs another 3, and all 4 must be compatible.
- Countries do not necessarily have to have the same make and model as IMGA, but their breathalysers must be compatible.
- If there is a draw of names to decide which riders are tested then this must be done in public.
- In the case of a fail result, there must be the possibility for a confirmatory re-test.
- a policy for dealing with possible legal problems from aggrieved riders to be set up by Health and Safety committee and in place before the breathalyser policy is implemented

Action : All information will be relayed back to the sub-committee

When the sub-committee has agreed on a procedure, and that procedure has been agreed by the International Representatives, then the testing will become operational.

Some outstanding questions :

- Is there any checking of championship insurance cover to be done ?
- If there is an accident, are the riders involved automatically tested ?

4.4 Draws and scoring for IMGA sanctioned championships

There are two systems currently in use for calculating draws and for scoring :

GamesPro by Dag Hoffgaard, and MG-Scoreboard by Mats Hensel.

Currently IMGA requires that GamesPro is used for the calculation of draws, but allows an open choice for scoring.

Why ?

Several years ago when GamesPro was being developed there was close cooperation between Dag and IMGA. It was agreed that the theoretical “Perfect Draw” would ensure that 1) every rider met every other rider an equal number of times, and 2) that the advantage/disadvantage of being in a full heat or a “one less” heat when there were an uneven number of riders, would be evenly distributed between the riders. This “ideal draw” is clearly impossible unless a championship is run every day for several months, but GamesPro aims to find the best possible compromise and fit to the requirements. It has consistently produced draws that were the closest possible fit to this theoretical ideal.

More recently, MG-Scoreboard has appeared, at first just as a means of recording and publishing the scores as a competition progressed. It proved to be easy to use and became popular.

There were then requests to use MG-Scoreboard to also do the draws, but MG-Scoreboard had not been exhaustively tested and there was no guarantee that its draws would be as good as those produced by GamesPro. That is why IMGA continued to insist on the use of GamesPro for draws.

The matter remains open. Some initial tests showed that the MG-Scoreboard draws did not match up to the “ideal criteria” as well as GamesPro, but Mats has now told us that he has made improvements. But the latest version of MG-Scoreboard has not yet been tested and no comparisons yet made with GamesPro.

Decision : 19.16 : no change at present, GamesPro remains the only software approved for making draws for IMGA-sanctioned championships.

Action : Keith Martin, Rory Prime, and Mats Hensel will continue to make tests and comparisons and then make a recommendation to IMGA. Target : before the 2020 season starts.

4.5 Live Streaming of IMGA sanctioned Championships

The provision of live streaming of IMGA championships to a remote audience is a service which has developed rapidly. At first it was the organisers of the championship concerned who employed a specialised service to provide this coverage, but the technology has progressed and the expectations of the audience have also grown.

Then PMG-tv came along – a specialised company set up specifically to provide this service.

PMG-tv charged both the championship organisers for provision of the service, but also charged the consumers – the people sitting at home watching all the action. This was new, and the expectations of that audience increased once they had to pay for the service.

The quality of the service provided by PMG-tv was very variable, and eventually the company folded.

So what happens now ? The demand for live streaming is still there, but the provision of such a service is now open for discussion.

IMGA already has cameras on site at these championships as an aid to the referee and the judges, so it may be possible to use these to stream images to the home audience.

Action : Alun Whitney will test the possibilities at the 2020 Welsh Pairs Championship and report back.

4.6 On-line entry procedures for Pairs and Individuals

At the moment all entries management is done by the championship host organisation, but there have been several requests for some sort of centralised on-line Entries Management system.

Action : Keith Martin, Rory Prime, and Mats Hensel with the cooperation of the Technology sub-committee will examine the possibilities and report back.

4.7 Referee expenses

Jens Martin presented his proposal for the payment of Referees' expenses, but implementation will be delayed until 2021 because the financial arrangements for 2020 have already been made.

Decision 19.17 : The proposal was accepted for implementation in 2021.

Action : Jens Martin to implement his proposal.

(See attachment for 4.7 below)

4.8 Scheduling of IMGA sanctioned Championships each year

There was a proposal from MGA Ireland that five major championships every year is too much and that they should be spread over two years, making each championship biennial.

The proposal was not accepted.

4.9 Distributing the agenda for future AGMs

It was proposed that in future the agenda for AGMs should be made public

Decision 19.18 : From 2020 onwards the agenda for the IMGGA AGM will be made public on the IMGGA website, but the detailed annexes will remain accessible only to International Representatives and Officials of IMGGA.

4.10 Points arising from the mid-year IMGGA meeting :

- **Breathalyser**

Refer to 4.3 above.

- **Sub-Committee Decisions**

A discussion forum will be created for an exchange of ideas between International Representatives.

- **IMGGA Calendar - Scheduling of IMGGA sanctioned competitions**

Refer to 4.8 above.

- **Increase the activities and scope of IMGGA**

Signe Sehested will continue to investigate the possibility of a "League Championship". Mark Crowe and Connor O'Leary volunteered to assist her.

- **Improve training for Assistant Referees**

Davy Quinn led a discussion on this subject and presented his plans for 2020.

- **Update HOST to require the size of hay bales to be specified and the size of stables**

Keith Martin will make the necessary updates.

- **Re-Runs**

There was a general discussion but no changes were agreed.

Meeting closed: Sunday November 24 at 16:00

Attachment for 2.3 - Financial Report



International Mounted Games Association Financial Summary for the period 17/11/18 - 22/11/19

Income

2019 Affiliation Fees	GBP	6,457.50
2018 Rule Book Sales	GBP	160.99
2019 Rule Book Sales	GBP	1,876.62
Late Payment Penalties	GBP	63.90
Equipment Manufacturer Licencing	GBP	
2018 IMGA Rider Fees	GBP	2,085.00
2019 IMGA Rider Fees	GBP	2,955.00
Recovered Bank charges	GBP	14.00

Expenditure

Admin Expenses (Postage, Phone costs, Web Site etc.)	GBP	852.59
2019 IMGA Rule Book Printing	GBP	1,416.79
2018 IMGA AGM Meeting expenses	GBP	1,827.66
Bank & Paypal Charges	GBP	335.68
IMGA Travel Expenses	GBP	3,623.71
Funeral contribution	GBP	200.00
Flags	GBP	307.14
Camera Equipment	GBP	1,265.48

Total: GBP 13,613.01

Total: GBP 9,829.05

Opening Balance:	GBP	43,008.81
Plus Income:	GBP	13,613.01
Less Expenditure	GBP	9,829.05
Closing Balance:	GBP	46,792.77



International Mounted Games Association Transactions for the period 17/11/18 - 22/11/19

