



INTERNATIONAL MOUNTED GAMES ASSOCIATION



AGENDA for THURSDAY 13 JULY 2023 at 20h00 CET (19:00 UK time)

- **IMGA Officials:**

Chris Wheeler	Chairperson	
Keith Martin	Vice Chairperson	Absent
Jens Martin	Finance/Administration	
Eleanor Wheeler	Communication	Absent
Pierre-Luc Portron	Development	Absent
Alun Whitney	Chief Referee	
Mark Crowe	Chair – Qualifications/Training	Absent

- **International Representatives (V – Voting member):**

Warwick Slade (V)	Australia	
Rachel Lechner (V)	Austria	
Robin Donnay	Belgium	Absent
Michelle Cruikshanks (V)	Canada	
Leo Liang (V)	China	
Elijah Zhang	China	
Alžbeta Mašková	Czech Republic	Absent
Signe Sehested	Denmark	Apologies
Elaine Trevor Jones	England	Apologies
Jonathon Marion (V)	France	
Volker Baasch (V)	Germany	
Conor O’Leary	Ireland	Absent
Andrea Piazza	Italy	Absent
Lizzy Franck	Luxembourg	Absent
Sue Robertson (V)	New Zealand	
Alister Hamilton (V)	Northern Ireland	
Stian Hennie (V)	Norway	
Veronica Dodds (V*)	Scotland	
Nick Sloane (V)	South Africa	
Judith Porcel Follet	Spain	Absent
Caroline Claeson	Sweden	Absent
Marino Kammeran (V)	Switzerland	
Quentin Gargallo	Switzerland	Absent
Paul Greiling (V)	USA	
Alun Whitney (V)	Wales	

- **Guest(s):**

Welcome All

- Special welcome to China’s two representatives – wonderful to have you. Thanks to Warwick for all of your support for China’s development of Mounted Games
- For today’s meeting, please note that there are no voting items

Agenda Item 1 – Bidding for 2026 IMGA Competitions – C. Wheeler

- Time to think about preparing bids for October's deadline
- It's a long way in the future however it would be really nice to get the bids in by the deadline in October
- If discussing with your Boards/Committees, it would be lovely to get those bids decided and even better to get the arena dimensions included to avoid the need to further discuss those

Agenda Item 2 – Assistant Referee Qualifications – C. Wheeler

- Reminder that Assistant Referees who passed their Assistant Referee course in 2019 or before need to update their certification; needs to be an up-to-date certificate so that it must be done if older than three years
- Chief Referee Alun indicates that for referees, these are qualifications are being monitored – if Referees haven't been refereeing recently, those qualified in 2019 or prior will need to get refreshed

Agenda Item 3 – Draw System – C. Wheeler

- MG Scoreboard and Games Pro now have draw system available
- Technology Committee has been working on the scoring
- The draw system is now integrated into MGScoreboard; All of our technology experts have agreed on the language of the system
- Chief Referee Alun notes that a recent draw was very unsatisfactory so had to be redone – recommends that an analysis element be included in the system that allows at a glance to see the nature of the draw

Agenda Item 4 – Updates from 2023 Organisers – C. Wheeler

- **WPC Denmark in July** – Signe unavailable at this meeting due to organising commitments
 - Chairperson Chris reports that all seems set for next week with excellent level of entries from numerous countries, some travelling from afar
 - Chris heading there next week (week of July 17)
- **WIC France in August** – Jonathan
 - No new information
 - Equipment check complete? Chris will confirm
- **ETIC England in August** – Pete /Elaine not present
 - Chris reports that there are quite a few Individual entries
 - Not so many team entries; significant effort being made on the part of a number of European countries to field a team which is a huge financial undertaking at this time
- **WTC Australia in October** - Warwick
 - Twelve open teams entered – please contact if your country is not listed as those are the registrations received to date
 - Communication link has been sent to participating countries

- Full eight lanes of U18 for each session
 - Supporter merchandise/meals/camping signup on the communication link
 - Ensure that you book merchandise; only limited extras available
 - Chair Chris suggests sharing the Supporter link with all countries as some may wish to attend even though their country is not fielding a team
 - **Action Item – Warwick to share the WTC Supporter link with all member countries**
 - Reserve rider competition is planned using spare pool ponies
 - In the event of a significant draw from the leftover pool ponies (reducing the number below the planned 20), then a reserve rider competition would not be possible
 - Altogether, 120 ponies need to be organized
 - Chairperson Chris expresses appreciation for the huge effort that has been put forth to achieve that result
 - Request for paper copy of teams entered; the appropriate screen is displayed with the list
 - Chief Referee Alun seeks confirmation that the pony draw system is in place; Warwick confirms that it is available on the IMGA home page
 - Payment has been requested – one fee for team fees, one for pony fees; note no allocation of ponies permitted by any means for sixth riders
 - Teams may not self source a sixth pony and will not choose a sixth pony from the pool. If a pony needs to be replaced then the team will select a pony from the remaining pool ponies
- **NATIONS South Africa in December - Nick**
 - Confirmation received from New Zealand, USA, South Africa
 - There may be a United Nations team of two riders from AUS, two from NZ, USA confirms a rider and indicates coach Chris will reach out
 - Interest expressed from several European riders
 - Beautiful venue and general vicinity
 - Currently 30 confirmed pool ponies, with 10 – 20 more expected by date of competition
 - SA has the option of either scoring system and will be seeking impressions from AUS WTC experience to guide their selection

