



Constitution - Main

of the International Mounted Games Association

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Changes made to this document November 2013 :

Some minor changes in terminology for consistency with other documents, in particular clarification of the terms “Executive Officers” and “Executive Committee”

Addition to the “Role of the Association” to emphasise the importance of the interests of the members.

Membership is redefined to remove several different levels of membership.

Addition of post of “Chief Referee” as an officer of the Association.

Only the Rules Committee is now mentioned as a permanent committee.

Changes made to this document October 2020 :

A minor textual change was made in October 2020 to clarify access to the current Registered Address of the Association.

A minor textual change was made to specify the current legal status of the company (definitions have changed since the first incorporation in 2003).



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Part 1 : Definitions

The Association

The name of the Association is :
"International Mounted Games Association"
(referred to as "the Association" or "IMGA")

Objectives of the Association

- 1) The objective of the Association is to encourage friendship and cooperation between people of different nations through the sport of Mounted Games.
- 2) The Association aims to provide a central controlling and co-ordinating function for Mounted Games at a worldwide level.

These objectives are implemented by the Association through the following actions :

- Facilitate the playing of Mounted Games at international competitions on both a friendly and highly competitive basis.
- Promote interest in Mounted Games internationally amongst participating riders, trainers, officials, and audiences.
- Promote training for Mounted Games riders, trainers, and officials.
- Promote regulation and qualification of Mounted Games trainers and officials.
- Define and promote proper conduct on and off the field of play for Mounted Games riders, trainers, officials, and audiences.
- Ensure the running of International Mounted Games competitions and events, leading to the granting of titles, awards, and trophies.
- Regulate the standards of International Mounted Games competitions.
- Develop dialogue and cooperation between Mounted Games and the governing bodies of other branches of equestrian and other sports.
- Act as the sole representative body for International Mounted Games.
- Maintain and enforce the rules of Mounted Games.
- Promote and control adequate standards of care and protection for the ponies used in Mounted Games competitions.
- Promote or carry out any other activities which serve the best interests of members of the Association.

Role of the Association

Members of the Association may have their own individual or corporate rules, procedures, and constitutions. To avoid conflict in their application, the scope of the responsibilities and activities of the Association are defined as being limited to actions which cut across national boundaries and may be applied uniformly at an international level. Activities undertaken by the Association must be in accordance with the objectives listed above.

The Association exists for the benefit of its members, whose best interests are always considered.



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Legal Status

The International Mounted Games Association is incorporated as a “Private Limited Company by guarantee without share capital use of 'Limited' exemption” (No. 5061664) by the Registrar of Companies for England and Wales under the Companies Act 1985. Registration was on March 3 2004.

Membership

Membership of the Association consists of all organisations who are registered as members and have paid the current affiliation fee.

Each member organisation nominates an International Representative to act as the contact person with the Association.

Finance

The Association is a not-for-profit sporting organisation. The proper control of the Association's finances is specified in the Financial Regulations (Regulations of IMGA).

Meetings

The Association holds an Annual General Meeting to which all International Representatives are invited. This annual meeting, plus all other meetings which may be held as necessary, may be physical face-to-face meetings where all participants assemble, or they may be virtual meetings making use of ICT technology to link participants in real-time or off-line electronic communication.

All discussion, votes recorded, and decisions taken electronically are equally valid to those taken in face-to-face meetings.

Any International Representative properly entitled to vote may cast a vote by proxy, provided the proxy is registered in accordance with the defined voting procedures.

Transparency

The Association is an open organisation with freedom of information and transparent and open decision making procedures. Free access by all members to all records, financial and other, is guaranteed.

Winding Up

In the event of the dissolution of the Association, the assets will be disposed of in the following manner :

- Priority 1 : Winding up of current activities
- Priority 2 : Settlement of all outstanding liabilities
- Priority 3 : Disposal of the residual assets



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Part 2 : Organisation

Registered Office

The address of the Registered Office of the Association is recorded at Companies House, and can be accessed on the Companies House website by searching for information on "Company number 05061664".

Management Structure

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee is the main decision-making authority of the Association. It is composed of the International Representatives.

Executive Officers of the Association

Chairman

The chairman is elected by the International Representatives to serve a term of office of two years. The duties and responsibilities of the chairman are defined in the Regulations of IMGA.

Vice-Chairman

The vice-chairman is elected by the International Representatives to serve a term of office of two years. The duties and responsibilities of the vice-chairman are defined in the Regulations of IMGA.

Officers with specific executive responsibilities

Officers to fill the following executive positions of specific responsibility are elected by the International Representatives to serve a term of office of two years :

- Finance and Administration
- Development
- Communication
- Chief Referee

The duties and responsibilities of the officers are defined in the Regulations of IMGA.

Sub-Committees / Working Groups

Sub-committees and Working Groups are set up as required, but there is one permanent sub-committee :

- Rules Committee

The responsibilities and duties of the Chairman of this committee are defined in the Regulations of IMGA.



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Annex 1 : Amendments to this constitution

Part 1 of this constitution specifies the basic "building blocks" of the organisation, its aims and objectives, and structure. This part of the constitution is fundamental to the Association and may only be modified under the following strict conditions :

Any proposal for change must be made by an International Representative and supported by at least two other International Representatives.

A period of 2 months must be allowed for consideration and discussion of the proposal by the members of Executive Committee prior to any vote.

A vote by the Executive Committee decides whether the proposal should be adopted and Part 1 of the constitution changed or not.

The decision requires at least a 65% voting rate to be valid, and the proposal must receive at least two thirds of all votes cast to be accepted.

Part 2 of this constitution describes organisational structures put in place to best serve the aims and objectives of Part 1. This organisational structure needs to be flexible to allow the Association to evolve and to react to external influences in the appropriate way. This part of the constitution is operational and may be modified under conditions less strict than those required to change Part 1 :

Any proposal for change must be made by an International Representative and supported by at least two other International Representatives.

A period of 1 month must be allowed for consideration and discussion of the proposal by the members of Executive Committee prior to any vote.

A vote by the Executive Committee decides whether the proposal should be adopted and Part 2 of the constitution changed or not.

The decision requires at least a 65% voting rate to be valid, and the proposal must receive a simple majority of all votes cast to be accepted.