



INTERNATIONAL MOUNTED GAMES ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting 2015

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**Held at the Clyde Court Hotel, Dublin, Ireland
Saturday December 5 and Sunday December 6 2015**

This record of the meeting has been compiled from notes made at the time by Frie Martin.

The sequence in which agenda items were treated was not the same as published in the original agenda. This record, however, follows the original agenda sequence.

Meeting opened : Saturday December 5 at 09:30

Present : Position / Country

IMGA officers :

Keith Martin	Chairman
Alun Whitney	Vice-Chairman
Jens Martin	Development
Sean Bource	Communication
Peter Dale	Chief Referee

International Representatives :

Rachel Lechner	Austria	(video link)
Florence Hennuy	Belgium	
Quentin Voeltzel	Burkina Faso	
Brent Couch	Canada	(video link)
Signe Sehested	Denmark	
Nikki Carter	England	
Elise Gapaillard	France	
Heiko Voss	Germany	
Mark Devitt	Ireland	
Annika Labruier	Luxembourg	(video link)
Margaret Welsby	New Zealand	
Brian Kennedy	Northern Ireland	
Inger Hilmersen	Norway	
Paul Greiling	USA	(video link)
Roger Dawson	Wales	

Unable to attend, but represented by proxy :

Jaques Cavé	Italy
Mehdi Khatibi	Iran
Ian Marr	South Africa
Gunilla Adolfsson	Sweden
Philippe Gargallo	Switzerland

Proxy holder :

Alberta Gambigioni (video link)
Keith Martin
Jens Martin
Ulrika Alexandersson
Sean Bourse

Unable to attend, no proxy received :

Phil Logue	Australia
Euan Taylor	Scotland

Others present :

Frie Martin	(notes of meeting)	
Pierre Marsille	Belgium	
Conor O'Leary	Ireland	
Rory Prime	Northern Ireland	Video Director
Valentin Vieilledent	France	
Dieter Birreck	Germany	
Jerome O'Connor	Ireland	
Liz Englert	USA	

1. Introduction

The attendance list is shown above, with information on proxies, submitted in writing and recorded, from those members unable to attend.

The meeting opened with a test of the video links and a presentation of some practical details for the weekend, the timetable for the meeting, and the allocation of costs between MGA Ireland, IMGA, and the individuals present.

2. Looking Back at 2015

2.1 Review of IMGA's year

Keith Martin reported on the activities of 2015 covering some of the highlights and problems encountered as well as the regular daily business of running the Association.

Sean Bourse appealed to all members for contributions to the regular IMGA newsletters and requested that each country should nominate a specific person to coordinate those contributions. Contact point : imga.communication@mounted-games.org

2.2 Rules Committee Report

The large number of Rule Changes agreed during 2015 were reviewed and although the current Rule Book is only 1 year old the recommendation of the Rules Committee was that a new version should be printed for 2016. The changes are substantial and include completely new games.

Before this was decided, the question of an electronic version of the Rule Book was raised. The Rule Book has never been available in electronic format because that would significantly affect Rule Book sales with a resulting significant loss of income for IMGA.

[Decision : 15/01] A 2016 edition of the Rule Book will be produced in both the normal printed format (but a reduced number), and an electronic format.

Action : Prepare the 2016 Rule Book for printing (Rules Committee), arrange printing (Keith Martin), and investigate the technical possibilities for an electronic version (Technology sub-committee).

2.3 Financial Report

In the absence of Pola Schal, this point was presented by Jens Martin.

A report on the current financial situation of IMGA was distributed to all members. It was emphasised that this is not a final financial statement for 2015 – that will be prepared later when all transactions for the year have been resolved.

The current report is shown in Attachment for 2.3

It was requested that in future the financial statement should also show the previous year's figures.

[Decision : 15/02] The automatic percentage rise in Affiliation Fees for 2016 is set at zero, so there will be no change to the current level of GBP 315.00

Action : Invoices for Affiliation Fees in the normal way (Jens Martin)

2.4 Reviews of 2015 IMGA sanctioned competitions

World Team Championship (USA)

Liz Englert reported on the Open Team Championship held at the Kentucky Horse Park and the U-17 Team Championship held in Florida.

The text of this report is not available.

World Pairs Championship (MGAGB)

Written report received from Mary Worth (see Attachment 2 for 2.4)

World Individual Championship (MGAGB)

Written report received from Mary Worth (see Attachment 3 for 2.4)

European Team and Individual Championship (France)

Report by Quentin Voeltzel, but the text is not available

Nations Championship (Australia)

Report by Alun Whitney, but the text is not available

2.5 IMGA Sub Committee Reports for 2015

Compliance Sub Committee

Keith Martin reported on the activities of the group, covering each WOD, but most of the work had been done on the development of a system for managing entries to WIC and WPC.

Full details are available on the IMGA website at

http://www.mounted-games.org/imga/organisation/sc/sc_compliance.html

The WIC/WPC entry management procedure is described below under point 4.15

FEI Integration and WEG 2018 Action Group

Paul Greiling reported on the work of the group, and emphasised an agreement between Horseball and FEI which could give Mounted Games an entry point. The possibilities are being examined.

Some doubts were expressed about FEI's level of interest at a time when they seem to want to reduce the number of sports, not accept new ones.

It was generally agreed that getting Mounted Games into WEG in Canada in 2018 should be a priority. Brent Couch reported that no agreement had yet been reached but they are working on it.

Full details are available on the IMGA website at

http://www.mounted-games.org/imga/organisation/sc/sc_feiweg.html

Finance and Budgeting Sub Committee

In the absence of Pola Schal, this point was presented by Jens Martin.

No significant progress to report. There is apparently no longer any interest in changing the name of our sport.

Full details are available on the IMGA website at

http://www.mounted-games.org/imga/organisation/sc/sc_finance.html

Health, Safety and Risk Management Sub Committee

Alun Whitney introduced a detailed proposal prepared by Dave Harris but the presentation was interrupted by problems with the video link.

For the full text of the proposal refer to Attachment 1 for 2.5

When contact was made again the following morning the following decision was made :

[Decision : 15/03] To accept the document in its present form, but to also produce a less technical summary. The sub-committee to proceed with implementation

Full details are available on the IMGA website at

http://www.mounted-games.org/imga/organisation/sc/sc_healthsafety.html

International Development Sub Committee

Jens Martin presented the current progress with several potential new member countries.

During 2015 Iran was accepted as a new member and negotiations are well advanced with Malaysia, South Korea, and Pakistan.

Spain remains almost a member but has not yet completed the procedure.

Negotiations are going on with Afghanistan, Mauritius, Swaziland, Zambia, UAE.

Antigua and Bulgaria have also expressed an interest.

New Zealand has had contact with Norfolk Island, and China.

Full details are available on the IMGA website at
http://www.mounted-games.org/imga/organisation/sc/sc_intdev.html

Sponsorship and Promotions Sub Committee

This group has not been successful. The members of the group have not been motivated to contribute, but the chairman, Sean Bourse, will change the structure of the group as necessary for 2016.

Full details are available on the IMGA website at
http://www.mounted-games.org/imga/organisation/sc/sc_sponsorship.html

Strategic Planning Sub Committee

Refer to 4.2 below.

Full details are available on the IMGA website at
http://www.mounted-games.org/imga/organisation/sc/sc_stratplan.html

Technology and Social Media Sub Committee

Keith Martin reported that due to the high level of activity in the Compliance group he has not been able to give enough time to Technology, and so without leadership the group has not achieved substantial results.

However, the enormous improvement in the performance of the video link for this meeting was thanks to Rory Prime, a member of this sub-committee.

Full details are available on the IMGA website at
http://www.mounted-games.org/imga/organisation/sc/sc_technology.html

Training and Qualification Sub Committee

Peter Dale reported on the progress in referee training and plans to extend the scope of future training.

Full details are available on the IMGA website at
http://www.mounted-games.org/imga/organisation/sc/sc_training.html

3. Looking Forward to 2015 and Beyond

3.0 Post of Chief Referee

A proposal was made by the USA to modify the role of the Chief Referee, replacing a single official with a group made up of representatives from different parts of the world (Europe, North America, Southern Hemisphere, etc.).

After discussion a vote was taken :

[Decision : 15/04] To retain a single Chief Referee, supported by a cross-section of experienced referees around the world.

3.1 Election of IMGA Executive Officers for the period 2016-2017

Chief Referee : there was only one candidate, **Alun Whitney**, who was confirmed for a term of 2 years.

Officer for International Development : there was only one candidate, **Quentin Voeltzel**, who was confirmed for a term of 2 years.

Officer for Finance and Administration : there was only one candidate, **Jens Martin**, who was confirmed for a term of only 1 year, following the resignation of Pola Schal.

Vice Chairman : there were two candidates, and the result of a secret ballot on paper was :

Iain Hopkins :	12 votes
Paul Greiling :	6 votes
Abstentions :	2

Iain Hopkins was therefore confirmed for a term of only 1 year, following the resignation of Alun Whitney.

Chairman : there was only one candidate, **Keith Martin**, who was confirmed for a term of 2 years.

3.2 Presentation of details for 2016 IMGA sanctioned competitions

IMGA World Team Championship (Ireland)

Information in Attachment 1 for 3.2

IMGA World Pairs Championship (Denmark)

Information in Attachment 2 for 3.2

See also <http://www.worldpairs2016.com/>

IMGA World Individual Championship (Wales)

Information in Attachment 3 for 3.2

IMGA European Team and Individual Championship (Germany)

Information in Attachment 4 for 3.2

See also http://www.mountedgames2016.com/index_en.html

Questions were raised about the application of German national rules to an IMGA international championship. Specifically the use of standing martingales. Heiko Voss agreed to raise the matter with the German Federation and has subsequently confirmed that standing martingales will be allowed. Efforts will also be made to increase the arena sizes.

IMGA Nations Championship (South Africa)

An additional competition (South African Championship) will be held at the same time and visiting riders will be welcome to take part.

3.3 Appointment of referees for these 2016 IMGA sanctioned competitions

Voting then took place for referees for each of the IMGA sanctioned competitions in 2016. Representatives were only allowed to vote for competitions for which they were eligible to participate. The results were :

IMGA World Team Championship Open (1 ref) :

Alun Whitney

IMGA World Team Championship U-17 (1 ref) :

Davy Quinn

IMGA World Pairs (4 refs) :

Eivind Kjuus, Alun Whitney, Davy Quinn, Rob Lockyer

IMGA World Individuals (6 refs) :

Nikki Cater, Mike Dyke-Garfield, Rob Lockyer, Christine Maziere, Davy Quinn, Alun Whitney

IMGA European Team (4 refs) :

Alun Whitney, Dieter Birreck, Nikki Carter, Pierre-Luc Portron

IMGA European Individuals (1 ref) :

Davy Quinn

IMGA Nations Championship (1 ref) :

Alun Whitney

In addition, it was unanimously agreed to appoint Peter Dale as a full IMGA Certified Referee.

Action : Apply the results of the voting to the practical requirements of each competition (Alun Whitney)

Action : To publish the final results on the IMGA website (Keith Martin)

3.4 Appointment of hosts for 2018 IMGA sanctioned competitions

IMGA World Team Championship Open

There was a single candidate : Belgium

Further information in Attachment 1 for 3.4

[Decision : 15/05] Hosting of the IMGA World Team Championship Open for 2018 was awarded to Belgium.

IMGA World Team Championship U-17

There was a single candidate : Belgium

Further information in Attachment 1 for 3.4

[Decision : 15/06] Hosting of the IMGA World Team Championship U-17 for 2018 was awarded to Belgium.

The future status of this championship was discussed but any decision was postponed until next year.

IMGA World Pairs Championship

There was a single candidate : Denmark

[Decision : 15/07] Hosting of the IMGA World Pairs Championship for 2018 was awarded to Denmark.

IMGA World Individual Championship

There was a single candidate : laBonde/MGA France

Objections were raised by FFE France based on their non-recognition of laBonde/MGA France, and subsequent discussions on this point were inconclusive.

It was generally understood that la Bonde/MGA France and FFE should work together to make it possible to hold this championship in France in 2018 as proposed, but there was no clear agreement.

Whether the hosting was confirmed for France and the details left to la Bonde/MGA France and FFE to work out the details, or the hosting still remains a completely open question, is currently unclear. Further discussion and negotiation is necessary to resolve this matter, plus a consultation with all International Representatives to clarify the hosting situation.