Opening Balance : GBP 43,008.81

Transactions	Expenditure	Income
20/11/2018 Payment to Jens Marlin for 2018 IMGA AGM travel expenses	78.30	
26/11/2018 Payment to Keith Marlin for 2018 IMGA AGM travel expenses	1,002.41	
03/12/2018 Payment to Davey Quinn for 2018 IMGA AGM travel expenses	520.00	
03/12/2018 Payment to Nikki Carter for 2018 IMGA AGM travel expenses	688.05	
07/12/2018 Payment to MGADK for 2018 IMGA AGM venue expenses	1,842.66	
10/12/2018 IMGA 2019 Rule Books - Paypal		10.20
27/12/2018 IMGA 2019 Affiliation Fee - CZE		150.50
21/01/2019 IMGA 2018 ET&IC Rider Fees - LaBonde		1,332.87
24/01/2019 Payment to Keith Marlin for 2019 IMGA Rule Book Printing	1,431.79	
28/01/2019 IMGA 2019 Affiliation Fee - ITA		315.00
30/01/2019 IMGA 2019 Rule Books - Paypal		10.69
01/02/2019 IMGA 2019 Rule Books - Paypal		10.69
03/02/2019 IMGA 2019 Rule Books - Paypal		39.16
05/02/2019 IMGA 2019 Rule Books - Paypal		10.52
05/02/2019 IMGA 2019 Affiliation Fee - NOR		302.83
05/02/2019 IMGA 2019 Affiliation Fee - USA		300.94
05/02/2019 IMGA 2019 Rule Books - Paypal		18.88
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07/02/2019 IMGA 2019 Affiliation Fee - BEL + IMGA 2018 WTC Rider Fees - Belgium (Bank Charges)		309.24
12/02/2019 IMGA 2019 Rule Books - Paypal		279.91
14/02/2019 IMGA 2019 Affiliation Fee - AUS		308.00
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25/02/2019 IMGA 2019 Affiliation Fee - LUX		151.16
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02/03/2019 IMGA 2019 Affiliation Fee - GER		302.51
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05/03/2019 IMGA 2018 WTC Rider Fees - LaBonde		791.03
11/03/2019 IMGA 2019 Rule Books - Paypal		10.43
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11/03/2019 IMGA 2019 Rule Books - Paypal		93.17
16/03/2019 IMGA 2019 Rule Books - Paypal		10.43
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20/03/2019 Payment to La Poste for IMGA postage	13.54	
20/03/2019 IMGA 2019 Rule Books - Paypal		10.43
26/03/2019 IMGA 2019 Rule Books - Paypal		10.43
27/03/2019 IMGA 2019 Affiliation Fee - NZL		297.79
28/03/2019 IMGA 2019 Affiliation Fee - AUT		302.51
28/03/2019 IMGA 2019 Affiliation Fee - DEN + IMGA 2018 WPC Rider Fees - DEN (Bank Charges)		309.56
28/03/2019 Contribution to Nikki Carter's Funeral Fund	200.00	

28/03/2019	IMGA 2019 Affiliation Fee - SCO		315.00
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15/08/2019	Payment to Murren Addison for IMGA travel expenses	193.00	
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23/10/2019	IMGA 2019 Rule Books - Paypal		38.93
23/10/2019	IMGA 2019 WIC & WPC Rider Fees - MGAGB		2,140.00
28/10/2019	Payment to Murren Addison for IMGA travel expenses	136.80	
07/11/2019	Payment to Keith Martin for 2019 Postage and Admin Expenses	672.66	
12/11/2019	IMGA 2019 NTC Rider Fees - NZL		125.00
18/11/2019	IMGA 2019 WTC Rider Fees - WAL		690.00

Closing Balance:	GBP	46,792.77	Total GBP	9,553.37	13,337.33
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Payments owing:

Date	Description	Currency	Amount
01/01/2018	IMGA 2018 Affiliation Fee - CZR (Bank Charges)	GBP	7.00
01/01/2019	IMGA 2019 Affiliation Fee - CZR (Bank Charges)	GBP	7.00
01/01/2018	IMGA 2018 Affiliation Fee - IRE (Bank Charges)	GBP	7.00
01/01/2019	IMGA 2019 Affiliation Fee - AUS (Bank Charges)	GBP	7.00
31/12/2019	IMGA 2019 ET&IC Rider Fees - IRE	GBP	990.00
		Total GBP	1,018.00

Attachment for 2.4 - Chief Referee's Report

CHIEF REFEREE'S REPORT 2019

2019 has been a busy 2nd year for me as Chief Referee.

In January I travelled to Denmark to deliver an assistant referee and referee course with participants from both Denmark and Sweden attending. This resulted in 13 Assistant Referees and 6 referees in Denmark and 10 Assistant Referees and 8 referees in Sweden.

In April I was invited back to Denmark to referee the Nordic Team Championships at the Vallensbaek Equestrian Centre where the European Championships will be held in next year.

Also in April I travelled to Sweden to assist with the refereeing at the Gothenburg Horse Show. As always this is an excellent venue and a great competition.

In July I was on the road for 3 weeks.

European Team and Individual Championships

Firstly, to the European Team and Individual Championships at Millstreet, Ireland. This venue was used for the World Team Championships in 2012 and is a great location with all-weather surfaces and excellent facilities that meet the needs of both riders and supporters. In addition to the main all weather arena a second arena was used for individual heats. Both arenas were maintained well and rode well. As always, this was an excellent well run competition, great riding with fantastic hospitality and entertainment.

World Team Championships

From Ireland it was on to Wales for the World Team Championships and it rained!!

This was the first time the venue at Carmarthen had been used for an IMGA sanctioned competition. There was one grass arena of fixed size which ran with 7 lanes. Due to the heavy rain we did think we may have to remark the arena but the ground drained well and this was not necessary.

The camera system was in use and greatly helped the referee decision making. However, due to the rain on the camera lenses it did prove challenging at times to keep on top of this.

Royal Welsh

Following on from WTC the top 8 teams moved on to the Royal Welsh Showground. This is a fantastic setting for Mounted Games. Great location, weather and riding make this a very special competition.

Word Individual Championships

In August in England it rained!! This is the first time Washbrook Farm, Aston Le Walls has been used for an IMGA sanctioned competition. Thankfully there are 2 all-weather arenas. This venue had however been used 2 months earlier for the British Individuals so the

organisers, MGAGB knew the advantages and limitations of both arenas. The main arena ran with 7 lanes and the second arena with 6 lanes. Initially there were concerns that the second arena was not of a sufficient size, particularly for the U17 age group but both arenas rode exceptionally well with no incidents.

The arenas were exceptionally well maintained and many had commented that these were probably the best surfaces they had ridden on this year.

I would be cautious about using the smaller arena again for U17.

World Pairs

In September the World Pairs were held in Newark, England, a venue which has been used on many occasions to host MGAGB & IMGA Competitions. Two grass arenas were in use and there were plenty of warm up/practice areas.

Issues that we encountered with equipment at the world Individuals had been rectified and there were no major issues.

Assistant referees were provided by competitors for all heats, with selected independent assistant referees being used for semi-finals and finals.

