



Procedures of the International Mounted Games Association Rules Committee

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Procedure 1

Election of members to the IMGA Rules Committee

The Following procedure outlines how members are elected to the IMGA Rules Committee

- 1.1. The IMGA Rules Committee is made up of 6 individuals, one each representing England, Scotland and Wales plus three further individuals from the remaining member nations of IMGA. Each individual sits on the committee for a two year term of office after which he/she may stand for re-election.
- 1.2. Election of the three members of the Rules Committee from England, Scotland and Wales will be performed internally by MGAGB. MGAGB will inform the IMGA Chairman of their decision by the 31st December in each election year (even years).
- 1.3. Election of the three further members of the Rules Committee will be conducted by the International Representatives of the countries affected (i.e. all IMGA members except for England, Scotland and Wales) on the occasion of the IMGA Annual General Meeting in each election year (even years) and become effective on the 1st January of the following year.
- 1.4. An individual (not from England, Scotland or Wales) wishing to stand for election to the Rules Committee should submit their candidature to the Chairman of IMGA no less than 1 month prior to the agreed date of the meeting where the election will be held. This submission should be in writing and be seconded by an IMGA committee member. Both should sign the submission.
- 1.5. The IMGA Chairman will inform the IMGA committee of the full list of candidates for the Rules Committee no less than 3 weeks prior to the agreed election date.
- 1.6. The election will be by way of secret ballot. Each member eligible to vote will select three names from the candidates list. The three individuals to have polled the most votes will be elected to the Rules Committee. In the event of a tied vote for third place, the vote will be repeated for only those tied individuals with each member casting only one vote. If the result is still a tie, the IMGA chairman has the casting vote.
- 1.7. If a committee member resigns their position or becomes unable to continue their duties in their role during their term of office, a replacement will be appointed by the same election procedure at the earliest possible occasion. Such an interim election will only be valid until the next scheduled election.



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Procedure 2

Election of IMGA Rules Committee Chairman

The following procedure outlines how to appoint the Chairman of the IMGA Rules Committee and the responsibilities associated with the role.

- 2.1. Each newly elected Rules Committee must appoint a Chairman who will be responsible for coordinating the efforts of the committee and acting as its central point of contact.
- 2.2. The Chairman will be elected by a simple majority vote of the members of the committee. The IMGA chairman will collect the votes of each member individually and will announce the result to all committee members. In the event of a tie, the IMGA chairman has the casting vote.



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Procedure 3

Submitting Rule Change Requests to the IMGA Rules Committee

The following procedure explains how rule change requests should be submitted to the IMGA Rules Committee for consideration.

- 3.1. Rule change requests can only be made by International Representatives or members of the IMGA Rules Committee. Requests should be made in writing and submitted to the IMGA Rules Committee Chairman.
- 3.2. Written rule change requests should quote the existing rule book wording and the suggested new wording as well as a reason for why such a change is required.
- 3.3. The IMGA Rules Committee Chairman has the right to reject any rule change requests that do not conform to this standard. Should this be the case, the IMGA Rules Committee Chairman will inform the individual submitting the request as to the reasons for doing so.



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Procedure 4

Decision Process on Rule Change Requests

The following procedure explains how the IMGA Rules Committee determine whether a rules change request is approved.

- 4.1. The IMGA Rules Committee Chairman summarises a rule change request into a standard document highlighting the existing wording in the rule book and the suggested change along with the reason for the rule change request and any supporting documentation.
- 4.2. This document will be circulated to all IMGA Rules Committee members by the Chairman requesting either approval or rejection of the request. It will be the Chairman's responsibility to actively chase any member who has not responded within three weeks.
- 4.3. In order for a rule change request to be passed it needs to be approved by at least five of the six committee members.
- 4.4. Only one rule change request should be in circulation to the committee at any one time.
- 4.5. Rule change requests will be circulated to the committee by the Chairman in the order in which they are received by the Chairman.



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Procedure 5 Reporting of Rule Change Request Results

The following procedure explains how the decisions of the IMGA Rules Committee are to be reported to a wider audience.

- 5.1. Once all committee members have voted on a rule change request, the result of the vote together with any comments or reasoning given will be summarised on the rule change request document by the Chairman.
- 5.2. The Chairman will circulate the completed document to all members of the committee as well as the individual who initially submitted the rule change request (if different).
- 5.3. The Chairman will further ensure that the completed document is published on the IMGA web site together with the date upon which the rule change will become effective (see procedure 6) if the change has been approved (see procedure 4.3.) as well as the details of how each member of the rules committee voted.



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Procedure 6

Bringing Rule Changes into Force and Reprinting Rule Books

The following procedure explains how and when agreed rule changes come into force and how these changes are reflected in the official rule book.

- 6.1. Any rule change request that is approved by the IMGA Rules Committee will come into force on the 1st January of the following year.
- 6.2. On the 1st January of each year or as soon as is reasonable thereafter, the IMGA Rules Committee decides whether the number of rule changes to come into force for that year warrants a full reprint of the official rule book or simply the print of an information sheet to be circulated to all members highlighting the new rule changes.
- 6.3. In the event that a full rule book reprint is needed, it is the responsibility of the IMGA Rules Committee Chairman to coordinate the print run and to then liaise with the IMGA Officer for Finance and Administration to distribute new copies of the rules book to the member nations. This process should be completed before the 31st March



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Procedure 7

Restrictions on submission of Rule Change Requests

In order to prevent rejected rule changes from continuously being submitted until such time as they are passed, certain restrictions need to be imposed.

- 7.1. If a rule change request has been rejected by the IMGA Rules Committee, the same rule change may not be submitted by any International Representative for a period of two years from the date of the original submission.
- 7.2. If a rule change request submitted by an International Representative is deemed by the Chairman not to be significantly different from an already rejected request from within the previous two years, it may be rejected (see 3.3.).
- 7.3. Although International Representatives may not resubmit already rejected rule change requests for a period of years, this restriction does not apply to members of the IMGA Rules Committee. However, if a member of the committee wishes to make such a resubmission, they should be able to present sufficient reason for doing so.