Action : consultation laBonde/MGA France and FFE

Action : consultation with International Representatives (Keith Martin)

IMGA European Team and Individual Championship

There was a single candidate : laBonde/MGA France

Comments and actions as above for the World Individual Championship.

IMGA Nations Championship

There were no candidates

3.5 Decision on host and date for 2016 IMGA Annual General Meeting

Offers were received from Belgium and Luxembourg.

The offer from Belgium was presented by Florence Hennuy (see Attachment 1 for 3.5) and by Annika Labruier and Jens Martin for Luxembourg (see Attachment 2 for 3.5)

The International Representatives voted on the two proposals with the following results :

Belgium : 8 votes
Luxembourg : 7 votes
Abstentions : 5

[Decision : 15/08] Belgium will host the IMGA 2016 Annual Meeting at the Van der Valk hotel in Charleroi November 12-13.

It was also noted that South Africa would be interested to host the 2017 meeting at the same time as the WTC 2017.

3.6 Modification to the timetable for the official record of the meeting

Keith Martin proposed a change to the schedule for issuing the official record of the annual meeting.

[Decision : 15/09] The first draft of the official record of the meeting must be sent to all International Representatives within 4 weeks of the end of the meeting. Approval by the International Representatives will in future be in cycles of 2 weeks.

Action : Update Procedure 5 (Jens Martin)

4. Important Discussions and Decisions

4.1 Trophies

Reinstate Southern Hemisphere Trophy ?

After some discussion no definite decision was taken, so no change to the current IMGA Trophy List.

Repair / Renovation of Trophies

Several of the trophies need repair but the problem is that they are never in the possession of IMGA for more than a few days. A new effort to make repairs will be made in 2016.

Action : contact current trophy holders to assess the requirements (Keith Martin)

4.2 Modification to Membership Criteria

Nikki Carter presented proposals for changes to the IMGA Membership Criteria.

For details refer to Attachment 1 for 4.2

[Decision : 15/10] The proposals changes are accepted for implementation in 2016.

Action : update procedures and all IMGA official documents with references to the Membership Criteria (Jens Martin / Keith Martin)

4.3 Ranking of Under-12 riders ?

It was explained that in Norway the National Sports Federation does not allow U-12 players to be ranked. This means it is unlikely that IMGA sanctioned competitions involving Under-12 groups could be held there.

4.4 Use of GamesPro

Keith Martin gave a short presentation on the new features already implemented in GamesPro, or currently under development. Mostly they concern the capability to live stream rider information and results.

Those organisers who do not currently use this software are actively encouraged to do so in accordance with Decision : 32/14.

A proposal to replace the current method of doing draws and to instead use the integrated draw system integrated into GamesPro was discussed but there was little or no interest.

4.5 Training for Referees

Alun Whitney outlined his plans for training of both referees and assistant referees, with the objective of having sufficient certified assistant referees for all championships within 3 years at the very latest.

There was a request to hold training courses in French.

4.6 Use of Video

Peter Dale reviewed the use of video as an aid to referees.

A general discussion followed with general agreement on the increased use of video where possible, but with the understanding that it is a tool available to the referee for use *if required*. There is no obligation on the referee to consistently and regularly check video.

Action : the Technology sub-committee to look at the possibilities for centralised video monitoring (Technology sc)

4.7 Height/Weight Limits – time to make adjustments ? Enforcement ?

Peter Dale presented some proposed changes to the graphs which determine the limits on matching riders to ponies in terms of height, weight, and experience.

For both the Height Restrictions graph and the Weight Restrictions graph, Peter proposed removal of the highest line and the addition of a new line lower down.

[Decision : 15/11] The proposals changes are accepted for implementation in 2017.

Action : update the IMGA website with the new versions (Keith Martin)

Clarification of the terms used to describe ponies (slight / medium / strong) and riders (experienced / average / inexperienced) will be provided.

It was further agreed that height/weight information should be required on entry forms.

[Decision : 15/12] For 2017 height/weight information for riders and ponies will be required on entry forms.

Graphs are shown in Attachment 1 for 4.7

4.8 Arena Size

There was some discussion on the importance of maintaining standards for arena size, plus the possibility of different dimensions depending on the playing surface.

There were no specific decisions requiring immediate action.

4.9 Rules Relating to Pony and Rider Welfare and Safety

Nikki Carter presented a proposal for tightening up on the checking of tack and pony size.

Refer to Attachment 1 for 4.9

The rules should be rigorously enforced and be seen to be done regularly.
The proposals will be passed to the Rules Committee for clarification and integration into existing rules and procedures.

Action : Rules Committee

4.10 Use of Appeals

This point was requested by and presented by Northern Ireland. For the full text refer to Attachment 1 for 4.10

There was a very lively discussion. Representatives of the Rules Committee insisted that the rule which has been implemented is a correct reflection of what was decided by this meeting in 2013, and that it is perhaps a poor understanding or a bad implementation of the rule which is causing problems.

There was general agreement that appeals should only be used in “self defence” and not as an “offensive weapon” against another rider or team, especially when the one making the appeal was not even involved in the incident in question.

Three options were considered :

Abandon the appeals procedure completely – Rejected.

Do nothing, make no changes, keep the procedure as it is – 7 votes in favour

An appeal can only be made by a team/pair/rider directly involved in the incident – 12 votes in favour

[Decision : 15/13] To refer the matter to the Rules Committee for further examination

Action : Rules Committee

4.11 Responsibility for delivering a championship compliant with IMGA requirements

Sean Bource proposed a means to control the situation where a host country is selected for a future IMGA sanctioned competition, but does then not respect the norms and standards expected.

A legal document was proposed with details of all requirements, agreements, and penalties for non-conformance. Agreed unanimously.

[Decision : 15/14] To refer the matter to the Compliance sub-committee for further development

Action : Compliance sc

4.12 Selection of games for competitions

During 2015 Peter Dale created a document which provided guidance for the selection of games to be played in IMGA sanctioned competitions.

It was published on the IMGA website in May 2015 and used by Peter during 2015. This resulted in some minor changes, and the document is now ready for approval and general use.

[Decision : 15/15] The document is now approved for general use.

Action : Update website (Keith Martin)

4.13 Competition organisation – some questions

With the re-sequencing of the agenda in section 4, this subject did not come up for discussion until many International Representatives had already had to leave.

There was some discussion but no official decisions were made.

4.14 Champions League

With the re-sequencing of the agenda in section 4, this subject did not come up for discussion until the presenter, Quentin Voeltzel, had already had to leave.

4.15 Management of entries for World Individuals and Pairs Championships

Each of the two proposals (refer to Attachment 1 for 4.15) were presented by the groups which developed them : IMGGA Compliance sub-committee, and FFE.

It was apparent that any such system will only be needed when there is a limit on entries and demand exceeds supply. If there are places enough for all riders who wish to enter then no such procedure is necessary.

Given that this is the situation for 2016 (confirmed by the two organisers) there is no urgent need to decide between the two proposals.

It was proposed instead to test the two proposals against each other by simulating their use during 2016, and to report back on the results at the next meeting.

[Decision : 15/16] The two proposals will be tested during 2016.

Action : Testing by Compliance sub-committee and FFE

5. Any Other Business

No items for Any Other Business were received within the deadline set in the agenda.

The International Representative from Belgium asked that every national MGA should fill in a form giving information on their riders who are allowed to compete internationally with confirmation that they have the appropriate personal insurance coverage. The form will be sent to everyone at the beginning of 2016.

The Chairman thanked everyone, and in particular Frie Martin who diligently took notes, allowing the preparation of this document, Rory Prime for setting up and running the SKYPE system which allowed the remote participation of 5 people, and Mark Devitt who made all the arrangements for the meeting room and hotel accommodation.

Meeting closed : Sunday December 6 at 16:30

Agenda item number Results of voting IMGA Annual Meeting December 2015																				Austria	Belgium	Burkina Faso	Canada	Denmark	England	France	Germany	Ireland	Italy (by proxy)	Iran (by proxy)	Luxembourg	New Zealand	Northern Ireland	Norway	South Africa (by proxy)	Sweden (by proxy)	Switzerland (by proxy)	U S A	Wales	
4.7 Accept proposed changes to Height/Weight graphs for implementation in 2017	yes		yes	yes	✓																																			
4.7 Require height/weight information on entry forms from 2017	yes	yes	✓																																					
4.10 Modification to the Appeals procedure	yes	yes	no	no	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	no	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	✓																		
4.11 Development of a binding contract for selected competition hosts	yes	yes	✓																																					
4.12 Full implementation of the document describing how to select games for IMGA sanctioned competitions	yes	yes	✓																																					
4.15 To test the two proposals during 2016	yes	yes	no	yes		yes	no	yes	✓																															

Attachment for 2.3 : Financial Report 2015



International Mounted Games Association Financial Summary for the period 15/11/14 - 13/11/15

Income

2015 Affiliation Fees	GBP	6,457.50
2014 Rule Book Sales	GBP	589.90
2015 Rule Book Sales	GBP	4,473.98
Late Payment Penalties	GBP	180.00
Donations	GBP	111.82
E equipment Manufacturer Licencing	GBP	243.00
2015 IMGA Rider Fees	GBP	3,270.00

Expenditure

Admin Expenses (Postage, Phone costs, Web Site etc.)	GBP	2,055.73
2015 IMGA Rule Book Printing	GBP	1,811.38
2014 IMGA Meeting Expenses	GBP	424.22
Bank & Paypal Charges	GBP	397.30
IMGA Review/Visit Expenses	GBP	696.48
IMGA Officer Travel Expenses	GBP	1,495.62
IMGA Referee Training Course Expenses	GBP	317.50
Trophy Repairs	GBP	16.00
IMGA Referee Travel Expenses	GBP	461.51

The item "Donations" above is the result of some confusion over the Belgian 2015 Affiliation Fee payment.

The amount will be credited to Belgium in 2016.

Total: GBP 15,326.20

Total: GBP 7,675.74

Opening Balance:	GBP	16,290.37
Plus Income:	GBP	15,326.20
Less Expenditure	GBP	7,675.74
Closing Balance:	GBP	23,940.83



International Mounted Games Association Transactions for the period 15/11/14 - 13/11/15

Opening Balance : GBP 16,290.37

Transactions	Expenditure	Income
27/11/2014 Payment to Jens Martin for 2014 IMGA AGM travel expenses	352.01	
27/11/2014 IMGA, 2014 Rule Books - Paypal		26.39
01/12/2014 Payment to Keith Martin for 2014 IMGA AGM travel expenses	566.83	
17/12/2014 Payment to Bridgend College for 2014 IMGA Referee course admin expenses	150.00	
17/12/2014 Payment to Keith Martin for 2014 Postage and Admin Expenses	423.28	
17/12/2014 Payment to Gillian Scott for IMGA Trophy repairs	16.00	
17/12/2014 Payment to Peter Dale for 2014 IMGA Referee course travel expenses	167.50	
17/12/2014 Payment to Peter Dale for 2014 IMGA ETIC Inspection travel expenses	191.40	
17/12/2014 Payment to Peter Dale for 2014 IMGA AGM travel expenses	576.78	
19/12/2014 IMGA, 2014 Rule Books - Paypal		50.66
23/12/2014 Payment to Jens Martin for 2014 Postage and Admin Expenses	5.50	
07/01/2015 Payment to Jens Martin for IMGA Stationary	335.09	
14/01/2015 Payment to Jens Martin for 2015 Postage and Admin Expenses	8.52	
16/01/2015 Payment to Jens Martin for 2015 Postage and Admin Expenses	209.63	
27/01/2015 IMGA, 2015 Rule Books - Paypal		142.96
27/01/2015 IMGA, 2015 Rule Books - Paypal		7.38
28/01/2015 IMGA, 2015 Rule Books - Paypal		49.92
28/01/2015 IMGA, 2015 Rule Books - Paypal		16.94
28/01/2015 IMGA, 2015 Rule Books - Paypal		10.14
28/01/2015 IMGA, 2015 Rule Books - Paypal		17.01
29/01/2015 IMGA, 2015 Rule Books - Paypal		267.54
29/01/2015 IMGA, 2015 Rule Books - Paypal		8.88
29/01/2015 IMGA, 2015 Rule Books - Paypal		68.93
30/01/2015 IMGA, 2015 Rule Books - Paypal		11.16
02/02/2015 IMGA, 2015 Rule Books - Paypal		8.87
03/02/2015 IMGA, 2015 Affiliation Fee - AUS		299.36
03/02/2015 IMGA, 2015 Affiliation Fee - LUX		302.51
03/02/2015 IMGA, 2015 Affiliation Fee - USA		302.51
03/02/2015 IMGA, 2015 Rule Books - Paypal		8.68
03/02/2015 Payment to NZMGA for Refund on Travel Expenses for 2014 Nations Championships Referee	461.51	
03/02/2015 Payment to Keith Martin for 2015 IMGA Rule Book Printing	1,811.38	
05/02/2015 IMGA, 2015 Rule Books - Paypal		7.29