Nations Championships

In September I travelled to the New Zealand to Referee the Nations Championships. I also hosted a Referee Course on both the North and South Island which resulted in 12 qualified referees for NZ and 1 from South Africa. The Competition was held at 2 locations. The competing teams, supporters and officials were all based at Trents Estate Vineyards where the heats took place. It rained very heavily at the start of the week but the ground held up and rode very well. For the final the teams moved on to the main arena at the Ellesmer Agricultural and Pastoral Show. This allowed the riders to show off their mounted games skills in front of an appreciative audience and the sun shone for the final.

Issues of Concern:

Appeals

There are an increasing number of appeals. Whilst this is rightly allowed, it is hugely time consuming and frustrating for riders, officials and supporter while video checks take place. As the season progressed we needed a referee on the video at all times to help speed up the process but we still need to be able to deal with this quicker. Alun Whitney will update more on the technology.

Assistant Refereeing

The standard of assistant refereeing still needs to improve! The Referee is not able to see everything that is happening in the arena and he/she relies on the Assistant Referees to spot

infringements but many are still being missed. Many are attending the training and passing the exam but this is to gain a better understanding of the rules rather than actually assistant referee.

Respect

I fully appreciate that we are officiating at the highest level of our sport and emotions run high, but intimidation, aggression and disrespect towards referees and assistant referees should not be tolerated. I like to think that myself and fellow referees show respect to our riders and trainers. There is a growing increase in aggressive challenges to the decisions that we make. While appeals and challenges are permitted please remain respectful as we are all volunteers giving up our free time to make the sport a better and fairer one.

Overfull Programme

Some organisers continue to produce programmes that are full to capacity with no contingency for delays due to accidents; bad weather; displaced or faulty equipment; false starts; obstruction; video checking; re-runs etc. I would ask competition organisers to please leave time in the programme to allow for such events thereby ensuring there is sufficient day light at the end of the day to safely continue.

Davy Quinn
IMGA Chief Referee
November 2019

Attachment for 2.7 - Reviews of 2019 IMGA sanctioned competitions

World Team Championship (Wales)

Organisers

Post Competition Report
World Team Championships – Carmarthen 2019

The date of this competition was always going to be a challenge for a small very active Country with the Europeans in Ireland being held just before. The date was chosen to try and help both Wales and Ireland and the other nations who travel so far- the question as to whether this works generally is up for debate later in this meeting.

As for Wales most travelled off to Ireland, we left a small working group to set up at Carmarthen who did a fantastic job of turning a basic showground into the host venue of the 2019 World Championships.

As always we thought we would try and provide the very best in mix of weather and in the early part of the week the ground was very hard due to the fantastic sunshine – so we put gallons of water on the arena to make it playable. By the end of the week we poured even more water on this time in means of the great WELSH LIQUID SUNSHINE as the heavens opened. This said for a grass arena this remained very playable throughout this being acknowledged by the lack of substitutions of ponies during the competition.

With the limited budget as we are all aware when running the World Teams against some of the larger competitions we tried to provide a mixture of Social Events taking riders off camp to The Coastal town of Tenby and Hetherton Activity Park to lively on site evenings with Lively bands, a choir and good old fashioned mga fun as well as some fantastic competition and we hope we met everyone's expectations.

As always we came up against some issues during the week which we needed to act and change direction at time – one of which was the solid perimeter fence around the arena we felt with the paramedics needed to be fenced inside and therefore left us 4 metres short in width which we removed from between the lanes with Davys approval – after a few complaints and even though there was an overall vote that people were happy with how it was set we did remark taking the additional area on the 2 sides and therefore ensuring the standard size between lanes was achieved and all ran well.

I'm sure everyone will agree the prizes in the final were fantastic and the addition of prizes for winners of each race in the second part of the final we felt was received very well. After 2 fantastic Finals Our Champions in both age groups were England – Well done.

As if we hadn't given ourselves enough work next we headed with the top 8 teams to the Royal Welsh to put on a fantastic display at Europe's largest agricultural show putting our sport in front of 10's of thousands of people this is really a highlight and must be on every MGA riders to do list

Wales would like to thank every Country for the way they conducted themselves on and off the showground it was a pleasure the 2019 World Team Championships.

Chief Referee

World Team Championships – Wales 15-20th July 2019

This is the first time the venue at Carmarthen has been used for an IMGA sanctioned competition. There was one grass arena of fixed size which ran with 7 lanes. There were some complaints that the arena was not of the size expected but as it was surrounded by a concrete pathway there was no option to extend.

Equipment was to standard with no issues.

Due to form it rained fairly heavily and at one point it looked like we may have had to move the arena markings but as the ground held well this was not necessary. The arena marking was continuous as required.

Assistant referees were provided by competitors for all heats, with selected independent assistant referees being used for semi-finals and finals. The standard of assistant refereeing, whilst improving, still needs to be better as mistakes were still being missed.

The camera system was in use and greatly helped referee decision making.

World Pairs Championship (England)

Organisers

REPORT ON 2019 WORLD PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIPS-HELD AT NEWARK & NOTTINGHAMSHIRE SHOWGROUND ON FRIDAY 13TH, SATURDAY 14TH & SUNDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2019

- The Championships were held at the Newark and Nottinghamshire Showground which has been used for National and International events for many years and has a well-established infrastructure for holding Mounted Games competitions.
- The Under 12 and Under 17 heats were held in the Newark Ring and the Under 14 and Open Heats were held in the Horse Ring. All Championship Finals were held in the Horse Ring.
- The competition had been organised so that as many competitors as possible could compete. There was no need to hold a ballot.
- 242 riders- 121 pairs in total took part. There were 21 Under 12 pairs; 24 Under 14 pairs; 39 Under 17 pairs and 37 Open Pairs competing.
- The following countries were represented: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, England, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, New Zealand, Northern Ireland, Scotland, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland and Wales.
- All ponies and riders had tack checks before riding.
- The briefings and draw for each age group were done on the Thursday evening.
- All age groups competed in Sessions 1 and 2 on Friday. There was a disco in the Joe Hallam Pavilion on Friday night.
- Session 3 for all age groups was held on the Saturday morning. The semi finals for all age groups were held in the Horse Ring on Saturday afternoon. This session did run late and we had just enough time to finish the semi- finals before the light went.
- Lower finals were held in the Horse Ring.
- On Saturday evening there was a meal in the Joe Hallam Pavilion plus a disco . The cost of this was included in the ticket cost for all pairs.
- Lower finals commenced in the Newark Ring on Sunday morning.
- All 4 Championship Finals were held in the Horse Ring on Sunday. The finals were all of an excellent standard, particularly the Open Final which went right down to the last race.
- The Champions were:

Under 12	Harleigh Speroni ENG and Alfie Medcalf ENG
Under 14	Sam Hopkins WAL and Mackenzie Norton WAL
Under 17	Ben Hopkins WAL and Charlie Yates WAL
Open	Jake O'Connor IRE and Crag O' Connor IRE
- There were no major problems with running the show.

