

INTERNATIONAL MOUNTED GAMES ASSOCIATION



Annual Meeting 2020 Final version 1.0 (January 2021)

Held by remote participation using RingCentral Saturday 14 November 2020

This record of the meeting has been compiled by Keith Martin from notes made at the time by Frie Martin and material provided by participants.

Meeting opened: Saturday November 14 at 07:00 GMT

Participants :

IMGA Officers:

Chris Wheeler	Chairman
Keith Martin	Vice Chairman
Jens Martin	Administration & Finance
Davy Quinn	Chief Referee
Megan Tutt	Communications

International Representatives:

Warwick Slade	Australia	
Rachel Lechner	Austria	
Florence Hennuy	Belgium	Represented by Robin Donnay
Michelle Cruikshanks	Canada	
Alžbeta Mašková	Czech Republic	Represented by Chris Wheeler
Signe Sehested	Denmark	
Elaine Trevor Jones	England	
Stéphane Tardif	France	
Volker Baasch	Germany	
Conor O'Leary	Ireland	
Andrea Piazza	Italy	
Lizzy Franck	Luxembourg	
Sue Robertson	New Zealand	
Kabir Ali	Nigeria	
Wilson McCoubery	Northern Ireland	
Inga Daler	Norway	
Muhammad Irfan Zafar	Pakistan	No show
Veronica Dodds	Scotland	
Kersley Vinay	South Africa	Represented by Pat Reece
Felicia Ardbring	Sweden	
Sarah Estermann & Caroline Parmelin	Switzerland	
Paul Greiling	USA	
Iain Hopkins	Wales	

Others present but not representing a member country:

Alun Whitney	Technical support and video systems
Frie Martin	Notes of meeting
Widukind Moorman	Presentation point 4.8
Margaret Welsby	New Zealand
Ulrike Voeltzel	Sweden

Apologies received:

Pierre-Luc Portron	Development Officer
Murren Addison	Communications Officer

1. Introduction

The Chairman welcomed the participants to IMGA's first ever full "remote participation" annual meeting, and explained the use of the RingCentral software and voting procedures.

Representation, with assigned proxies, was recorded and is shown above.

The intention was to complete the agenda in just one day (previously 2 days were allowed), by starting early and not taking breaks for refreshments. The meeting started at 07:00 GMT

2. Looking Back at 2020

2.1 Review of IMGA's year

Presented by Chris Wheeler

All IMGA Championships were cancelled in 2020 because of restrictions imposed to fight the COVID-19 pandemic.

Each of the host nations had worked very hard to make things happen against all the odds, but all to no avail. Four of the five 2020 hosts, Denmark, Scotland, Wales, and USA, agreed to simply move up a year and run their championships in 2021 (details below in section 3.4).

There were, however, some comments made specifically on the following topics :

- Age Groups were changed by general agreement. Under-12 and Open remain unchanged, but Under-14 becomes Under-15 and Under-17 becomes Under-18 :

New chart for
the Rule Book

2021	2022	2023	2024
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Born in the year shown or later :

Under 12	2009	2010	2011	2012
Under 15	2006	2007	2008	2009
Under 18	2003	2004	2005	2006
Open	No age restrictions			

- **Breathalyser**
Despite much discussion at the previous meeting, it was still not clear exactly how to proceed with the introduction of alcohol testing.
Further detailed discussion at point 4.1
- **Starts**
Changes introduced in 2020 improved the starting procedures

2.2 Rules Committee Report

Presented by Jens Martin

The year has been very quiet for the Rules Committee, allowing the members to catch up and get up-to-date with processing Rule Change Requests.

In April a change was made to GR12.1 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions. It is now not permitted for any rider to hold any piece of equipment in their mouth. To do so incurs elimination. But this rule change will not come into effect until next year.

But this Rule Change in isolation does not make competitions safe from a COVID-19 point of view.

There will probably not be a new version of the Rule Book for 2021 because of the small number of changes, and the quantity of 2020 Rule Books still in stock because sales were so low. Instead an amendment sheet will be issued.

Despite this low level of sales of the book, there have been almost 3,000 downloads of the on-line version.