06/02/2015	IMGA, 2015 Rule Books - Paypal		10.04
07/02/2015	IMGA, 2015 Rule Books - Paypal		10.04
09/02/2015	IMGA, 2015 Rule Books - Paypal		17.62
10/02/2015	IMGA, 2015 Rule Books - Paypal		7.29
10/02/2015	IMGA, 2015 Rule Books - Paypal		8.68
14/02/2015	IMGA, 2015 Rule Books - Paypal		12.39
16/02/2015	IMGA, 2015 Affiliation Fee - ENG		315.00
16/02/2015	IMGA, 2015 Rule Books - Paypal		49.00
16/02/2015	IMGA, 2015 Rule Books - Paypal		11.15
16/02/2015	IMGA, 2015 Rule Books - Paypal		7.29
17/02/2015	IMGA, 2015 Rule Books - Paypal		7.29
17/02/2015	IMGA, 2015 Affiliation Fee - BEL		308.00
18/02/2015	IMGA, 2015 Rule Books - Paypal		16.75
23/02/2015	IMGA, 2015 Rule Books - Paypal		7.25
23/02/2015	IMGA, 2015 Affiliation Fee - CAN		302.49
23/02/2015	IMGA, 2015 Rule Books - Paypal		7.29
24/02/2015	IMGA, 2015 Rule Books - Paypal		115.77
24/02/2015	IMGA, 2015 Rule Books - Paypal		7.21
25/02/2015	IMGA, 2015 Affiliation Fee - SUI		315.00
26/02/2015	Payment to FFE for 2014 IMGA, AGM hosting costs	439.22	
28/02/2015	IMGA, 2015 Affiliation Fee - NIR		304.09
28/02/2015	IMGA, 2015 Rule Books - Paypal		115.77
28/02/2015	IMGA, 2015 Affiliation Fee - WAL		304.09
02/03/2015	IMGA, 2015 Affiliation Fee - SWE		309.00
02/03/2015	IMGA, 2015 Affiliation Fee - GER		315.00
04/03/2015	IMGA, 2015 Rule Books - Paypal		7.17
06/03/2015	IMGA, 2015 Affiliation Fee - RSA		315.00
06/03/2015	Payment to Jens Martin for 2015 Postage and Admin Expenses	23.10	
09/03/2015	IMGA, 2015 Affiliation Fee - DEN		315.00
09/03/2015	IMGA, 2015 Rule Books - Paypal		7.13
09/03/2015	IMGA, 2015 Rule Books - Paypal		134.93
10/03/2015	Payment to Companies House for Annual Return	13.00	
10/03/2015	IMGA, 2015 Rule Books - Paypal		11.03
10/03/2015	IMGA, 2015 Affiliation Fee - ITA		326.54
12/03/2015	IMGA, 2015 Affiliation Fee - SCO		328.24
13/03/2015	IMGA, 2015 Affiliation Fee - NOR		333.00
19/03/2015	IMGA, 2015 Rule Books - Paypal		10.99
26/03/2015	IMGA, 2015 Rule Books - Paypal		8.44
30/03/2015	IMGA, 2015 Affiliation Fee - AUT		340.00
31/03/2015	IMGA, 2015 Rule Books - Paypal		7.17
01/04/2015	IMGA, 2015 Affiliation Fee - NZL		299.36
01/04/2015	IMGA, 2015 Rule Books - MGAGB		2,366.50
01/04/2015	IMGA, 2015 Rule Books - Paypal		16.56
07/04/2015	IMGA, 2015 Affiliation Fee - FRA		315.00
07/04/2015	IMGA, 2015 Affiliation Fee - IRE		333.00
08/04/2015	IMGA, 2015 Rule Books - Paypal		10.98
14/04/2015	IMGA, 2015 Rule Books - Paypal		10.98
14/04/2015	IMGA, 2015 Rule Books - Paypal		52.95

Attachment 2 for 2.4 : World Pairs Championship 2015



WORLD PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2015 **HELD AT THE NEWARK & NOTTINGHAMSHIRE SHOWGROUND- 18-20 SEPTEMBER** **2015**

As with the World Individuals, problems were again encountered with the entry system as the first-come first served system caused huge administration problems and an email lottery. However all riders who wished to compete managed to get an entry eventually.

Demand for entries was high as usual. We have been fortunate enough to have a new ring created especially for MGAGB at Newark made to our specifications. This meant that we could run 3 arenas and take extra entries making this the largest World Pairs Championships ever held.

The groups were as follows;

UNDER 12 - 31 pairs
Riders from BEL 4, ENG 43, FRA 2, ITA 2, SCO 3, WAL 8

UNDER 14 - 34 pairs-
BEL 4, ENG 38, FRA 4, IRE 4, ITA 2, SCO 1, WAL 15

UNDER 17 - 49 pairs
BEL 5, DEN 8, ENG 41, FRA 2, IRE 9, ITA 7, NIR 6, SCO 8, WAL 12

OPEN - 63 pairs
BEL 7, DEN 5, ENG 61, FRA 18, IRE 11, NZL 3, NIR 3, NOR 2, SCO 6, SWE 2, WAL 8

There were several mixed nationality pairs in most age groups.

The competition was run in 3 arenas. The new Runway ring where the Open competed and all the Championship finals were held has 8 lanes. The Horse ring where the Under 17 group competed has 8 lanes. The Newark Ring where the Under 12 & Under 14 groups competed has 7 lanes.

The timetable was extremely full. However we generally ran to time.

We asked riders to declare if they were going ahead and riding in their final. This meant the administration of the finals was greatly improved and much easier to do. Most riders competed in their finals. Having the extra ring helped with the pressure of having so many extra finals to do.

With the event being run in September we did not hold a Gala dinner on the Sunday night as the vast majority of competitors had to get off due to returning home, to school or work on the Monday. However we held a Special Meal on the Saturday night. The cost of this was included in the entry fee for all competitors.

The Semi -finals and Finals all went well and were keenly contested. Generally the show ran well and there were no major problems. There was a happy, competitive atmosphere.

Champions were as follows :

UNDER 12: JAIMIE MEDCALF (ENG) & SOPHIE GRIMSHAW (ENG)

UNDER 14: BEN HOPKINS (WAL) & EMMA LOCKYER (WAL)

UNDER 17: LILI ANTCLIFF (WAL) & LOTTIE WATSON (ENG)

OPEN: CRAIG O'CONNOR (IRE) & KATE O'CONNOR (IRE)

MGAGB would like to wish Denmark the very best of luck organising the 2016 World Pairs Championships.

Attachment 3 for 2.4 : World Individual Championship 2015



WORLD INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2015 **HELD AT THE DAVID BROOME EVENT CENTRE – TUESDAY 28TH JULY TO SATURDAY** **1ST AUGUST INCLUSIVE**

The original dates and venue for this competition had to be changed in January due to Dallas Burston Polo Club retracting permission to use grass arenas. We were fortunate enough to be able to obtain a booking at The David Broome Event Centre at Chepstow, a familiar venue which, in the long run, proved to be beneficial to the competition as we could run 3 arenas and cope with the largest ever entry at a World Individuals competition. However, the change of date did not suit everyone and the competition had to be run very near to the dates for the European Championships which was not ideal.

There was again a problem with entries and, despite using different entry days for each of the age groups, initial entry to the competition proved to be an email lottery. For each group all places were taken within the space of 20 minutes or so of email entries opening and, in some cases, even less time than that. No places were reserved for any riders. Entries operated on a first come, first served process as required by IMGAs. However, yet again, demand for places was extremely high although later circumstances (change of date & venue of the European Championships) made it possible for all those riders who wished to compete, to do so.

The initial plan was to have 35 Under 12 riders, 35 Under 14 riders, 49 Under 17 riders and 49 Open riders. However, demand was so great that we revised the timetable and the final numbers were: 35 Under 12, 35 Under 14, 63 Under 17 & 70 Open – the largest Individual competition we have ever run!

Because of the large entry the competition was run in three arenas - the 7 lane all weather arena and two 8 lane grass arenas.

The nationalities attending were as follows:

Under 12	ENG 22, WAL 11, SCO 1, IRE 1
Under 14	ENG 23, WAL 12
Under 17	ENG 40, WAL 11, SCO 2, NIR 1, IRE 3, USA 2, NZ 3, FR 1
Open	ENG 34: WAL 5, SCO 3, NIRE 1, IRE 6, BEL 1, NZ 6, FR 6, ITA 1, SWE 4, NOR 3

A very moving Opening ceremony was held on the first day at lunchtime.

The timetable worked well and heats were largely run to timetable.

Again, a major problem came with having to run finals for all. Because so many riders were going on to the European Championships, we had to schedule the Championship finals on the Friday afternoon and lower finals on the Saturday. Many riders left on the Friday night which meant that the meals which we had ordered for the special Dinner on Friday were wasted which was a shame. Again we had riders drop out of the lower finals saying they did not wish to compete in them.

We used the system whereby all riders have a form that they must complete to say whether they wish to compete in their final or not. This has to be completed and handed in at an

agreed time and makes the administration of who is in which final far easier. Having said that the administration of so many lower finals is still very complex.

As always, the standard of riding was exceptional in all age groups. It was a happy show with a good atmosphere and was generally considered to be very successful.

The worthy champions were:

UNDER 12	AMELIA SWANN - ENGLAND - RIDING DUKE
UNDER 14	BEN HOPKINS - WALES - RIDING MERLIN
UNDER 17	CHARLIE SUTTON - ENGLAND - RIDING SANDIE
OPEN	WIDUKIND MOORMAN - GERMANY- RIDING WILJA

We wish Wales every success with the organisation of the 2016 Championships.

Attachment 1 for 2.5

The Safety and Risk Committee has considered the guidance provided relating to the establishment of the committee and its role to guide and improve safety and risk management for the IMGGA. In order to continue with its work of developing safety policy that accords with the IMGGA's risk appetite and guidance, the following recommendations are offered for the Executive's consideration and guidance.

Recommendation

- 1) It is recommended the committee agree:
 - a) To the Safety and Risk Committee's five phased approach to developing the IMGGA Health and Safety Policy:
 - i) **Phase 1 - Risk tolerance levels.** Articulate and agree the IMGGA's risk tolerance thresholds for the management of health and safety risks (September 2015) – see the attached table for consideration;
 - ii) **Phase 2 - Risk assessment tools and associated descriptors.** Articulate and agree the IMGGA's risk assessment tools and the associated likelihood and consequence descriptors to ensure a common understanding of risk is held through-out the IMGGA (April 2016);
 - iii) **Phase 3 - IMGGA risk management policy.** Articulate and agree the IMGGA risk management policy and improvement framework (September 2016)
 - iv) **Phase 4 - Templated start point for a generic risk assessment.** Develop a generic IMGGA International Championship risk assessment (September 2016)
 - v) **Phase 5 - Develop the IMGGA health and safety policy.** Develop, articulate and agree the IMGGA Health and Safety Policy based on an understanding of the generic risk controls identified in the generic Championship risk assessment. (April 2017 – latest).
 - b) To hosting a risk assessment of a generic International Championship in September 2016 drawing on principal committee members and authoritative stakeholders.
 - i) The location of and participants in the generic risk assessment are to be confirmed in April 2016; and
 - c) That the attached risk tolerance thresholds acknowledge that mounted games is a sport conducted at speed, above the ground on horseback and the risk of participating in the sport are similar to other high speed equestrian sport.
 - d) That the level of tolerable risk at Championships sponsored by and held on behalf of the IMGGA is **Moderate**. That is:
 - i) **Tolerable with Periodic Review:** Exposure to Moderate risk may continue provided it has been appropriately assessed, has been mitigated to 'As Low As is Reasonably Practicable' and is subject to periodic review to ensure the risk does not escalate. The decision to tolerate a risk at this level can be made by an authorised International Championship organising committee and / or the Association Committee / delegate. Moderate risk in this context equates to society's acceptance of risk on a football / rugby field.