Chief Referee

World Pairs – Newark, England 13- 15th September 2019

Newark has been used on many occasions in the past and the ground can cope well with the British weather.

Two arenas were in use for the World Pairs – the Horse Ring and the Newark Ring. There were plenty of warm up/practice areas.

Tack checking did identify a number of hats/ bits and leathers that required changing prior to the start of the competition.

Issues with equipment at the world individuals had been rectified prior to the start of the competition and there were no major issues.

We did run into some difficulties when the two rings ran out of sync and referees found themselves required to be in 2 rings at the same time. Most of the time we could work round this ourselves but there were problems when referees were need to do equipment or assistant referee.

Assistant referees were provided by competitors for all heats, with selected independent assistant referees being used for semi-finals and finals.

World Individual Championship (England)

Organisers

2019 WORLD INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS- HELD AT ASTON LE WALLS EQUESTRIAN CENTRE, DAVENTRY, ENGLAND FROM TUESDAY 12TH AUGUST TO SUNDAY 18TH AUGUST 2019

- Aston le Walls is a new venue for this Championships. It has 2 excellent all-weather arenas and excellent parking and camping facilities.
- We had planned the Championships so that no balloting of riders was necessary and all riders who wished to compete could do so.
- 186 riders finally competed in total – 30 Under 12 riders, 39 Under 14 riders, 54 Under 17 riders and 63 Open riders.
- The following countries were represented: Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, England, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, New Zealand, Norway, Scotland, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, Sweden, USA and Wales.
- Competitors arrived on Monday 12th August and Tuesday 13th August.
- The Briefings for the U12 and U 14 groups were held on the evening of Tuesday 13th August and the draws for each group were done at their briefing.
- All riders and ponies had their tack checked before riding.
- Sessions 1 and 2 for U12 and U14 were held during Wednesday 14th August.
- The Briefings and Draw for the u17 and Open riders were done on the evening of Wednesday 14th August.
- Session 3 of the Under 12 and Under 14 were held in the morning of Thursday 15th August with Session 1 of the Under 17 and Open following on.
- A pirate themed party with a BBQ and disco was held on the afternoon and evening of Thursday 15th August. However, the weather was extremely inclement. Some lower finals in the u12 and u14 group were also held
- The morning of Friday 16th August saw the Under 12 and Under 14 Semi Finals held first followed by Session 2 of the U17 and Open. The U12 and U14 Championship Finals were due to be held on the Friday afternoon, but it was raining hard and very cold and windy. The decision was made, in conjunction with all competitors involved, to hold the finals on the following day, Saturday in the hope of better weather.
- Friday evening saw the Gala Night Party. This was held on the Friday night so that More competitors could attend. Trezy's Catering provided a superb buffet dinner followed by dancing to Go Go Gadget Legs.
- The Under 12 and Under 14 finals were held on Saturday and provided really Spectacular finals with excellent riding. Meanwhile the Semi Finals of the Under 17 and Open Championships were held together with lower finals in the Open and U17 Groups. There was a paella night on Saturday night, together with a disco.
- Sunday saw the completion of the competition with lower finals plus the Championship Finals for the Under 17 and Open Groups- both of which were superb.
- The Champions were: -
 - Under 12 Kyan Duffy-Escalona Italy

- Under 14 Sam Hopkins Wales
- Under 17 Ben Hopkins Wales
- Open Colin Verdelhan France

We had no major problems with the competition except for the company who were booked to provide toilets. They proved to be most unhelpful and did not provide the level of service that we thought they should do. We have since held a further competition at Aston and have found an excellent company who we will use in future.

Chief Referee

Word Individual Championships – Aston Le Walls 14 -1 8 August 2019

This is the first time this venue has been used for an IMGA sanctioned competition. There are 2 all-weather arenas which had been in use 2 months earlier for the British Individuals so the organisers, MGAGB, knew the advantages and limitations of both arenas. The main arena ran with 7 lanes and the second arena with 6 lanes. Initially there were concerns that the second arena was not of a sufficient size, particularly for the U17 age group, however, both arenas rode exceptionally well with no incidents.

The arenas were exceptionally well maintained and the owner supplied the appropriate equipment to keep the top turns compacted, as it had previously cut deep and damaged the underground irrigation system. Many commented that these were probably the best surfaces they had ridden on this year.

Equipment was generally up to standard although a number of association tubs were burst, toolboxes broken and the numbers in the bank race, on at least 3 occasions, came away from the hook when being removed from the holder.

The weather was not kind and due to the forecast of heavy rain I made the decision to postpone the U12 and U14 A Finals from late Friday afternoon until early Saturday afternoon. The organisers were quick to reschedule the programme to accommodate this.

The Under 17 semi finals produced a significant number of appeals which resulted in numerous video checks and re runs and an over running of the programme. The number of re-runs due to windy conditions, appeals etc is increasing and needs to be monitored.

The camera system was in use but there were some technical difficulties during the early part of the competition which slowed down the checking process although this was rectified later in the competition.

More practice areas would have been welcomed.

European Team and Individual Championship (Ireland)

Organisers

REPORT ON 2019 EUROPEAN TEAM and INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
MILLSTREET Ireland 7- 14 July. 2019

- The Championships were held in the Green Glens Equestrian Centre in Millstreet which was previously used for 2012 World Team Championships. Two all- weather arenas were used;

1. Main Arena (8 Lanes) for all Team competitions and Open Individuals (Lower Finals in 2nd arena)
2. 2nd arena (6 Lanes) for U17 and U14 Individuals (Semi Finals and Main Finals in Main arena) plus Lower finals for Open Individuals.

- The competition had been organised so that as many competitors as possible could compete with all entrants facilitated after processing a waiting list by scheduling additional heats, team transfers and withdrawals.
- Breakdown of entries: Individuals: Open – 55, U17 – 53, U14 – 35. Teams: Open - 9, U17 – 6, U14 – 7, U12 – 7. The following countries were represented: Denmark, England, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and Wales. The number of countries entered for team championships was disappointing with only 6 entered for U17 which was not a great advertisement for a premium event which with some notable big- name absentees. As a consequence, from a financial perspective, the championships would not have been financially viable without the individual competitions.
- As a result of reviewing timetabling from previous events and extensive planning, a robust competition timetable which was fit for purpose was utilised which had sufficient slack to cater for reruns or incidents etc.
- Individual Briefings and Draw was held on Sunday evening utilising MG-Scoreboard on a computer screen with the heat/draw details instantly available on-line at the end of each competition draw. This was very much appreciated by all concerned. Any entrants not checked in by mid- afternoon and no advance notice received re late arrival were contacted to determine if they were en route, or simply not checked in, or not travelling. This facilitated a hiccup free draw.
- Individual Heats Started on Monday with Team Heats starting Wednesday. Individual Semi Finals were held late afternoon/early evening Wednesday and Thursday with Individual Finals on Friday evening. Team finals part A were held on Friday with Part B on Saturday
- A very successful opening ceremony which was commented by all participants, supporters and the local community was held on Tuesday evening. The opening ceremony consisted of a parade from the venue through the local town where Welcome speeches were made by local dignitaries plus presentation of Open Individual Semi Finalists Tee Shirts. The local community was heavily involved with shop displays supporting the various countries at the championship.
- Monday evening there was a Welcome/Irish night which was free to all entrants and supporters which was very well supported with standing (Dancing?) room only!.
 - On the last night of the championship after all finals, a Gala Night consisting of a 3 course meal and DJ till late was held. The cost of this was included in the ticket cost for all entrants with supporters purchasing tickets as required.
- The Champions were: Teams: Open: England, U17-Wales, U14-England, U12-France. Individuals: Open: Peter McCarthy (Ireland), U17 - Mikkel Mortensen (Denmark), U14 – Daisy Cook (England) In conclusion, very positive feedback was received from both riders and supporters on the event and the organisers. The local Millstreet town community embraced the event which reported a strong spending boost to a local economy with local traders and pubs delighted to have us. They want us back!

