International Mounted Games Association
Health, Safety and Risk Management Sub-Committee

Interim Update Report 01.06.2015 prepared by Annie Martin on behalf of Alun Whitney

WOD for Health, Safety and Welfare review:

Finishing touches to the Health, Safety and Welfare document is on its way.
As the document includes separate parts that has not yet been worked out to the full, it may change towards the meeting in November.

WOD for Stimulants:

For riders:
It is our understanding that IMGA wish to sign up to WADA and continuously follow the guidelines of the FEI.
A document will be made stating these facts and should also be included in the next rule book.
This will also need to be a part of a "Waiver Form" signed by reps/riders prior to competing each year at IMGA sanctioned competitions.
We support this decision from the perspectives of both risk management and safety in the arena.
We are currently looking into incooperating "Fitness to ride" in the policy as well which will cover alcohol, substance abuse, head injury etc, and are working on the correct wording from a Risk Management perspective.

For horses:
We will continue to follow the rules of FEI

WOD for Risk Management Strategy:

Fortunately we have David who is an expert on this topic, and he has made a short policy to be backed up by a longer document.
These are at the moment under review by the entire committee and are fully expected to be ready shortly.

WOD for Insurance strategy:

Nothing to report at this stage

Extra

Once our WODs are ready, two other subjects will be worked at:
1) Andrew Gibson is working on a database draft to collect data on injuries/incidents to be used for future decisions.
2) A Waiver Form will be made for reps/riders to sign before an IMGA sanctioned competition. This form will include subjects to be acknowledged by all participants such as:

Horse welfare
Appropriate behaviour
Substance abuse
Potentially insurance (we will look into this)
Responsibilities
etc.

We are also considering a similar form for the host country.

That is all from us at the moment. We have had a slow start due to different circumstances, but I hope we will make it in time.

Members of the sub-committee :

Alun Whitney (Chairman), Annie Martin (Secretary), Peter Dale, Andrew Gibson, David Harris, Megan Marr.