Discussion

- 2) **5 Phased approach.** The Safety and Risk Committee have formed a collective view that while the current safety policy is in need of review and improvement, its improvement should be based on a logic process that recognises the need for an IMGGA risk management process to inform the safety policy development and implementation. The committee has also agreed that the safety policy developmental process would benefit from development of

a generic risk assessment that will identify critical risk controls that are needed in the policy while forming the basis of future Championship risk assessments. The five phases are:

- a) **Phase 1 - Risk tolerance levels.** Articulate and agree the IMGA's risk tolerance thresholds for the management of health and safety risks (September 2015);
 - b) **Phase 2 - Risk Assessment tools and associated descriptors.** Articulate and agree the IMGA's risk assessment tools and the associated likelihood and consequence descriptors to ensure a common understanding of risk is held through-out the IMGA (April 2016);
 - c) **Phase 3 - IMGA Risk Management Policy.** Articulate and agree the IMGA risk management policy and improvement framework (September 2016)
 - d) **Phase 4 - Templated start point for a generic risk assessment.** Develop a generic IMGA International Championship risk assessment (September 2016)
 - e) **Phase 5 - Develop the IMGA Health and Safety Policy.** Develop, articulate and agree the IMGA Health and Safety Policy based on an understanding of the generic risk controls identified in the generic Championship risk assessment. (April 2017 – latest).
- 3) **Hosting a generic risk assessment in September 2016.** Phase 4 of the five phased approach above recommends that the IMGA conduct a risk assessment of a generic Championship to inform the development of the safety policy and also to provide practical risk management guidance to host nations when conducting International Championships. The following is envisaged:
- a) It is envisaged that at a time and place to be confirmed in 2016 that a panel of experienced IMGA members collaborate in a facilitated workshop to identify the risk events that a typical IMGA Championship present.
 - b) The workshop participants would identify the risk domains that could affect both the success of the Championship and the IMGA (These being typically Risks to the activity, the safety and wellbeing of the ponies and participants / public, the financial, reputational and possibly the environmental risks posed by a typical Championship).
 - c) The workshop participants will then be asked to identify typical and common risk controls that a prudent organiser will put in place and these will be risk assessed as typical inherent risk controls. (That is controls that would normally satisfy risk tolerance thresholds).
 - d) The workshop participants would then identify the assumptions that relate to the inherent risk controls which work as triggers for the organisers to monitor and have forewarning that an assumption may be about to be violated and therefore the basis of the risk assessment is potentially undermined This process is critical to the event organisers as it allows them to be, and be seen to be, pro-active in the management of risks to the Championship.
 - e) To be conservative it is envisaged that two days will need to be set aside for the generic risk assessment with the experienced panel. A knowledgeable facilitator should be given the responsibility to conduct the workshop and also be responsible for the delivery of the end product to the IMGA and the Safety and Risk committee for further consideration in relation to the critical risk controls and assumptions that need to have a basis on policy.
- 4) **Adequate risk threshold descriptors.** That the attached risk tolerance thresholds acknowledge that mounted games is a sport conducted at speed, above the ground on horseback and the risk of participating in the sport are similar to other high speed equestrian sport.
- 5) **Tolerable threshold of Moderate.** The Safety and Risk Committee has developed the attached table to articulate the levels of tolerable and intolerable risk associated with IMGA sponsored Championships and activities. This will form the basis of a future risk

management system which will ultimately inform the development of a robust and relevant Health and Safety Policy which will guide and direct Championship planning and conduct that meets both the due diligence requirements of the IMGA office bearers and the health and safety requirements of horses and riders.

6) The Safety and Risk Committee's recommendation to the IMGA committee is that a level of **Moderate** risk be deemed tolerable at IMGA championships as this acknowledges the heightened degree of risk associated with riding a horse with a brain of its own, in events that encourage speed, and which incorporate the rider participating in a position elevated from the ground. All these factors make the impact on a person potentially higher than if, say, a person walking or running slips on a slippery surface and falls to the ground. Moderate risk as describe is, in the opinion of the safety and risk, akin to playing football or rugby. That is, there is a chance of serious injury but statistics reveal that the likelihood of a serious incident is rare and therefore the risk is tolerated by society because the benefits of team sport outweigh the possibility of serious injury or disability.

RISK TOLERANCE THRESHOLDS

Risk assessments require an understanding / baseline of tolerable risk to be defined so that all risks that fall within that definition can be tolerated, and assuming the preconditions for the controls remain constant, a Championship can be authorised to be conducted / continue.

Table 1- RISK TOLERANCE THRESHOLDS

Risk Index	Risk Level	Tolerance
TBC when risk assessment tools are agreed	Extreme	Intolerable – Risks assessed as Extreme will automatically cause a cessation of all activities until an urgent, formal re-assessment of the risks are conducted and the risk mitigated to Moderate or below is confirmed by the Association's delegate. Extreme risk in this context equates to a young unlicensed driver with a highly powered car, under the influence of alcohol and / or drugs above legal limits.
TBC	High	Intolerable without Treatment: Risks assessed as High will automatically cause a cessation of specific and related activities until an urgent, formal re-assessment of the risks are conducted and the risk mitigated to Moderate or below before continuation of the activity. High risk in this context equates to a young inexperienced driver with a highly powered car, sufficiently under the influence of alcohol, drugs or fatigue to impair their judgement and reaction times.
TBC	Medium	Intolerable without Treatment. Risks assessed as Medium will automatically cause a cessation of specific activities until a re-assessment of the risks are conducted and the risk mitigated to Moderate or below before continuation of the activity. Medium risk in this context equates to a young, inexperienced driver with a highly powered car with multiple distractions in the car.
TBC	Moderate	Tolerable with Periodic Review: Exposure to Moderate risk may continue provided it has been appropriately assessed, has been mitigated to As Low As is Reasonably Practicable and is subject to periodic review to ensure the risk does not escalate. The decision to tolerate a risk at this level can be made by an authorised International Championship organising committee and / or the Association Committee / delegate. Moderate risk in this context equates to society's acceptance of risk on a football / rugby field.

TBC	Low	Acceptable with Periodic review: Exposure to the risk is tolerable without additional controls. Controls are still subject to periodic review to ensure controls are working and the risk does not increase. The decision to accept / tolerate a risk at this level can be made by an authorised International Championship organising committee and / or the Association Committee / delegate. A Low Risk Level in this context equates to societies Risk Tolerance Levels of low risk; i.e, no greater than that experienced driving children in a car to school.
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Mounted Games Association Ireland

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INTERNATIONAL MOUNTED GAMES ASSOCIATION

30th WORLD TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS 2016

Ireland is proud to host the 30th Annual World Team Championships at the Green Glens Arena, Millstreet, County Cork. The Green Glens is Ireland's most complete equestrian venue, as well as being an esteemed exhibition and event centre. It is well situated, just a few minutes walk from the centre of the town and close to many tourist attractions along Ireland's Wild Atlantic Way.

It comprises of 11 all-weather arenas, together with 1500 permanent stables, restaurants and bars. In 2014 a Mike Etherington-Smith designed cross country course was added in the grounds of the adjoining Drishane Castle. In that year Millstreet's Green Glens hosted the FEI European Pony Championships. In 2016, as well as hosting the IMGA World Team Championships, the FEI Junior and Young Rider European Jumping Championships will also be held here.

Dates: 11th to 17th July 2016

Entry Fee: €3400 including food package
€3000 excluding food package

Deposit: €1000 to be paid by 28st February 2016

Balance to be paid by April 30th 2016. Failure to meet this payment deadline will incur €250 late entry fee.

Team Entry Fee includes:

- Competition entry
- Full passes for 5 riders and one coach
- 6 Gala tickets
- 6 Stables
- Access to all on site facilities
- Paramedic cover throughout
- Nightly Entertainment
- 1 Electric hook up
- 5 Additional entry bands

The Gala Ball & Evening Entertainment:

The theme for the Gala Ball will be 'A Formal Irish Celebration' which will be held in exhibition centre. Nightly entertainment will also be held in the exhibition centre.

Accommodation:

Local accommodation is available in Millstreet. Details can be found on www.millstreet.horse. There are 2 hard core lorry parks with hook ups available.

Ponies:

Pool ponies will be available to teams, as 2016's competition includes juniors this is a huge task. Teams requiring ponies must inform MGA Ireland by December 10th 2015. Teams may also source their own ponies. After this date we can't guarantee ponies.

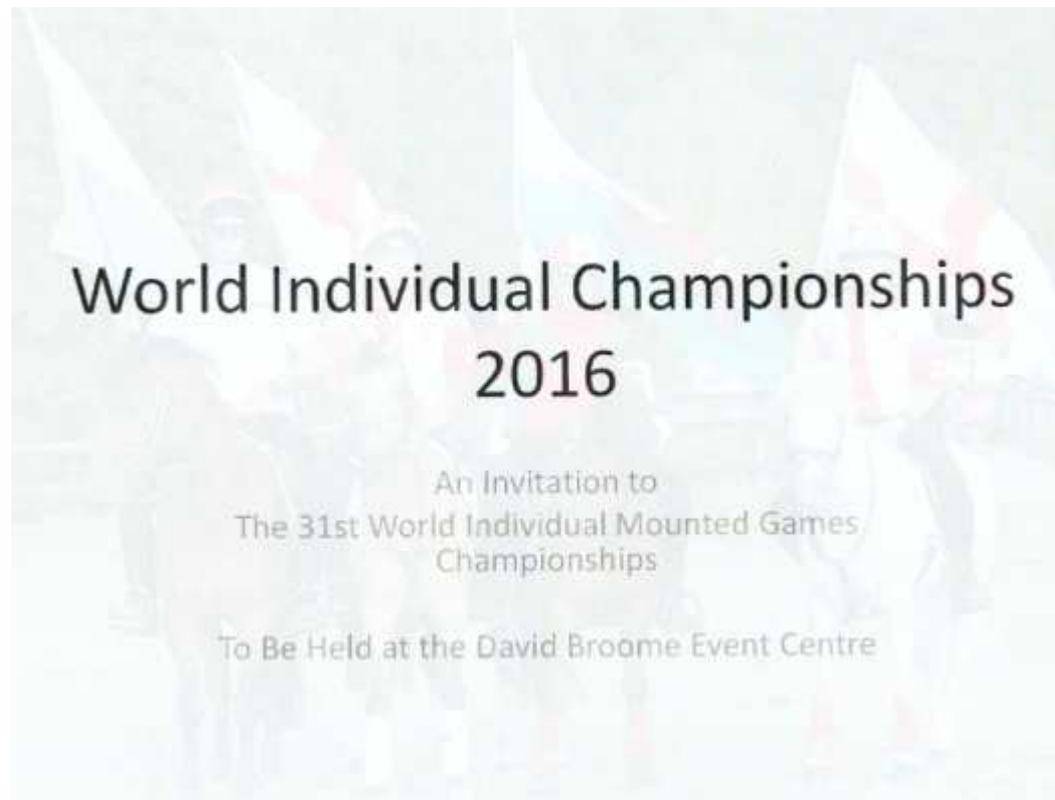
Travel:

Millstreet is situated in County Cork, in the South of Ireland. It is equidistant, when travelling by ferry to Rosslare and Dublin. The area is well serviced with trains and buses connecting to Dublin, Cork and Farranfore airports. (Cork and Farranfore are within an hour's journey from Millstreet.) For details see www.irishrail.ie

Official team entry forms and information on supporter's packages will be available shortly. In the meantime if you have any queries contact, Debbie McCarthy, Secretary MGAI, via email: debbiemgairland@gmail.com



<http://www.worldpairs2016.com/>



Welsh Chairman's Invitation

Once again it is our pleasure to invite the World of Mounted games to the 31st World Individual Mounted Games Championships.

After holding the first European Individuals in 2010 and then the World Team Championships in 2012 with the finals taking place in the fantastic Royal Welsh Show our challenge is to make this World Individuals something special. With the best riders coming together from all over the World to compete for what many believe is the top prize, to be known as the Best in the World in that year and go into the Mounted Games history books.

We are holding the Championships at the David Broome Event Centre , Wales most prestigious Equine Centre.

Our aim is to host a fantastic competition and give everyone the opportunity to make new friends and catch up with old ones.

During your stay in Wales we hope you sample some of the sights and tastes of the Welsh way of life as well as enjoy our own comprehensive entertainment schedule for all age groups on site. The Welsh are renowned for their hospitality and our aim is to make this trip "one to remember"

Roger Dawson

Chairman Welsh MGA

The Venue

David Broome Event Centre is set in beautiful Southern Welsh Countryside this event centre has been host to National and International equestrian Events for over 40 years and is the home of David Broome 7 times Olympic Show jumper.