Chief Referee

European Team and Individual Championships – Ireland 7- 14 July 2019

The venue at Millstreet has been used for a World Team Championships in 2012 and is an excellent venue with all weather surfaces. For this year a second all weather arena was also available for use.

The main arena recently had additional sand added which made it deeper than expected although generally rode well with 8 lanes. It was very well maintained after each session with harrowing and watering when required and remarking. This smaller arena ran well with 6 lanes.

The equipment was to good standard with no issues.

The new camera system was put to use for the first time and covered the full arena, however, initially it was slow to view.

The quality of assistant referees remains a concern particularly in the second arena where the lower finals were competing.

A very well organised competition.

Nations Championship (New Zealand)

Organisers

IMGA Nations Team Championship 2019 The IMGA Nations Team Championship was held in Canterbury New Zealand from 12–19 October 2019. The Organising Committee had been working on putting this together since early 2018, not long after NZMGA's successful bid to hold this event. It has been extremely helpful to have had three people on the committee who had organised IMGA events in New Zealand before and could answer the numerous questions that our local committee had. The change of date posed an initial problem that – once accepted – was quickly resolved and the committee was able to move forward and continue with the planning. 'Homebase' was at Trents, a wedding venue approximately 20 minutes from Christchurch International Airport and Christchurch city centre. The additional facilities needed at the venue for the week-long event included portable yards for ponies, showers, extra toilets, marquees, outdoor lighting from a generator and caravans for overseas teams. Toilets were emptied mid week, the portable showers were of a high standard and apart from gas running out once, which was quickly fixed, the facilities were reasonably easy to source and worked well.

We were always very conscious of the safety and welfare of everyone at both Homebase and the A&P show, and we experienced no issues at either venue. Specific procedures to ensure safety included no ponies being allowed to be tethered or tied in camping area at Homebase and supplying lots of room for spectators and officials to move freely around when teams were either training or at the competition. At the A&P show we had anticipated a large crowd so had our own area for ponies and riders fenced away from others and separate access to the main arena from the public.

The competition was planned to be at two venues, with Homebase holding the four early sessions and the two final sessions being at the local Agricultural & Pastoral Show at Leeston – a 20 minute drive from Homebase.



Ponies started to arrive from 10 October, with loan ponies being sourced from Auckland, Waikato, Hastings and Manawatu in the North Island and Nelson, Canterbury and Otago in the South Island. Without the generous support of these pony lenders these competitions could never happen and our upmost thanks goes to all of them for trusting us with their precious ponies. Ponies were in portable yards on a sand based arena overnight where they had their hard-feed and any supplements. During the day they were paddocked individually via hot tape electric

fencing so they could graze, move freely and have a roll. This all worked very well. One pony was attended by the local vet with the matter resolved relatively quickly, and several had various lameness issues, none of which were of a serious nature. This did make us realise why you need at least 10 extra pool ponies – to cover the odd one pulling up lame and trying to match height/weight and riding abilities. Ten extra ponies was only just enough for the five teams.

Teams started to arrive from 12 October and everyone was there by the Monday morning for the first training session. Four training sessions were held, each being 45 minutes duration, with riders having the option of taking their ponies for a hack across farmland in between trainings. For each training session teams were allocated to either the 2- or a 3-team group.

A welcome dinner was held for everyone on the Monday night with a powhiri (Maori welcome) arranged for all our riders, trainers and guests. NZMGA Vice President Jan Christensen welcomed everyone and acknowledged the generous support of the businesses that had helped make this event possible. Throughout the week, activities were arranged for the teams, including an “unmounted games competition”, which included gumboot throwing, a movie night (iconic New Zealand movie “Hunt for the Wilderpeople”) and a Quiz Night. A bonfire and outside BBQ was held one evening which allowed everyone to mingle freely. There was Pin ball, Table Tennis and Board Games (with a New Zealand theme!) available inside the dining area, along with Volleyball in the camping area. Teams all got on well and this was made easier as everyone dined together at the venue. Some teams chose to take the time in between trainings to go sightseeing, while others did washing, cleaning or just relaxed.

Before the competition started, the alcohol testing trial that had been requested by IMGGA was put into place. A huge thanks to David Harris for coming to New Zealand to run this trial. A band of volunteers was organised and the local police supplied the testing equipment. The trial started with a training session for the volunteers, and then riders and coaches were tested as they came into the training arena. Although the first round of testing was slightly disruptive, teams soon realised they had to be organised in time for trainings sessions and there was minimal disruption to riders after the first couple of days. The teams certainly got a lot quicker at going through the testing regime and it got easier as they got used to the procedures. There were no alcohol sales on site, so purchases could only be made by individuals elsewhere.

Competition started on Thursday 17 October under the watchful eye of our chief referee Davy Quinn, who flew from Edinburgh with his wife Maggie to referee our event. The main arena was in a sheltered paddock adjacent to the wedding venue. The ground conditions were fantastic and the layout worked very well. Judges and scorers also had an international flavour with Maggie Quinn and Carol Jones along with our own Helen Hague and Graham Smith. The sessions were held at 9:30 am and again at 1:30 pm. Ipads were used on both the start/finish and changeover lines, which was very useful.

There was one incident of a bit breaking. This was a different bit than had been checked in with the pony when it arrived, but luckily caused no problem and the bit was replaced immediately. The Pony Marshal is the only person who can approve changes to tack and this needs to be adhered to.

The whole competition was live streamed through the Nations 2019 Facebook site, with watchers from all parts of the world. It was absolutely wonderful to have this available for those friends and family that couldn't be here to support their team! The live streaming was of a top quality with a lot of very positive comments. The comperes for the competition were amazing and provided a great commentary for all sessions including promotion of all the businesses whom supported us! After each session the winning team members received a rosette, which were made by Quality Presentations in New Zealand. A photographer was present for all sessions and some amazing shots

were taken of the riders.