2.3 Financial Report

Presented by Jens Martin

- The current financial situation November 2020 is attached to this document, showing a “snapshot” of the current situation. It details all payments and receipts since the last AGM.
- Jens reported that because of the cancellation of all championships during 2020 there had been the usual income from Affiliation Fees, but very little expenditure – making 2020 a very “profitable” year for IMGGA. And from the point of view of the members this meant that they’d paid as usual but received nothing back. He therefore proposed that Affiliation Fees for 2021 should be waived.
- There was some discussion and a counter proposal was made that IMGGA should take advantage of this “windfall” and maintain Affiliation Fees at the current level.
- The discussion then went into further detail about how IMGGA could use its reserves to support Championship organisers when they incur losses, and the idea of a contract between IMGGA and Championship organisers was revisited.
- The possibility of IMGGA setting up a “rescue fund” was discussed. To be set aside as an emergency source of funds for future extreme situations such as the current COVID-19.

There was a vote to decide whether or not to waive next year's Affiliation Fees. The result was 71% for and 29% against.

Decision 20.01 : IMGA Affiliation Fees for 2021 will exceptionally be set at zero.

Decision 20.02 : The possibility of an emergency "rescue fund" will be investigated.

Action : Jens Martin

2.4 Other reports from IMGA Officials

There were no reports from other Officials.

2.5 IMGA Sub-Committees

The discussion was wide-ranging and diverse with many different subjects being discussed, but there were no definite proposals or decisions.

There was an appeal to help the smaller members and to try to raise some interest in the Netherlands.

Despite being interested for a very long time, Spain has still not become a member, mostly for local political reasons.

Some thought should be given to introducing a "senior riders" class.

The on-going question of IMGA's relationship with FEI remains unresolved.

Training and Qualification sub-committee, presented by Davy Quinn

1) Referee & Assistant Referee Training

Training 2020 (Jan – March) :
+ 107 Assistant Referees
+ 51 Referees (1*)

IMGA now has :
260 Assistant Referees
An increase of 104 from 2019 (67%)
145 Referees
An increase of 28 from 2019 (24%)

145 (Active) IMGA Accredited Referees :
9 x 4* Referees
18 x 3* Referees
24 x 2* Referees
94 x 1* Referees
37 ungraded or no longer active

Distribution of referees by member country :

	Assistant Referees	Referrees
Australia	17	13
Austria	12	11
Belgium		5
Canada	2	2
Czech Republic		
Denmark	13	6
England	19	17
France		3
Germany	1	2
Ireland	30	3
Italy	16	6
Luxembourg		
New Zealand	42	17
Northern Ireland	48	19
Norway		1
Scotland	28	12
South Africa	1	1
Sweden	10	8
Switzerland	5	4
U S A	14	12
Wales	2	3
ALL	260	145

	ACTIVE RIDERS	ASSISTANT REFEREES							IMGA REFEREES					REFS PER 50 RIDERS	ASS REF PER 50	
		2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	ALL	Not Active	1*	2*	3*	4*			Active Referees
Australia	490				14	3		17	3	3	7	3		13	1.33	2
Austria	60						12	12		10		1		11	9.17	10
Belgium	270									4		1		5	0.93	0
Canada	64			2				2	6	2				2	1.56	1.56
Czech Republic	40														0	0
Denmark	75					13		13		6				6	4	9
England	570		3	4			12	19	11	9	3	4	1	17	1.49	1.67
France	3,767									1	1	1	1	3	0.04	0
Germany	350						1	1		1		1	1	2	0.29	0
Ireland	51		7				23	30	1	1		2		3	2.94	29.41
Italy	600				16			16		4		2		6	1	1
Luxembourg	13								2						0.00	0
New Zealand	179	12			4	26		42	4	11	2	3	1	17	4.75	11.73
Northern Ireland	40		11				37	48	3	17	2			19	23.75	60.00
Norway	30								1				1	1	1.67	0
Scotland	48			11			17	28	2	10	1		1	12	12.50	29.17
South Africa	37					1		1		1				1	1	1
Sweden	50					10		10		8				8	8	10
Switzerland	190						5	5		4				4	1	1
U S A	121				14			14	1	9	1	2		12	4.96	6
Wales	130		2					2	3		1		2	3	1.15	0.77
ALL	7,175	12	23	17	48	53	107	260	37	94	24	18	9	145	1.01	1.81