The Event Centre offers unlimited parking, caravan site and horsebox park as well as 300 Permanent stables, multiple public conveniences including disabled facilities, a bar and evening pavilion as well as an onsite restaurant.

The Centre also has located on site 9 static caravans capable of sleeping 8 per caravan which can be booked through the centre directly.

The competition will take place over 3 arenas 2 x 7 lane grass arenas which will be maintained to be in perfect condition and the superb all weather arena which will be used for all semi finals and championship finals.

Provisional Timetable

Monday 15th	Arrivals of Mini's and Under 14's Draw and Briefing	Bar Open
Tuesday 16th	Session 1 and 2 for Mini and under 14	Evening Entertainment
Wednesday 17th	Arrivals of Under 17 and Open riders plus Draw and Briefing Session 3 for Mini and 14 riders Lower finals and Semi Finals	Evening Entertainment Bar Open
Thursday 18th	Session 1 for under 17 Session 1 and 2 for Open Mini Final 14's Final	Evening Entertainment
Friday 19th	Session 2 and 3 under 17 Session 3 Open	Evening Entertainment
Saturday 20th	Some Lower Finals Open and Under 17 groups Under 17 Semi Open Semi Some Lower Final Open and Under 17 Group 17 Final Open Final	Champions Party
Sunday 21st	All Remaining Finals	

World Individuals Championships 2016

The World Individual Championships will be run under IMGA Rules.

The entry system will be as agreed at the AGM in December 2015 and deadlines will be provided after this agreement is in place.

All draws will take place on site at the briefing.

All Heats will have a Maximum of 7 lanes, Each Heat will consist of 7 games

The top 14 individuals in each age group will compete in the Semi Final (8 Games)

The Top 7 Individuals will compete in the Final (10 games)

All games will be selected by IMGA chief referee and published by February 1st.

All Referees will be selected by IMGA AGM.

Assistant referees for all Semi Finals and the Championship finals will be selected by the IMGA Chief Referee.

On-Site Accommodation available. Please see www.theshowground.com for more details.

Bed & Breakfasts

Brick House Country Guest House

North Row, Redwick, Caldicot, NP26 3DX Tel: 01633 880230 www.brickhouseguesthouse.co.uk
brickhouse@compuserve.com

Court Farm Bed & Breakfast

Rogiet, Caldicot, NP26 3UR Tel: 01633 880232 www.court-farm.com sue@court-farm.com

The Lychgate Bed & Breakfast

47 Church Road, Caldicot, NP26 4HW Tel: 01291 422378 www.thelychgate.co.uk stay@thelychgate.wales

Celtic Guest Houses

The Old Rectory, Llanmartin, Newport NP18 2EB Tel: 01633 412666 www.celticguesthouses.com garth@flexongroup.com

Parsons Grove Holiday

Cottages and B&B

Earlswood, Chepstow, NP16 6RD Tel: 01291 641382 / 07780968353 www.parsonsgrove.co.uk parsonsgrove@btconnect.com

Lavender Barn Bed & Breakfast

Leechpool Holdings, Portskewett, Monmouthshire, NP26 5UA
Tel: 01291423109 www.lavender-barn.com enquiries@lavender-barn.com

Hazel Court Guest House

Langstone Lane, Llanwern, Newport, NP18 2DS
Tel: 01633 411033 www.hazel-court.co.uk neelle.williams@hazel-court.co.uk

2016 Accommodation List Cont.

Hotels & Motels

Hampton by Hilton

Wales 1 Business Park Newport Road
Magor NP26 3DG
Tel: 01633 749999

Castle View Hotel

16 Bridge Street, Chepstow, Monmouthshire, NP16 5EZ
Tel: 01291 620349 www.castleviewhotel.com castleviewhotel@btconnect.com

Coach & Horses Inn & Restaurant

Roman Road, Caerwent
NP26 5AX
Tel: 01291 420352 www.caerwent-coachandhorses.co.uk info@caerwent-coachandhorses.co.uk

Entry Fee

The Entry will be £200

Entry Fee will include:

Competition Entry

stable for 7 nights (whilst some riders may only be riding on certain days we want to encourage everyone to stay for the week and enjoy everything on offer so have included stabling for the full week).

Showers and Toilets

Paramedic Cover throughout the whole event

Horse Ambulance on site

All Evening Entertainment.



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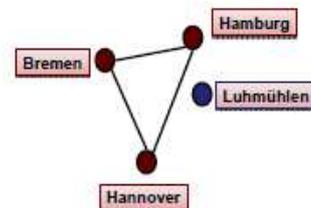
General Information

- Venue: Luhmühlen (50 km south of Hamburg)
- 25th to 31st of July
- Everyone is welcome from Sunday 24th
- Main competitions on sand (six lanes); two grass arenas mainly for Individuals' competitions
- Ample camping space (electricity available)
- More information on: www.mountedgames2016.com → coming soon
- Social Media Channels: Facebook, Instagram, Twitter → coming soon



Location

- Luhmühlen, with its comprehensive infrastructure, is one of the most famous riding locations in Germany
- Luhmühlen annually hosts one of the major international tournaments (CCI**** and CIC****).
- Located in Lower Saxony; approx. 50 km south of Hamburg, 100 km north of Hannover





Location

- Ample capacity for more than 70 teams
- Main sand arena is situated next to next to a covered grandstand (capacity up to 1500 spectators)
- 6 lane arena (120 m x 70 m)
- Team competitions from Wednesday through Sunday
Individuals' competition from Monday through Saturday



Location

- Horses are stabled in up to 400 tents and/or paddocks
- Ample grassing area
- Additional facilities including washing area
- This is a large area! Bring a bike or rent on the grounds





Timetable (first draft)

- Sunday, 24th and Monday, 25th: Arrival
- Monday, 25th: Individuals' competitions commence
- Tuesday 26th: Practice sessions on sand available
- Wednesday 27th: Official Opening Ceremony; Team competitions commence
- Friday, 29th: Team Finals commence; Individuals' Semi Finals
- Saturday 30th: Individuals' Finals; Team A-Finals commence
- Sunday 31st: Team A Finals and Award Ceremonies / Evening: Gala Dinner
- Monday 1st August: Departure



Gallery

- "Callunaris Country Center": Competition administration offices; VIP area





- Sand arena and covered grandstand



Sand Arena 120 x 70 m



- Sand arena and covered grandstand





Entrance to the venue



Car park for more than 300 cars



- Well developed infrastructure
- Easy to get to by car / train & plane (Bremen / Hamburg / Hannover)
- Packages for Supporters → coming soon
- Information on accommodation: will be available on website early 2016



- Team registration (six riders & trainer) includes: stable tents, grassing area, camping space, gala dinner, catering
- Individuals' registration includes: stable tents, grassing area, camping space, gala dinner, catering
- Information Request Sheet: Riders' pictures and team details to be provided with registration form

Regist.



Attachment 1 for 3.4 : World Team Championship 2018 (Belgium)

Application form



World Team Championships

Belgium  2018



1. Introduction

Supported by the LEWB, the French-speaking wing of the Belgian National Federation (FRBSE), which is acknowledged by the BOIC and the FEI, the BEPOCLAS applies for the organisation of the World Team Championships 2018, for the Open and -17 categories. We have chosen the Hippodrome of Wallonia at Mons-Ghlin to welcome this friendly family and sports event. Actually this location already hosts regular national and international competitions in many different equestrian disciplines. During the Championships, which will take place from **23 to 29 July 2018**, visitors will be able to go around the playing arena, in the exhibitors' village and the catering area. Beside the sports results, the event will enable all the participants to start new relationships and to simply have a good time together.

2. Proposed Venue

After the organisation of an international competition in 2015, which brought together 35 teams from 8 nations, we were sure that the Hippodrome of Wallonia, located in the region of Mons, was the ideal location to organise the World Team Championships of Mounted Games in 2018. This choice is based on the numerous advantages that we will outline in this application form.



The Hippodrome of Wallonia, located near the woods in the countryside, is known to be a location of competition of a high quality level. This lovely and secure location offers an environment that is pleasant for all the riders, ponies and supporters.

3. Geographical position

The Hippodrome of Wallonia is particularly well located because it is close to the highways linking Belgium to its neighbours. It is very close to the French border (50 km away) and Luxemburg is only 220 km away. There are many other ways of joining the competition location: the close railway station of Mons, Charleroi – Brussels-South Airport (45 km), the capital city of Brussels (80 km) with its airport and its high-speed railway station. As far as the teams from across the Channel are concerned, the nearest harbours are Ostend (150 km) and Calais (187 km).



4. Event facilities

The initial location has been set up to host riders and has already got a lot of conveniences that may be upgraded according to the number of teams. From now on, we can already rely on the following infrastructure:

- ➔ A single entrance with a gate
- ➔ A geotextile arena (160 m x 80 m)
- ➔ Two decked arenas (use to be defined) (Big 65 m x 25 m + Small 40 m x 20 m)
- ➔ An outside arena destined to the warming-up and stretching after competition (50m x 25m)
- ➔ Vehicles and accessories to maintain the arenas
- ➔ A visitors' carpark (100 vehicles)
- ➔ The 2 floors of the tribune to welcome people and the catering
- ➔ A closed area for teams (trucks, vans, stabling...)
- ➔ A camping area on grass
- ➔ Lavatories for women and men (showers)
- ➔ Toilets and showers of the blacksmith school
- ➔ Technical accommodation: electricity, water and outdoor lighting

5. Plan of the location



6. Internal security

The location is entirely fenced off and accessible over a single road closed by a metal gate. Some additional crowd control barriers will be placed on the competition location, in order to clearly define the areas open to the public, those restricted to camping and the competitors' areas.

7. Accommodation

1. On the spot

The campers will set up their tents on the grass area. An electrical connexion E will be available for each team. Trucks and motorhomes will be parked on an area equipped with electrical connexion EU.

2. Outside the event location

The region of Mons offers a variety of different forms of accommodation. Within 30 km, you will find 50 hotels, 30 rest houses and 20 campsites. A list of the addresses will be established and provided on request.

8. Stabling

Temporary stabling will be added to the 84 existing boxes. They will be placed in a closed area near the trucks to host the ponies.



9. Borrowing Ponies

The organising committee will establish a list of pony providers and give it to teams who ask for it. The foreign teams, helped by the organising committee, will make the arrangements for their pool ponies. We would like to ask the teams who already know that they will need pool ponies, to inform the organising committee before January 1st, 2018.

10. Sanitary facilities

Temporary showers will be available near the camping area and the truck park. In addition to the existing toilets, some temporary toilets will be placed near the playing arena. Showers for horses can already be found near the stalls.

11. Hosting place

The operating center will be established in the tribune, where the management of the competition, the vouchers delivery and the information desk will be centralised. An "event" tent will be added alongside the playing ground, where riders and supporters will be able to find beverages and fast food catering. As far as the other meals are concerned, the second floor of the tribune will house a self-service restaurant. A specialised catering company will be in charge of the whole catering management.



12. Staff

1. Technical staff

Experienced technicians in electricity, plumbing and mechanics can be required during the whole of the event.

2. Medical staff

A first-aid centre will be composed of :

- ➔ A first-aid doctor
- ➔ 2 specialised nurses
- ➔ 1 kinesiologist /osteopath
- ➔ 2 first-aid vehicles
- ➔ 1 adapted room

3. Equine staff

The following specialists will be on duty in order to guarantee a high standing of wellness of the ponies:

- ➔ A veterinary
- ➔ An ambulance
- ➔ A blacksmith
- ➔ An equine osteopath will be available on request

13. External security

We will ask the federal and local police services to regularly visit the event location in the daytime. At night, a guard service will control the entry points and the exits and will patrol the premises (stabling, car parks and campsite).

14. Activities

The organisation of cultural and/or sports activities in the days before the competition will help riders and supporters meet and get acquainted. Here is a non-exhaustive list of the interesting sights to see and things to do in the region:

- Visit of the giant boat lift of Strépy-Thieu
- Mons swimming pool
- The sloping lock of Ronquières / Bateaux-Mouches
- Visit of a brewery



15. Entry fee

The budget is still in progress and at this time it is very difficult to determine an exact entry fee. It should be in line with the rates charged in other Championships, such as those of the European Team Championships of Belgium in 2014. There will be an amount for the team and the rental of ponies will be charged extra.