It was an early start on Saturday morning to transport ponies and riders/supporters via trucks and buses to the A&P Show for the finals. The first final was held at 9:30 am with the second final being held at 1:00 pm. A near record of approximately 15,000 people attended the show and conditions were almost perfect. This was the ideal place for an action packed final, with the two New Zealand teams fighting it out for the first two places and Australia, USA and South Africa chasing hard behind. NZ Black came from behind to take out the 2019 Nations Team Championship title in front of an awesome crowd of supporters and spectators.

The final presentation was made in front of a large crowd of supporters and onlookers. The winning team members all got embroidered rugs, garlands and a rosette, along with an individual trophy to keep that had been made locally. The Nations Team Trophy was presented at the final and was also represented at the Gala dinner. All team members received prizes, such as saddle blankets, embroidered hay-bags, bandages or leather halters, and special prizes were given to the rider of each team's "most valuable pony". The competition concluded with the teams leading the Grand Parade.

Teams and ponies were taken back to Homebase and then the riders and their supporters prepared themselves for the Gala Dinner. All were suitably dressed for the occasion and looked stunning! They were taken by bus for the 20-minute drive to the venue – the beautiful 'Ilex' restaurant in the Christchurch Botanic Gardens. The Gala dinner was very well received, beginning with canapes served in the Conservatory accompanied by champagne, ale or a non-alcoholic alternative, followed by a short stroll to the main restaurant where everyone sat down for their main meal. Before the meal was served, there were various speakers and each team was recognised for their efforts during the event, in caring for the ponies and in representing their countries. One of our comperes acted as Master of Ceremonies and this made for an entertaining evening! After a beautiful meal, most danced the night away to a local DJ before returning to Homebase in the wee hours. A fantastic night was had by all!

Teams all bid their farewells on the Sunday, with lots of newfound friends amongst the MGA community. Some went sightseeing around the South Island, while others whom had been travelling around New Zealand before the competition returned home. The whole event seemed to be very well received by all competitors and their supporters and the atmosphere at the entire event seemed very positive. There were very few hiccups that were not quickly resolved and the Organising Committee had everything very well covered.

It was a huge week, with the Organising Committee all going above and beyond to make this happen! I particularly wish to acknowledge the generous support of John and Sue Shanks for opening their beautiful facility to us and making everyone feel so welcome – it truly was a Home base! Others who contributed to the success of the event included our Secretary – Sue Zydenbos – for the endless hours of preparing letters, emails and spreadsheets; Gear Marshal Jennie Kjelgaard; and Health and Safety Officer Jane Gutry. Jenn Bothwell, Jane and Jennie were awesome team hosts for our overseas visitors and made them all feel so welcome! Thanks also to Mary Stewart for all the promotional material that went to every newspaper in Canterbury; Rick Zydenbos, Christine Lewis and Jan Christensen for their behind the scenes support; and last (but not least!) our 'pony coordinators' – Margaret and Fran Welsby and Brenda Cross – for keeping everything ticking along during the week. None of this would have been possible without ALL of you so the BIGGEST THANKS to you all!

Sue Robertson Convenor of the 2019 Nations Team Championship

Chief Referee

Nations Championships – Canterbury, New Zealand 13- 19 October 2019

The 5 competing teams, supporters and officials were all based at Trents Estate Vineyards where the competition heats took place. There was ample space with an excellent sized arena and warm up area which had been well maintained in preparation for the competition.

It rained very heavily at the start of the week but officials quickly rescheduled team practice times to work round the weather forecasts and sightseeing.

Although still very wet at the start of the competition the ground held up and rode very well.

For the final the teams moved on to the main arena at the Ellesmere Agricultural and Pastoral Show. This allowed the riders to show off their mounted games skills in front of an appreciative audience and the sun shone for the final.

The equipment was to good standard with only 1 issue with the Joust which required the race to be substituted with the sword race. Officials were quick to fix the issue and the joust was used in the second part of the final with no issue.

The standard of pool ponies was very good with very few changes required.

This was the first time the South Island have hosted an IMGGA competition and they provided great hospitality and overall an excellent competition.

The Breathalyzer Process was tested at this competition. David Harris will provide a report to be considered at the AGM in November.

Attachment for 2.8 - IMGGA Sub-Committees

IMGGA Training and Qualification Sub-Committee 2019

Referee and Assistant Referee Training

Training 2019:

+ 53 Assistant Referees

+ 27 Referees (1*)

IMGGA now have:- 156 Assistant Referees : An increase of 27 from 2018 (43%)

IMGGA now have:- 117 Referees : An increase of 25 from 2018 (27%)

Assistant Referee Training

- > Developed training materials
- > Each Nation can do their own training
- > Most Nations have identified trainers
- > At least 3* Referee required to deliver training

Issue – French translation of the training materials

Assistant Referee Training:

Australia

England

Germany

Ireland

Italy
New Zealand
Norway
Scotland
Wales

Online Assistant Referee Training:

- > We are developing an Online Training Package
 - > Version 1 is due in a couple of weeks
 - > Will be tested over the coming months.
- Proposed Training 2020

Austria - January
Austria, Germany, Switzerland
mountedgames.ooe@gmail.com or phone 0043 676 6868 060. (English or German)
Germany - March

Referee Grading

117 IMGA accredited referees

94 have been graded:-

9 x 4* Referees
16 x 3* Referees
25 x 2* Referees
44 x 1* Referees
23 ungraded

Ungraded – Referees who have not returned details of their refereeing experience
3 strikes and they are out!

- > Referee Returns currently on Excel
- > Testing Google Forms - but more work to do
- > Assessing Referee skills and competencies is time consuming - not a one man job
- > Need feedback from other Referees, Officials, IMGA Reps
- > Developed a template to ensure consistency of grading assessments

AGM 2018 the T&Q SC were asked to consider how 3* referees have sufficient experience to achieve 4*

- > For the larger IMGA comps at least 1 referee be 3*
- > 3* referees to assistant referee /shadow at IMGA comps*
- > Exchange visits

Only 2 x 3 volunteered to shadow

Referee Communication

- > Closed Group on Facebook to allow all referees to ask questions and check interpretation on the Rules.

- > Email queries that come to me I will post (anonymously) so again there is shared information.
- > Rules committee will also have access.

