



International Mounted Games Association Rules Committee

Rule Change Request Document

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Summary of Change Requested:

Update and slight change in sequence for Arena Officials rules

Current Rule Book Wording:

Nothing on roles and oversight role of the Chief Referee in competition

Suggested New Rule Book Wording:

Make existing Rule infringements section AO2.1 into a new section 4.1 and push section AO4.x etc downwards

New Section AO2.x as follows

Chief Referee

AO2.1 The IMGA Chief Referee, or their nominee in that role, shall be in attendance at all IMGA sanctioned competitions. At national competitions the national body normally appoints a Chief Referee for the event.

AO2.2 Where conflicts of interests arise the Chief Referee should appoint a nominee to the role for a specific age group in which the conflict applies.

AO2.3 The Chief Referee for the event is responsible for ensuring a fair and equitable competition.

AO2.4 The Chief Referee at a competition may review refereeing decisions, in the event of an error being made during the competition. A possible refereeing error can be reviewed up to the time when the next stage of the competition arises (eg qualification to semi-finals, or finals or declaration of final results). This may include, if appropriate, the reversal of an original decision.

AO2.5 The Chief Referee's decision in such instances is final.

AO2.6 Appeals to or reviews by the Chief Referee may be called for by the Chief Referee themselves, the Referee of the heat / session (who may be the competition Chief referee), or directly affected teams, pairs or riders, preferably via their trainers where present.

AO2.7 Where there are a panel of referees appointed to a competition the Chief Referee may consult these referees when decisions on such appeals are being decided.

Reason for Change Request:

To document and clarify in the rule book the role of the competition Chief Referee in resolving difficult decisions that from time to time occur.

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Submission Date: 27-04-2026

Decision Date:

Votes	
Total In Favour:	
Total Not In Favour:	

Result:

Actual Adopted New Rule Book Wording:

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Reason for Decision:

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Implementation Date:	
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