16. Communication

The success of such an event also depends on the media at all levels, before, during and after the competition. We are considering using a lot of different communication channels to publicize the Mounted Games to a wide audience:

- Local and national televisions
- Local and national radio stations
- A specific website dedicated to the event
- The LEWB website www.lewb.be
- EquiTV, LEWB webTV
- Local and national newspapers
- Posters

17. Contact

- Organising team Bepoclas: contact@bepoclas.be - www.bepoclas.be
- For administrative matters: Florence Hennuy – LEWB secretary:
mga.belgium@lewb.be - www.lewb.be/discipline/poneys-games



Application to host the IMGA Annual Meeting 2016 in Belgium



- **Dates:** choice possible between the following weekends:
 - (11)-12-13 november 2016
 - (18)-19-20 november 2016
 - (25)-26-27 november 2016
 - (2)-3-4 december 2016
- **Location:** Hotel Charleroi Airport, Chaussée de Courcelles 115 at 6041 Gosselies – Belgium (www.hotelcharleroiairport.be)
 - Single room Economy: 84 EUR/night, breakfast included
 - Twin room Economy: 94 EUR/night, breakfast included
 - Sandwich service at noon
 - Restaurant with possibility of cold and warm buffet at will in the evening (Friday and/or Saturday)
 - Close to the Charleroi railway station and the Brussels-South Charleroi airport (Hotel shuttles, public buses, taxis, car renting, possibility for Belgian colleagues to pick you up at the airport or railway station)
 - Meeting room with IT and audio installation



Attachment 2 for 3.5 : Luxembourg

Hotel	DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Luxembourg (4*)
Address	12 Rue Jean Engling, Luxembourg, L 1466,
Phone	352-43-781
Proximity to airport / airport transfer?	5 km
Meeting facilities	<p>beamer room in set up in U</p> <p>welcome coffee buffet lunch coffee breaks</p> <p>reduced room rates available gym and pool</p>
Skype	yes
Free wifi	only in public areas, €5 in rooms
Costs	€57 / person / day

Hotel	Légère Hotel Luxembourg (4*)
Address	11, rue Gabriel Lippmann Parc d'activité Syrdall L-5365 Munsbach
Phone	+352 49 00 06-519 sabine.walter@legere-hotels-online.com
Proximity to airport / airport transfer?	4 km / free transfer possible, needs to be arranged in advance
Meeting facilities	<p>beamer sound system room set up in U notepads, etc. for each participant</p> <p>coffee breaks lunch buffet</p> <p>reduced room rates available (about €99/room/day) gym and spa free of charge</p>
Skype	yes
Free wifi	yes
Costs	€62 / person / day

Hotel	Hotel NH Luxembourg (4*)
Address	1 Route de Treves L-1019 Luxembourg - Luxembourg
Phone / email	352 34 0571 nhluxembourg@nh-hotels.com
Proximity to airport / airport transfer?	200m
Meeting facilities	room in U video conferencing coffee breaks buffet lunch notepads , water, etc . for each participant reduced room rates available
Skype	yes
Free wifi	yes / access to premium wifi for skype
Costs	€53 / person / day

Hotel	Novotel Luxembourg Kirchberg (4*)
Address	6 rue Fort Niedergrünwald Quartier Européen Nord Plateau de Kirchberg L-2226 LUXEMBOURG
Phone	(+352)4298481
Proximity to airport / airport transfer?	5.4 km / No airport transfer
Meeting facilities	room set up in U no video conference possible through hotel, but possible to rent coffee breaks buffet lunch reduced room rates available gym
Skype	yes
Free wifi	yes
Costs	

Attachment 1 for 4.2 : Modification to Membership Criteria

The Strategic Planning Sub-committee recommends that the criteria for membership of IMGA should be:

The Initial membership criteria (for national organisations applying to join IMGA) should be:

- The candidate member organisation must provide a letter requesting membership to the IMGA Development Officer
- The candidate member organisation must be able to show that they offer membership within the requirements of IMGA's non-discrimination policy (see the equality statement) to all those who wish to join their organisation
- The candidate member organisation must have an initial executive consisting of a minimum of three members residing in the country applying for membership
- The candidate member organisation must have 5 active riders
- The candidate member organisation must have a clear and concise understanding of the dynamics of IMGA, its structure, governing rules and regulations, constitution and the rules governing the sport of mounted games
- The candidate member organisation must appoint a country representative to serve on the IMGA committee
- The candidate member organisation must provide details of all other organisations within their country for which mounted games is known to be the main or a major activity

The long-term membership criteria (for national organisations that have been members for two or more years IMGA) should be:

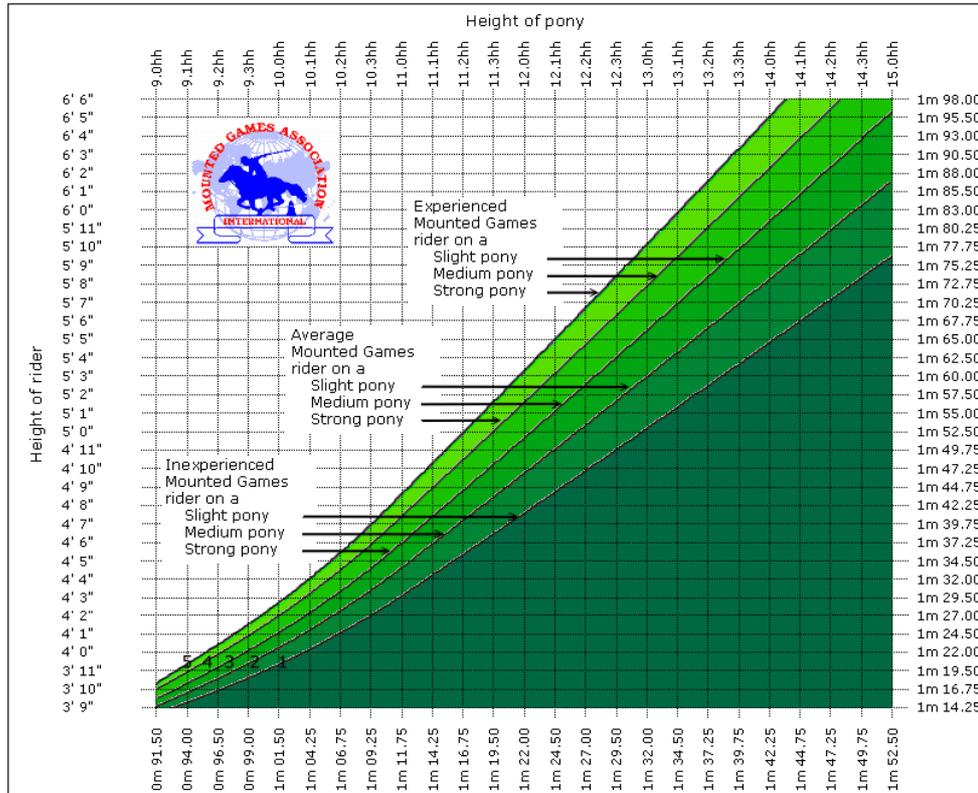
- A member organisation must have a written democratic constitution which provides members with the ability to elect all members of its executive unless membership of its country's National Equestrian Federation prevents this
- A member organisation must have at least 10 active riders.
- A member organisation must have a written plan to grow the sport of mounted games within their country
- A member organisation must take steps to become a sanctioned member of that country's Equestrian Federation
- A member organisation must attend either an SAGM or an AGM at least every two years. Attendance may be by electronic means but submitting a proxy vote is not considered as attendance
- A member organisation must take steps in team development to be able to send at least one rider to at least one IMGA sanctioned competitions every two years. This could be a team, individual or pairs competition.
- A member organisation must hold national mounted games championships annually or at least have a competition structure in place

These criteria refer to an equality statement, which should be:

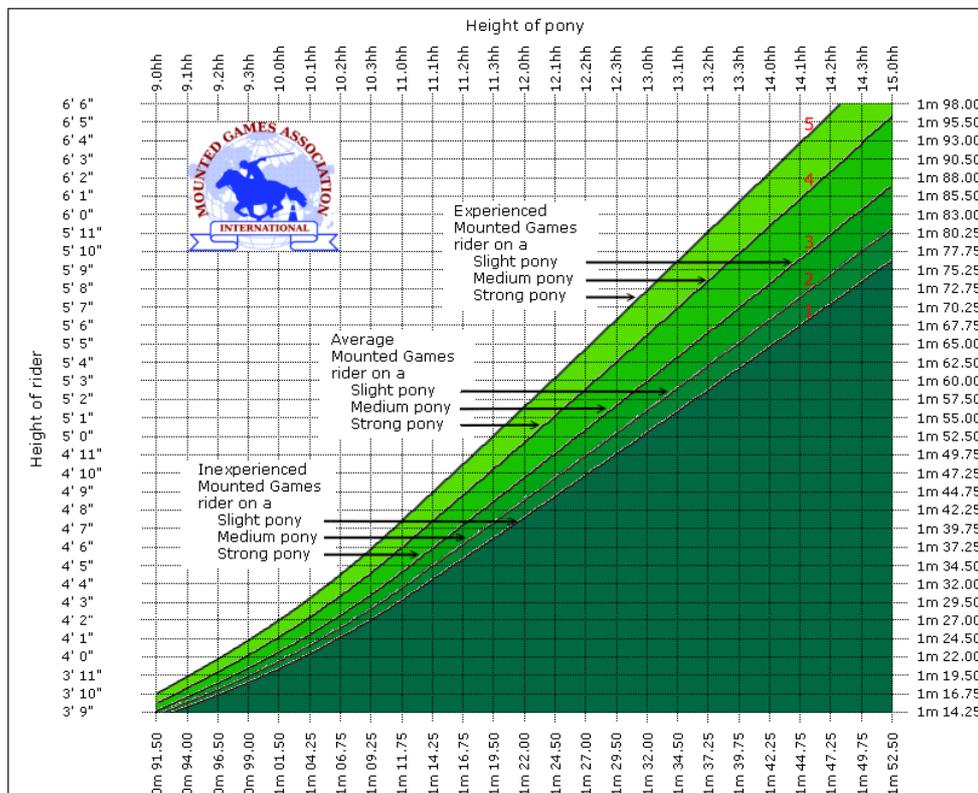
The International Mounted Games Association is committed to the principles of equality of opportunity and aims to ensure that no individual receives less favourable treatment on the grounds of age, gender, disability, race, ethnic origin, nationality, colour, parental or marital status, pregnancy, religious belief, class or social background, sexual orientation or political belief, except where this may conflict with local/national laws and regulations. This includes all those involved in mounted games in whatever capacity: riders, parents, employees, trainers, officials, other volunteers and spectators.