Video System : Alun Whitney

Training & Qualifications Sub-Committee Members

Davy Quinn (Chair) (Scot)

Mark Crowe (IRE)

Peter Dale (Wales)

Andrew Rodaughan (AUS)

Warwick Slade (AUS)

Michele Spina (ITALY)

Alun Whitney (WALES)

Attachment for 3.4 - Selection of hosts for 2022 IMGA sanctioned competitions

Nations' Team Championship 2022

Proposal by **Equine Mounted Games Canada** – Country Representative: Michelle Cruikshanks
For Consideration at The IMGA Annual General Meeting - November 23 & 24, 2019 - Dublin, Ireland

The Place

- ▶ Lindsay Agricultural Society Exhibition Grounds – 1.5 hours to downtown Toronto, Ontario.
- ▶ Equestrian arena – 150' x 420'
- ▶ Currently stabling for 40 horses – strategic plan for construction of 200 stall facility by 2021
- ▶ Arena Footing - sand and limestone screening
- ▶ Arena Drainage – natural, “high and dry”
- ▶ Fencing – permanent three rail plank
- ▶ Sound System & Portable grandstands, judge and announcer booths
- ▶ Permanent bathrooms/comfort stations

The People

- ▶ Equine Mounted Games Canada membership and supporters – 70+
- ▶ Committed membership provided input to decision and endorsement of bid for NTC 2022
- ▶ Key Roles outlined in “Guide To Organising a Sanctioned Competition” already filled
- ▶ Lindsay Agricultural Society – Management keen and committed to expanding the ‘presence’ of this facility as host for equestrian events; currently Ontario Quarter Horse Assoc., Ontario Welsh, Heavy horse, Dodge Ram Rodeo Tour, Lindsay Exhibition Hunter Jumper, Equine Mounted Games debut September 22, 2019

The Ponies

- ▶ Pony development and training plan beginning early 2020 – recognized as key area of focus by EMGC
- ▶ Central Ontario is area of high density equestrian activity – key for pony procurement and ease of transport
- ▶ Local ponies provided to multiple Pony Club Prince Phillip Games National Championships over the years

Key Items For Discussion/Decision early 2020 onward:

- ▶ Competition Date – TBD with input from eligible countries and venue managers; late May – early September are preferred for climate re: late winter/spring pony fitting, competition weather conditions
- ▶ Meals
 - ▶ Commercial kitchen facility onsite at Lindsay Exhibition – catering readily available
 - ▶ Local dining, fast food, pubs, craft breweries 3 – 5 min. drive;

Accommodation – Action Plan

- ▶ See Lindsay Agricultural Society Final Project plan (separate attached file)
 - ▶ Plan for 13 Cabins, RV and tent camping onsite, permanent comfort stations; *construction underway for International Plowing Match 2020; cost TBD*
- ▶ New 'Days Inn' hotel – all amenities 2 min. drive; 15 min. walk from venue; indoor pool

About Lindsay, Ontario, Canada:

- ▶ Hub of Business and Commerce for the Kawartha Lakes Region; all amenities available; Population 21,000.
- ▶ Situated on the banks of the Scugog River in the heart of cottage country – dining, shopping, fast food, local pubs, craft breweries, fishing, boating, special events and tourist activities too numerous to list
- ▶ 1.5 Hour drive to Toronto, Ontario – anything and everything available for visitors
- ▶ Favourable currency exchange rate

Attachment for 3.6 – 2020 sanctioned competitions

- **IMGA World Team Championship Open (Scotland)**





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FACILITIES

- Marquee for dining and bar
- Stable block
- Individual country areas with hook ups

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LOCALITY

- Set in the Scottish Borders
- Beneath the picturesque Eildon Hills
- Nearest town Galashiels
- Nearest village St Boswells
- Co-op within walking distance
- Asda, Tesco and Aldi in Galashiels
- Glasgow 82 miles
- Edinburgh 27 miles

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TRAVEL

- From South of England and Dover Ferry Ports M2, M25, M1 (A1)
- Accessible from M6 and A1(M1) motorways (approximately 80 miles off motorways)
- Can be reached by A1 motorway to Edinburgh and then A68
- M77, M8 and then A68 from West Coast and Cairnryan Ferry Port
- Stopover points will be offered

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Accessibility

- The site is access by passing under an 'off road' bridge
- Height of bridge is 14 foot 2 inches / 4.32 Metres
- Trailers can, by arrangement, be left in the adjoining cattle market area

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ENTERTAINMENT

- Scottish Welcome Evening
- Opening Ceremony
- Ceilidh Band (Scottish Dancing for all) complete with Haggis!
- Scottish Highland Games
- Karaoke
- Disco
- Tartan Masquerade Ball with live band

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Visit Edinburgh

- Edinburgh is an historic, vibrant city
- Edinburgh is the capital of Scotland and the seat of Scottish Parliament

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SHOPS, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS

- Caterers providing breakfast and dinner for competitors and package holders
- Evening bar in marquee
- Day time ringside bar
- Onsite catering vendors

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ACCOMMODATION

- Local hotels – good rates negotiated (details to be posted on web site)
- Camping field
- Discounted campervan hire from local company Rockin Vans

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Rockin Vans

- 20% discount on Campervan/Motor Home hire from local company – delivered to your chosen venue - airports etc
- www.rockinvans.co.uk 0141 404 8384
- More details on web site



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MEDICAL AND VETERINARY SERVICES

- Full paramedic cover will be provided
- Veterinary and farrier cover to be provided during the competition
- Borders General Hospital with Accident and Emergency department 6 miles away


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CONTACT AND INFORMATION

- Website: mgagb.co.uk/wtc-2/ (you can reach web site through main MGAGB site)
- Facebook page: Scotland World Team Championships 2020
- Both to contain full, updated information on entry process, borrowed ponies, packages and other relevant information
- Email addresses:
 - wtcScotland2020@gmail.com (WTC e-mails)
 - mgascotland158@gmail.com (general e-mails)
 - veronicadodds@hotmail.co.uk (IMGA Rep)
- 0044 7479325343 Whatsapp

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St Boswells Mart, Newtown St Boswells, Melrose TD6 0PP



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- 0044 7479325343 Whatsapp
- Instagram: ScotlandWTC2020

- **IMGA World Pairs Championship (Germany)**

Rendsburg, July 12-19

[https://www.world-pairs.com/
contact2020@world-pairs.com](https://www.world-pairs.com/contact2020@world-pairs.com)

Entry Fee €590 per pair (2 stables included)
Breakfast and electric hook-ups not included

Vaccination papers should be available well in advance to avoid last-minute problems

Vaccinations must be no older than 6 months at the time of the competition

Problem with standing martingales

Very hard surface in main arena

- **IMGA World Individual Championship (Wales)**

No Information yet available

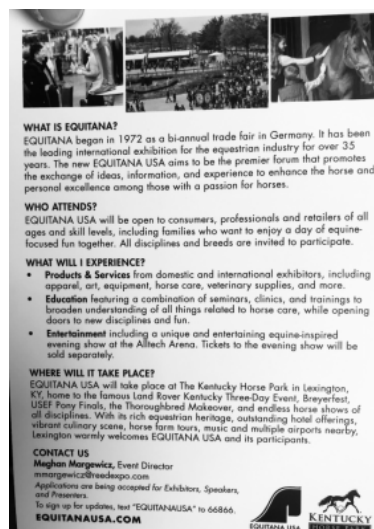
- **IMGA European Team and Individual Championship (Denmark)**

<https://www.europeans2020.com/>

There will be only OPEN class for the Individuals

- **IMGA Nations Championship (USA)**

Three two-hour sessions to be held in the ROLEX ARENA, Kentucky Horse Park



Attachment for 3.7 – 2021 sanctioned competitions

- **IMGA World Team Championship Open (France)**

No Information

- **IMGA World Individual Championship (England)**
- &
- **IMGA World Pairs Championship (England)**



This venue, which is already well known to many IMGA members, has added a newly built, second all-weather arena to complement the all-weather arena which is already there.