2) Referee Grading

- > Annual Referee Returns detailing experience
- > Need feedback from other Referees, Officials, IMGA International Representatives
- > Developed a template to ensure consistency of grading assessments
- > Increase experience of 3* to achieve 4*
- > Shadow Referees from 2020 will shadow 2021

3) Referee Communication – Closed Facebook Page

- > Most Nations can do their own training with Nominated Trainer
- > At least 3* Referee required to deliver training

Ongoing Issue – French translation of the training materials

3. Looking Forward to 2021 and Beyond

3.1 Election of IMGA Officials for the next two year period

For each position there was a single candidate and so they were confirmed for the next two years :

Vice-Chairman : Keith Martin

Officer for Finance and Administration : Jens Martin

Officer for Communications : Megan Tutt

Note : there was a request that in future candidates should prepare a CV for distribution, but in the case where there is only one candidate for each position, this is unnecessary. When there are more candidates than positions then a CV is usually submitted – as happened in the following point 3.2

3.2 Election of Rules Committee members

There were seven candidates for six positions. Each of them was given time to present themselves.

The voting resulted in five clear winners and a tie for the sixth available position. There was a second vote to select one from these two.:

Jens Martin received 91%	√
Margaret Welsby received 91%	√
Davy Quinn received 91%	√
Mark Crowe received 86%	√
Robin Donnay received 86%	√
Alun Whitney received 77% and 67% in the second vote	√
Iain Hopkins received 77% and 33% in the second vote	X

3.3 Selection of referees for 2021 IMGA sanctioned competitions

Davy Quinn confirmed that the selection made for 2020 would be carried forward for 2021

3.4 IMGA sanctioned championships for 2021-22

**World Team Championship
Scotland
August 3-7 2021**



WHEN

- Monday 2 August 2021 – arrivals
- Monday 2 August to Saturday 7 August 2021 – practice sessions and competition
- Sunday 8 August 2021 – departures

PLANNED SCHEDULE

- Monday 2 August – arrivals
- Monday 2 August – practice sessions – borrowed ponies
- Tuesday 3 August – practice sessions all teams
- Tuesday 3 August – Welcome evening
- Wednesday 4 August – opening ceremony
- Wednesday 4 – Friday 6 August Heats and Part A Final
- Saturday 7 August – Part B Final
- Sunday 8 August – departures

WHERE

- St Boswells Mart, Newtown St Boswells, Melrose TD6 0PP



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FACILITIES

- Marquee for dining and bar




- Stable block
- Individual country areas with hook ups

LOCALITY

- Set in the Scottish Borders
- Beneath the picturesque Eildon Hills
- Nearest town Galashiels
- Nearest village St Boswells
- Co-op within walking distance
- Asda, Tesco and Aldi in Galashiels
- Glasgow 82 miles
- Edinburgh 27 miles




TRAVEL

- From South of England and Dover Ferry Ports M2, M25, M1 (A1)
- Accessible from M6 and A1(M1) motorways (approximately 80 miles off motorways)
- Can be reached by A1 motorway to Edinburgh and then A68
- M77, M8 and then A68 from West Coast and Cairnryan Ferry Port
- Stopover points will be offered

Accessibility

- The site is accessed by passing under an 'off road' bridge
- Height of bridge is 14 foot 2 inches / 4.32 Metres
- Trailers can, by arrangement, be left in the adjoining cattle market area




ENTERTAINMENT

- Scottish Welcome Evening
- Opening Ceremony
- Cellidh Band (Scottish Dancing for all) complete with Haggis!
- Scottish Highland Games
- Karaoke
- Disco
- Tartan Masquerade Ball with live band




Visit Edinburgh

- Edinburgh is an historic, vibrant city
- Edinburgh is the capital of Scotland and the seat of Scottish Parliament





SHOPS, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS

- Caterers providing breakfast and dinner for competitors and package holders
- Evening bar in marquee
- Day time ringside bar
- Onsite catering vendors

ACCOMMODATION

- Local hotels – good rates negotiated (details to be posted on web site)
- Camping field
- Campervan hire – discounted rates negotiated (details to be posted on web site)



MEDICAL AND VETERINARY SERVICES

- Full paramedic cover will be provided
- Veterinary and farrier cover to be provided during the competition
- Borders General Hospital with Accident and Emergency department 6 miles away