Attachment 1 for 4.7 : Height/Weight Limits

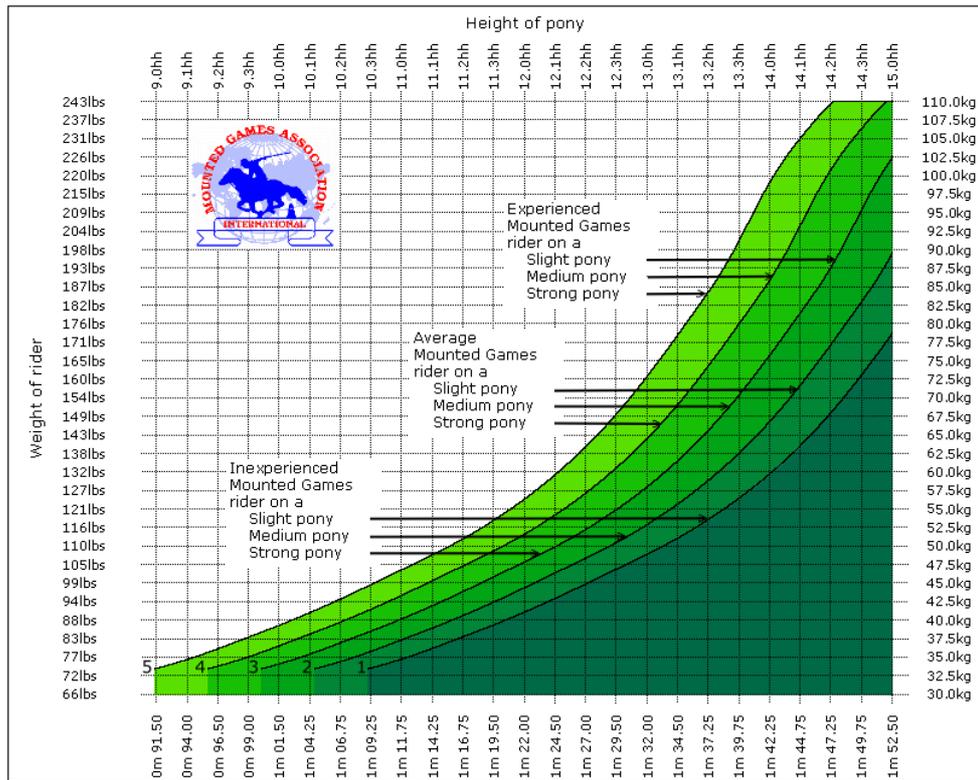
Height Restrictions - Current



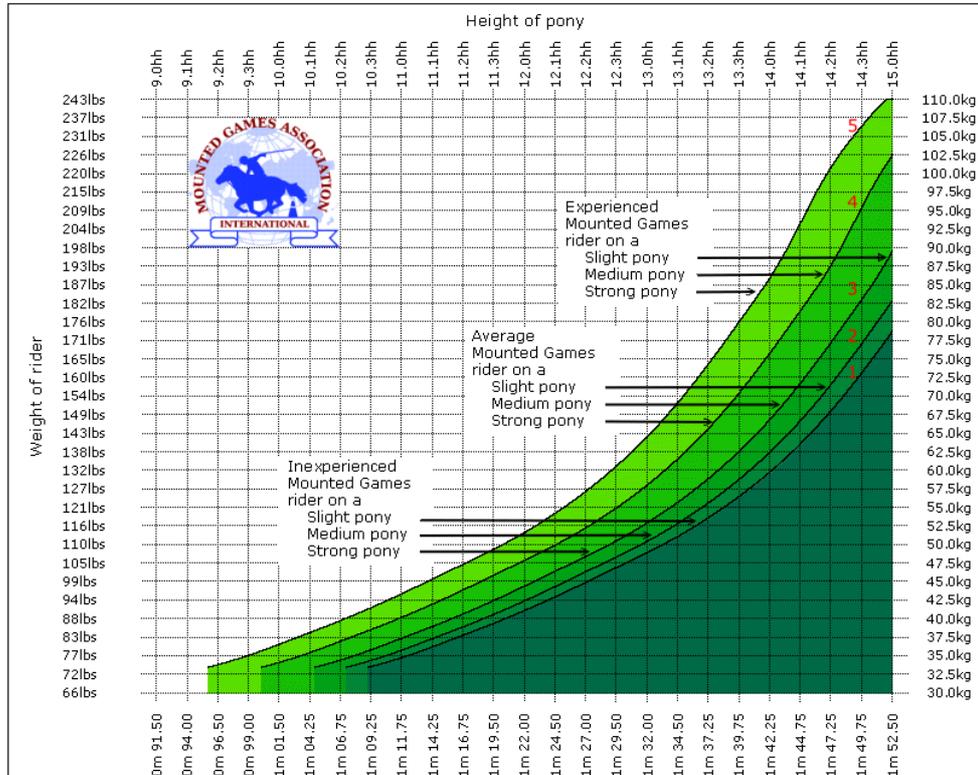
Height Restrictions - Proposed



Weight Restrictions - Current



Weight Restrictions - Proposed



Attachment 1 for 4.9 Rules Relating to Pony and Rider Welfare and Safety

There are two reasons why tack standards and pony size are important.

- We care for our riders and ponies. It is important that we ensure that the best standards of care and protection are used to ensure the safety and well being of all competitors.
- The image of mounted games is something that needs to be improved if IMGA is to be considered as a serious equestrian discipline. Too often people think of mounted games riders as scruffy adults mounted on small ponies.

IMGA has several rules relating to the welfare and safety of ponies and riders. These include approved riding helmets, boots, trousers and the removal of jewellery for riders and the use of approved bits and correctly fitted tack on a pony in reasonable health and of an appropriate size for the rider.

From tack checks undertaken at international competitions, it is apparent that these rules are ignored in many countries and that it is considered "too late" to take action when a pony and rider have travelled to a competition. It could be argued that in doing so we are condoning the rule breaking/pony abuse, as we do not ignore the breaking of game rules.

I would like to propose that pre-competition checks take place at all IMGA sanctioned competitions, as well as random checks throughout the competition and that competitors be excluded if the existing (or any new rules) are not complied with. After all, we eliminate for failure to meet race rules, why do we not do so for matters of welfare and safety?

Ponies, riders and tack that are in poor condition, are too large or are too small for their rider MUST not be able to participate in and part of the competition. A pre-competition check would enable illegal tack to be identified and changed before competition commences

Riders found to be wearing jewellery or who have changed to illegal tack after the pre-competition check should be eliminated from all games completed in the session in which they are riding (and in the case of teams the team will be eliminated regardless of whether the offending rider participated in any game). They should not be allowed to participate until the offending articles are changed. The heat will not be delayed waiting for them to correct problems.

Relevant Rules (2015 IMGA Rule Book)

There are changes proposed to several of these rules (clarification of the bit rule, the addition of a rule specifying what nosebands and martingales are permitted and the removal of the now defunct EN1384 hat standard)

Attachment 1 for 4.10 : Use of Appeals

Challenges being used to get other competitors eliminated (from Colin Carson)

As you all know in 2013 we introduced the challenge system for MGA competitions. Up until now there have been no guidelines for these. The rules committee has a proposal which I feel strongly needs adjusted to stop these challenges being used for the purpose of getting others eliminated. I believe most of us at that meeting meant for the challenges to be used when as a coach your team pair individual has been eliminated in the wrong, in your view. Some referees are accepting challenges based on getting another team eliminated for something that was not called by the assistant refs or Referee.

This worries me on many levels:

- I don't believe it is sporting to try and get another team eliminated
- I believe it creates a position where trainers are also assistant referees and bias ones at that!
- I believe if we allow this we are going to get to the position where the top teams all have videographers on the lines rewinding and putting in slow motion before the start of the next race then telling their trainer to challenge on the basis that one hoof touched the line in a hand over of another team therefore they need eliminated. This will mean numerous challenges per session and it will take hours to play semi finals and finals.
- Most important of all this ruling would challenge the very ethos of IMGA, "to promote friendship among people of different nations!" I can assure you in practice it does not, in fact it challenges already existing friendships to the point of breaking!

I really hope you will all see sense and prevent this from happening again for the sake of our sport, sometimes the price to be paid for getting the correct decision, as seen by some, is too high. There will always be incorrect refereeing decisions in sport it cannot be avoided, to spoil the flow of the sport is not the answer. The Referee Training Programme has been a big success and I believe the next step to train assistant refs will also prove successful if given time. We do not have to remove all good sportsmanship from the sport to make things better!

Attachment 1 for 4.15 : Management of entries for World Individuals and Pairs Championships

1. From the IMGA Compliance sub-committee

Background

Entry to these championships has not been a problem until recently. There have long been doubts about the “first come first served” (FCFS) approach, based on the apparent irregularities in exactly how it was implemented, and the fact that entry to a World Championship was not based in any way on ability or past performance. In effect, just about anyone could enter.

But in the last few years there has been increasing dissatisfaction and frustration. Each time changes were proposed, however, no agreement could be reached and the International Representatives decided to continue with FCFS.

In 2015 the number of riders wishing to enter was far higher than ever before and with a full and correct application of FCFS, many applications were rejected. There was a popular outcry about how the entry system was a lottery, and a rider’s chances of entering were purely random. Well, yes, that’s pretty much what FCFS is, and it has always been that way, and everyone had accepted it as a perfectly fair system for nearly 30 years !

The 2015 situation was eventually resolved when ways were found to run the two championships in multiple arenas, allowing a far higher number of entries.

So what is the problem ?

As long as entry remains dependent on the timing of entries rather than some form of qualification, there will always be the possibility of novices getting into a World Championship while world class top riders are left out.

At the 2014 IMGA annual meeting, International Representatives did, however, agree that they wanted 1) a “merit based” system for entries, and 2) that they wanted the “best from all nations, not simply the best on a global basis”.

But no agreement was reached on exactly how this should be done, and even though the long-standing FCFS system for entries is now thoroughly discredited, it was still continued into 2015.

A replacement for FCFS

The Compliance sub-committee took on the job of defining a new system to replace FCFS, taking into account the International Representatives’ two requirements. A four-step procedure has been developed for presentation to the International Representatives at the 2015 annual meeting, and if approved will be implemented for 2016.

This is a very complex problem and any proposed solution will necessarily be equally complex. It is highly unlikely that the specific preferences of every International Representative will be satisfied, and so whatever solution is proposed will require some small compromise from almost everyone.

With this in mind, the members of the Compliance sub-committee (with their varied backgrounds and extensive experience) have spent a very large amount of time and energy going over all aspects of the problem in great detail. Very few decisions have been unanimous, but in the end all the points of this procedure have been agreed by a majority decision.

Collectively we feel that this is the best possible proposal. It takes into account everyone's wishes and we strongly recommend that you accept it for adoption from 2016 onwards. Even if you disagree with some individual elements, or have a problem with this or that detail, please be prepared to look at the whole package.

A solution which will satisfy all of the people all of the time will never be reached, so please be prepared to be pragmatic. If it turns out that something doesn't work as expected then it will be corrected for 2017, but unless you want to continue with FCFS for 2016, please support this proposal.

The Four Steps

Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4
Guarantees places to previous high performers	Gives places to every member country	Allows for further places to be allocated by a Selection Committee	Gives any remaining places to the host country to allocate

The basic information required for the start of the procedure is the date of the start of the competition and how many places will be available.

This is decided by the host country, and should normally be known well before the procedure begins.

Step 1 – Reward for previous good performance

Individuals

- All of the previous year's finalists qualify for the same age group at WIC the following year (but only if they are still young enough to qualify for that age group).
- The winners from 2 and 3 years previously qualify for the same age group at WIC the following year (but only if they are still young enough to qualify for that age group).
- The winner of the next age group down from last year should qualify for WIC the following year (but only if they are now too old to be eligible for that group again).
- The 2 winning riders from the previous year's WPC qualify for the same age group at WIC the following year (but only if they are still young enough to qualify for that age group).
- The winning riders (i.e. riders who took an active part. Unused reserve riders are not included) from the previous year's WTC qualify for their respective age groups (the youngest for which they qualify) at WIC the following year.

Pairs

- All of the previous year's semi-finalists qualify for the same age group at WPC the following year (but only if they are still young enough to qualify for that age group).
- The Winners from 2 and 3 years previously should qualify for the same age group at WPC the following year (but only if they are still young enough to qualify for that age group).
- The winner of the next age group down from last year should qualify for WPC the following year (but only if they are now too old to be eligible for that group again).

- Any pairs who qualify under the above must remain together as the same pair that qualified. If a pair split up, the place is lost.

... and in all cases, only riders are considered, not rider/pony combinations.

This is probably the easiest part to administer because the riders qualifying this way will already be known well before the end of the previous year, and so Step 1 can begin after the end of the last of that year's championships.

It must be completed before the end of the year.

The riders eligible under the rules of Step 1 are given the opportunity to take up the place which they have earned through previous good performance. They must each decide to accept their place or not.

If they want to take up their place then they must formally enter the competition and pay a registration fee of GBP 50.00 to IMGGA. If a rider subsequently drops out then that fee is forfeit, but if they do go on to enter and ride in the competition then the registration fee is credited against their entry fee.

This registration requirement applies to all entries at stages 1 to 3 of this procedure.

Any places not taken up in this way may not be transferred to other riders, but instead return to the "pool" of available places. The same applies to any places which later become available because a registered rider decides after all not to participate.

Step 1 closes at the end of the year prior to the championship.

Step 2 – Allocation of Places by Country

Step 2 ensures that every member country is allocated at least one place.

It begins immediately after the completion of Step 1 and runs until 12 weeks before the start of the competition.

The procedure is not really complicated, but appears to be so when set down in writing. This is how it will work, but it is much easier to understand by looking at the example shown below.

Places are allocated to countries on an equal basis – no country has a claim on more places than any other country, but to avoid the situation where every country automatically asks for the maximum available, we ask them to be realistic in their demands.

It really only becomes viable when the number of places available is 22 or more i.e. one place per country, each country will be asked to state the number of places it would like to receive, and if the total number is less than 22 (i.e. some countries make no request, or their requests arrive after the deadline) then Step 2 can still work with less than 22 places available.