With plenty of stables, a pavilion for briefings and entertainment plus 2 all weather arenas, it really is an ideal venue for the competition.

Information will be on the website when available:
<https://mgagb.co.uk/events/36th-world-individual-championships/>

36th WORLD INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

7th to 11th July 2021

DAVID BROOME EVENT CENTRE
Mount Ballan Manor, Cricieth
Portskewett
Caldicot NP26 5XP
Wales



- **IMGA European Team and Individual Championship (Wales)**

No Information

- **IMGA Nations Championship (South Africa)**




Nations Team Championships South Africa 2021

Hosted by MGASA




Broadacres Equestrian Centre,
Howick, Kwazulu Natal



The Venue:
The ponies will be accommodated in paddocks and stalls on the grounds. Games will be played on a grass pitch using equipment that meets IMGA standards. Points and scoring will be according to international rules.

Accommodation:
Camping will be available, with shower and toilet facilities. There are numerous accommodation options nearby including: Fern Hill Hotel, Midmar and Little Fields just across the road from the venue.

Venue layout

CONTACT DETAILS

Pat Reece
samountedgamesassociation@gmail.com

Dates and costs to be confirmed.
 Transport can be provided from Durban airport to the venue.

Activities / Outings

- Wedgewood Nougat
- Karkloof Canopy Tours
- Tala Game Ranch

Tala Game Ranch

Attachment for 4.7 – Referees’ Expenses

IMGA Sanctioned Competition Referee Expense Claims Policy (applicable from 1st January 2020)

Officially appointed referees officiating at IMGA sanctioned competitions may claim the following expenses from IMGA:

- Travel expenses from the referee’s home address to the hosting location of the IMGA sanctioned competition. If the referee does not start their journey from their home address (e.g. they come directly from a different competition) then the cost of the actual journey will be reimbursed unless this was more than it would have been had they started from their home address, in which case the estimated cost of the latter will be reimbursed instead.
- Travel expenses from the hosting location of the IMGA sanctioned competition back to the referee’s home address. If the referee does not return to their home address (e.g. they travel directly to a different competition) then the cost of the actual journey will be reimbursed unless this was more than it would have been had they returned to their home address directly, in which case the estimated cost of the latter will be reimbursed instead.
- Accommodation costs necessarily incurred by the referee for the entire period the referee’s presence is required at the hosting location of the IMGA sanctioned competition.

Travel Expenses

These include:

- Cost of transport from the referee’s home address to the required airport / ferry terminal / railways station etc.
- Reasonable parking costs at airport / ferry terminal / railways station etc. (e.g. long term airport parking)
- Cost of Economy/budget class air, rail, ferry tickets
- Cost of transport to the hosting location of the IMGA sanctioned competition from the required airport / ferry terminal / railways station etc.
- Cost of road travel in a private vehicle will be reimbursed at a rate of GBP 0.25 per kilometre regardless of the type of vehicle
- Cost of road/bridge tolls when travelling in a vehicle that would not otherwise have made the journey anyway
- Cost of obtaining Visas and Vaccinations if these are required to travel to the hosting location of the IMGA sanctioned competition

These do not include:

- Taxi fares for any part of a journey unless it can be proven that there was no viable alternative
- Unreasonable parking costs at airport / ferry terminal / railways station etc. (e.g. long term airport parking but in the short term parking next to the departures gate charged at a premium hourly rate)
- Cost of Premium/Business/First class air, rail, ferry tickets
- Cost of road travel in a private vehicle which would have made the journey anyway if the referee had not travelled
- Any travel costs for individuals other than the referee themselves (e.g. family members)

Accommodation Expenses

All IMGA sanctioned competition hosts are required (where possible) to provide suitable accommodation for referees, free of charge, for the entire period their presence is required at the hosting location of the IMGA sanctioned competition, as stipulated in the IMGA sanctioned competition hosting document (aka HOST).

If this is not possible for any reason and referees are required to make their own accommodation arrangements then these will be reimbursed by IMGA within reason. In this context, “within reason” means that IMGA will not (for example) reimburse the cost of a hotel room in a five star hotel if there is a suitable and more affordable alternative available. If, in such a situation, the referee chooses to stay at the five star hotel anyway, they will only be reimbursed for the equivalent cost of the suitable and more affordable alternative.

Food and Entertainment

All IMGA sanctioned competition hosts are required (where possible) to provide food and entertainment packages for referees, free of charge, for the entire period their presence is required at the hosting location of the IMGA sanctioned competition, as stipulated in the IMGA sanctioned competition hosting document (aka HOST).

Additional clauses

- In all cases, if a referee chooses a more expensive option (e.g. Business class airfare), they will be reimbursed at the cheaper rate (e.g. the equivalent cost of an economy airfare)
- No other expenses other than those explicitly mentioned above can be claimed, including but not limited to: food, drink, entertainment, dry cleaning, laundry, speeding tickets.

- The exact and final amount to be paid out will be calculated by the IMGA Finance and Administration officer whose decision in all matters is final

Procedure for processing a claim

Any referee wishing to make a claim as per the above should make such a claim in writing to the IMGA Finance and Administration officer, stating:

- Name and Address
- Competition at which they were officiating
- Dates of the competition at which they were officiating
- An itemised breakdown of the claim being made
- Bank account details and currency where they wish the claim to be paid to

...as well as including copies of all receipts corresponding to the items being claimed for.

How will IMGA finance these expense claims?

Following the 2019 IMGA AGM, once the referees have been selected for the 2020 season the IMGA Finance and Administration officer will calculate an estimate of the expenses which are likely to be claimed by the selected referees from IMGA during 2020. This total figure will be divided by the estimated total number of riders expected to be competing in IMGA sanctioned competitions in 2020. The result of this calculation will be added to the already existing rider fee figure of GBP 5 per individual, GBP 10 per pair and GBP 30 per team. The “new” total rider fee figure for the 2020 season will be communicated to all countries hosting IMGA sanctioned events in 2020 before the end of 2019 so that they can factor this into the entry fees that they collect.

At the end of 2020 the same exercise will be repeated for the 2021 but will also include a comparison between funds that were raised during 2020 and those that were paid out. The difference will either be added to or subtracted from the total amount to be raised in 2021.

Although complicated this process achieves two aims:

1. It reduces IMGA financial exposure
2. It spreads the cost evenly across all events (otherwise riders at NTC would be paying huge rider fee payments and those at ET&IC would be paying very small ones)