Agenda Item 4 – Updates from Sub-Committees – C. Wheeler

- **Rules Committee – Jens**
 - Business continues within the Rules committee
 - Recently slowing down focusing on lengthy discussions around interpretation of the rules incl. ‘returning around the top pole’
 - Alun has issued a statement in that regard for 2023
 - Looking at rules re: arena dimensions
 - Feels that we should be in a position of the dimensions being set, not the subject of continual discussion at AGM’s;
 - This is the current topic with good progress being made based on initial proposal from Chairperson Chris
 - Note that Rule Change Request(s) may be submitted by International Representatives, IMGA Qualified Referees, and IMGA Officials
- **Health and Safety Committee –**
 - No recent contact among committee members
 - Chairperson Chris requests that Veronica relay message to reactivate committee’s activities
- **Strategic Planning Committee – Chris**
 - Always looking for ideas to encourage expansion of the sport/increased participation

- **Training and Qualification Committee – Alun**
 - Much progress made early on in the 2023 season –
 - Liaisons are trained; a couple still need training
 - Good structure in place for monitoring referee qualifications and advancement
 - Actual training courses are not currently underway since it is the riding season.
 - Query – re: how is the upgrading/downgrading process going? A: This is an ongoing process between Country Referee Training Liaisons and the Chief Referee
- **Compliance Committee – Jens**
 - Note that the upcoming year, 2024, is time again for completion of Country Compliance survey
 - Consider getting background homework done at your earliest possibility
- **Technology Committee – Jens**
 - MGScoreboard – draw system has been fully upgraded; Jens thanks Rory and Mats for their immense effort to achieve this result
 - Chief Referee Alun notes recent issue with draw i.e. two out of three sessions had five of the same teams facing each other; the draw was redone
 - Committee to follow up

Agenda Item 6 – IMGGA AGM November 2023 at the French Federation Headquarters – C. Wheeler

- AGM being hosted at the French Federation Headquarters on Saturday, November 10 and Sunday, November 11
- Jonathan has sent an email to Chris re: accommodation
 - **Action Item - Chris will share the information regarding accommodation with Reps.**
- French Federation will kindly cover the cost of the meeting room
- Book rooms as quickly as possible since demand is high for the rooms available; there will be a point when the blocked rooms will be released to others waiting due to the indoor competition going on at the same time
- On-line AGM will be available but the hope is that many will attend in person

Agenda Item 7 – IMGGA Charity Day – C. Wheeler

- Saturday 12 August at Europeans in support of the Stroke Association
- This is the 2023 Charity Orange day – planning is underway and ongoing



Additional Items -

- **Questions –**
 - Health and Safety Committee – From NZ Rep.: Has the Committee had the opportunity to consider the New Zealand Concussion Policy with a view to possible adoption by IMGGA as an easily adaptable model/document? This had previously been an item for the Committee’s consideration
 - **Action Item – NZ Rep. Sue will send a copy to the Committee via Veronica for consideration**

 - Rules Committee – from NZ Rep.: When does a Referee’s responsibility end and that of the Ground Jury begin? A: As NZ Rep. surmised, Jens confirms that the Referee has complete control of activity in the arena while the Ground Jury considers matters outside of the Referee’s purview.
 - Jens indicates that the history of implementation of the Ground Jury has been strictly limited.
 - Q: Can an explanatory line be included in the rulebook? A: Jens suggests consultation of the Code of Conduct document located on the website and sends link to same.
 - Chief Referee Alun confirms that the Chief Ref. may refer matters (disciplinary) to the Ground Jury

 - WTC Australia 2023 insurance for travelling teams/riders–
 - Warwick indicates that ambulance service coverage is needed since this is not a feature of standard travel insurance and is a cost expected in the case of injury
 - Confirmation provided that IMGGA has not historically nor does it now have insurance available for riders;
 - Warwick will look into this but questions: that attending countries’ insurance providers providing overall travel insurance are the ones who would provide this question about medical and transport coverage
 - Travelling to France for WTC 2022 would have had the same questions/provisions?

- IMGGA AGM 2023 question to consider-
 - Between now and the November AGM, please discuss with your organizations/riders/parents/supporters –
 - ***“Should IMGGA include a trot-up at our competitions?”***

- Next meeting of the IMGGA International Representatives will be the AGM in November

Agenda Item 8 – Newsletter –

- No report

Adjournment: 20:10 (UK time) 21:10 CET