At the end of this general description is a very detailed table showing the general distribution of places in Step 2, but it can be simplified by saying that lines 1-21 in the table are really a "worst case" situation where there simply aren't enough places available to make Step 2 work and so the places which are available go straight to Steps 3 and 4.

Line 22 guarantees a place for every country (if they want them).

Lines 23-31 show the full 22 places being available for the member countries with the remainder being divided between Steps 3 and 4.

Lines 32-40 (and above) show the numbers available steadily increasing, but with Steps 3 and 4 capped at 5 places each.

How does the distribution between countries work ?

1. Each country has to request the number of places that they think they will be able to fill with world class riders.

2. This gives the total requirement.

3. If the total requirement is less than the number of places available then all requests are satisfied, and any remaining places passed to Steps 3 and 4. End of the distribution procedure.

4. Otherwise, allocation round 1 takes place with each country having made a request being given 1 place.

5. The countries having requested only 1 place, having received it, now drop out of the allocation procedure.

6. Round 2 starts with fewer countries

7. Are there still enough places left to give another place to each of the countries still in the running ?

YES – give each of them another place, and if that completes their request they drop out of the allocation procedure.

NO – end of procedure and all remaining places go to Steps 3 and 4 in addition to any they may have already received according to the table.

8. Another round starts – go to 7.

9. This loop continues until a NO situation is reached, and that's the end of the distribution procedure.

10. The countries have to pay a registration fee to secure their allocated places. This is to avoid the situation where countries ask for more places than they really need, and later let them go. This would result in those places being lost to Step 2.

This fee has to be paid by a specified deadline, and if the fee is not paid in time then their places are lost and go directly to Step 4.

The remaining time allocated for Step 2 is when the countries internally match up riders' names to the places they have been given. How they do that is for them to decide. It could be selection by the national trainer, or by the national MGA committee, or by the national federation, or based on the previous year's national championship results.

IMGA's strong recommendation is that the selection process should be based on demonstrated ability and success at either national championships or at specially arranged selection trials open to all riders.

Step 3 – Selection Committee

Step 3 follows on immediately after the completion of Step 2. This will be 12 weeks before the competition start date at the latest, earlier if Step 2 is completed earlier than scheduled.

Riders who have up to this point not secured a place are able to apply to a Selection Committee for consideration to take one of the places available in Step 3.

The Selection Committee is set up with one selector from each member country. How each country decides who will be their selector is entirely up to them, but if any country does not provide a selector, or does so late, then that country is simply not represented on the Selection Committee.

The deadline for the nomination of selectors is 10 weeks before the competition start date, and this is also the deadline for applications from riders. A standard application form will be available.

Selectors can consider applications from riders in their own country on an equal basis as riders from all other countries.

The Selection Committee does not ever meet as a group. Each selector is given copies of all applications and has a week (until 9 weeks before the competition start date) to rank the applicants and notify IMGAs. The rankings are then consolidated into a single list and places are offered to the riders according to the overall ranking and the number of available places

Those riders are given a week (until 8 weeks before the competition start date) to accept or decline. Places that are not accepted or for which no response has been received within the deadline are then allocated to the next name(s) on the list.

The process continues until all places available in Step 3 have been accepted, and will normally be completed 6 weeks before the competition start date.

Step 4 – Host Country Allocation

All remaining unallocated places, plus any that were previously taken up but subsequently became free again, plus any unsuccessful applications from Step 3, go into Step 4 where the host country takes over the allocation of places.

How these places are allocated is left entirely up to organising country but the expectation is that the bulk of these will go to local riders, thereby ensuring a healthy local representation which in turn will make it attractive for countries to host these competitions without running the risk of only having a handful of local participants.

This final step in the allocation procedure can be left open right up to a few days before the competition, but at some point an “entries closed” date has to be applied (suggested closing date 2 or 3 days before the competition), allowing time for the organisers to calculate the draws, print programmes, and so on.

Important Notes

If the number of places available exceeds the number of entries then no such procedure is required, but early in the year, when entries start to be processed, the eventual total number of entries is still unknown. The procedure, therefore, has to be started, even if eventually it turns out to be unnecessary because there are places enough for everyone.

Timing is important because to a large degree the way each step works is dependent upon the results of the previous step. It's sequential. For example, places available to previous winners in Step 1 may not all be taken up, meaning more places are available to Step 2.

If there are last minute changes which occur after a step has been completed and closed, then any places which become free are passed directly to Step 4.

How will it work in practice ?

There is no doubt that the administration of the new procedure will be significantly more difficult than for FCFS, but it will be spread over several months instead of all happening between 12.00.00 and 12.00.01 on the day that entries open.

And don't forget that in practice there will not be a single procedure, but four separate parallel procedures, one for each class in the championship, and there are two championships.

Clearly, the timetable will depend on the dates fixed for the World Individual and Pairs Championships, and key dates can be calculated back from that.

This table gives an outline of the schedule based on counting back the "weeks before the competitions starts".

Step	Start	End
1	After the last of the previous year's championships	December 31
2	January 1	12 weeks before competition start date
3	12 weeks before competition start date	6 weeks before competition start date
4	6 weeks before competition start date	

Each year IMGA will circulate the full timetable for the next season before the end of the calendar year.

An example of how it would work

Here's an example of how it would work in 2016 for the World Individual Championship August 15-21, assuming the availability of 64 places in the Open class.

Step 1

Starts at any time after September 21 2015 (the day after the end of the last of 2015's WTC, WIC, and WPC championships)
Deadline to complete December 31 2015

The riders eligible under the rules of Step 1 are given until the end of the year to decide whether or not they wish to take up their places or not.

If they want to participate they must already formally accept their place and pay a registration fee before the deadline.

For this example, let's assume that out of the riders who qualify on the basis of past performance, 14 decide to take up the offer of places.

That leaves 50 places available for subsequent steps.

Step 2

Starts January 1 2016
Deadline to complete May 23 2016 (12 weeks before the competition starts)

According to the "Distribution of places still available after Step 1" table at the end of this document this means that the 50 places are distributed as follows :

40 to Step 2, 5 to Step 3, 5 to Step 4

Currently we have 22 countries, for this example let's assume that :

3 make no requests
5 ask for 1 place each
5 ask for 2 places
8 ask for 3 places
1 asks for 10 places

Total requests : 49

There are only 40 places available but there are 49 requests so round 1 starts.

Round 1 : 1 place goes to each of the 19 countries who requested places, and the requests of 5 are fully satisfied so they drop out.

Places still available : 21
Countries still remaining : 14

Round 2 : 1 place goes to each of the remaining 14 countries, and the requests of another 5 are fully satisfied so they drop out.

Places still available : 7
Countries remaining : 9

Round 3 : There are now 9 countries still in the game but only 7 places available, so that's the end.

The remaining 7 places go to Steps 3 and 4, split 50/50 with Step 3 having the extra one if there's an odd number.

Step 3

Starts May 23 2016 (12 weeks before the competition starts)
Deadline to complete July 4 2016 (6 weeks before the competition starts)

Step 3 receives 5 places from the table allocation, plus 4 of the 7 remaining at the end of Step 2. Total of 9 places to be allocated by the Selection Committee.

Each country is required to nominate a selector to the committee by June 6 at the latest (10 weeks before the competition start date), and riders are invited to submit their applications to IMGA by the same date.

Each member of the selection committee is then given copies of all applications and has 1 week until June 13 (9 weeks before the competition start date) to rank the applicants and notify IMGA. All selector results are consolidated into a single list and the selected riders are informed. If there are 7 places available then the top 7 scoring applications are selected. The riders have 1 week until June 20 (8 weeks before the competition start date) to confirm that they will accept their place. If some do not confirm then their places will be offered to the next highest on the list and again a period of 1 week until June 27 (7 weeks before the competition start date) to accept. There will be no further rounds and all riders accepting places must pay their registration fee to IMGA by July 4 (6 weeks before the competition start date).

Step 4

Step 4 receives 5 places from the table allocation, plus 3 of the 7 remaining at the end of Step 2. Total of 8 places to be allocated by the competition hosts.

Any “drop outs” from previous steps are also added to the total for Step 4.

At this point there will still be 6 weeks to go until the competition, and the organisers have until a few days before the competition to allocate the remaining places.

Distribution of places still available after Step 1

Places available after Step 1	Distribution		
	Step 2 (Countries)	Step 3 (Selection)	Step 4 (Hosts)
1	0	1	0
2	0	1	1
3	0	2	1
4	0	2	2
5	0	3	2
6	0	3	3
7	0	4	3
8	0	4	4
9	0	5	4
10	0	5	5
11	0	6	5
12	0	6	6
13	0	7	6
14	0	7	7
15	0	8	7
16	0	8	8
17	0	9	8
18	0	9	9
19	0	10	9
20	0	10	10
21	0	11	10
22	22	0	0
23	22	1	0
24	22	1	1
25	22	2	1
26	22	2	2
27	22	3	2
28	22	3	3
29	22	4	3
30	22	4	4
31	22	5	4
32	22	5	5
33	23	5	5
34	24	5	5
35	25	5	5
36	26	5	5
37	27	5	5
38	28	5	5
39	29	5	5
40	30	5	5
and so on			

2. From the Fédération Française d'Équitation

Proposition for IMGA Coefficients (Ranking List)

First it's important to say that is only a proposition from The FFE (French Equestrian Federation). We know that a sub committee is working on this but french representative is not involved in this sub committee, and we want to be involved in the development of IMGA, so we propose the elements under.

We propose to create a IMGA coefficient, it's a coefficient for each IMGA members. This coefficient is base on the results in IMGA competition (european and worlds championship) and on the number of riders in national championship. This coefficient will change each year like that we can create a Ranking List and we can define the quantity of places for each country in différents IMGA compétition (European/Worlds in pairs/individuals).

Calculation of the coefficient:

Calculation is based on 3 themes:

First one is the participation of a country at an IMGA sanctioned competition, so european Team/Pair?/Individual championship and also World Team/Pair/Individual championship.

Second one is based on the results of each country at this different competition.

Third one is based on the number of riders who take place at the national championship in Team, Pairs, Individual for each country.

For the first theme:

Each country who take part of a IMGA sanctioned competition take 100 points by team, 100 points by pair (with a maximum of 400 points by category) and 100 points by individual (with a maximum of 400 points by category). We put a maximum of 400 points in pairs and individual to allow the movement of the ranking list. Like that you encourage each country to take part of all IMGA competition.

For the second theme:

Each IMGA sanctioned competition distribute a number of points (proportionnal of the number of lines their is in A final). If each final is running with 8 lines, the winner takes 900 points, and the last one 100 points. No points for B final or after. Like that you oblige each country to send the best riders to have chance to be in A final.

For the third theme:

To incite members country to grow every years and to have a politic of development in inside it's important to consider this theme. IMGA give 1 point by rider who takes part of a national championship in pony-mounted-games. Each country must prove by official paper (from the federation or association, by qualification paper or other proof) the quantity of riders.

Example of calculation for the Belgium coefficient: (it s not official rankers and numbers)

Belgium take part of european in 2015 with 3 teams, 4 individuals with a A final in teams.

Belgium does not take part of World in Team but has got 4 riders in Individual (in 2 different categories sor 2+2) and does 4 A final.

And LEWB (belgium federation) declare 560 riders at the national championship.

So we have:

$$3*100 + 4*100 = 700 \text{ points}$$

$$0*100 + 4*100 + 4*100 = 800 \text{ points}$$

$$560 *1 = 560 \text{ points}$$

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~ 10 places per age group

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~ 6 places

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~ 5 places

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~ 3 places

~ 13,14,15 will have:

~ 2 places

Belgium will have in 2015, 1500 points.

Distribution of places for IMGA sanctioned competition in team, pair and individual

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The distribution must be proportionnal of the number of lines you have in european and world championship. But we know the organisation 2 years before so we can plane this easily for each IMGA competition.

If all places are not taken, we distribute again by the ranking list until there is no more places.

Conclusion:

This proposition rewards the countries wich are more implicated in IMGA competition, wich try to developped mounted games in his country and has the best results in IMGA competition. We would be honored if you can propose this document to all IMGA members before the IMGA assembly. This document can be a further information of the sub committee proposition.

The calculation of the coefficient seems to be hard but with a Excel board it can be easy.

We remain at your disposal for any further informations.

For the development of mounted games.
French Equestrian Federation (FFE)