CONTACT AND INFORMATION

- Website mgagb.co.uk/wtc-2/ (you can reach web site through main MGAGB site)
- Facebook page Scotland World Team Championships 2021
- Both to contain full, updated information on entry process, borrowed ponies, packages and other relevant information
- Email addresses:
 - wtcScotland2021@gmail.com (WTC e mails)
 - mgascotland158@gmail.com (general e mails)
 - veronicadodds@hotmail.co.uk (IMGA Rep)
- 0044 7479325343 Whatsapp



World Pairs Championship Newark, England (MGAGB) August 17-19 2021



No details are yet available

World Individual Championship Wales August 18-24 2021



THE VENUE – DATES

- DAVID BROOME'S EVENT CENTRE – CHEPSTOW – WALES
- 18TH – 24TH AUGUST 2021

DAVID BROOME EVENT CENTRE

- THE DAVID BROOME EVENT CENTRE IS SITUATED AT THE FAMILY HOME OF THE FAMOUS SNOW JUMPING OLYMPIC MEDALIST AND WORLD CHAMPION SNOW JUMPER, DAVID BROOME, AT MOUNT GALLAN HAMPSHIRE, CHEPSTOW NEAR CHEPSTOW IN SOUTH WALES.
- THE SNOWJUMPS WELCOMES MANY THOUSANDS OF VISITORS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AND IT HAS CERTAINLY GONE FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH SINCE IT BEGAN OVER 45 YEARS AGO.
- DAVID BROOME'S INVOLVEMENT AND SUPPORT FOR MOUNTED GAMES DATES BACK WELL OVER 20 YEARS.

FACILITIES

- 2 MARTIN COLLINS ALL WEATHER ARENAS 100M X 72M.
- 4 ALL WEATHER WARM UP ARENAS.
- OVER 400 PERMANENT STABLES.
- ONSITE PAVILION SERVING FOOD ALL DAY.
- 10 ONSITE CABINS EACH SLEEPING 6 – 8 PEOPLE.

THE NEW ARENA 100M X 72M






European Team and Individuals
Championship, Denmark
July 12-20 2021



A detailed website will soon be available at
<http://www.mounted-games.org/imga/events/2021/index.html>

COVID19 GUIDELINES

SANITIZER & MASKS

During your stay, you will be asked to wash your hands and use sanitizer a lot!

When you enter the arena, the commentary box, the equipment area and the foodsale you will have to use sanitizer. When you leave the arena and equipment area it is the same.

At the campsite we will make sure there is sanitizer, so its easy to use. Please do not bring it back to your own camp.

Masks might be used, we will know, when we get closer.

DISTANCE & ZONES

Campsite will as usual be divided in areas according to firerestrictions, but we will also make sure, that social distance can be kept during your stay.

Please keep your distance to other people around you.

Around the arena there might be zones. Each person shall have at least 4m² which means a zone of 40m² is for 10 persons.

These restrictions can be different when time comes, but be aware, that zones can be a part of the competition to secure everybody the best possible way.

REFUND IN CASE OF CANCELLATION

In the case of cancellation we will refund all participants. There will be a fee of 100 dk. kr. for each transaction due to fees.

The same goes for countries, who can not come due to restriction from either their own or Danish government. That includes the possibility of the 14 days quarantine. In these cases we refund as above.

We want you to feel safe, when you enter, and we do not want you to loose money. Please get in touch if you have any questions.

Edit template

General information

The competition will be run according to IMGA rules.

As new guidelines come in relation to covid19, we make sure to inform about this on the website and on facebook. All participants may be required to present a corona passport upon arrival, presenting a negative corona test. This depends on the Danish authorities' recommendations at the time. Likewise, there may be ongoing coronating in a mobile device at the venue itself. We will do everything to ensure all participants the best possible and we work closely with other major events in Denmark to ensure the best possible way to run the competition.



The showground is places only 20 minutes from Copenhagen Airport and Copenhagen City. Vallensbæk Beach is 10 minutes from the showground. City2 Shoppingmall is 15 minutes away.

find links to accomodation below:

<https://www.wittruphotel.dk>

<https://www.sleep.com/da/normal/hotel/>

www.lindstroms.dk

www.shinets.dk

<https://www.tjornet.dk>

The arena has an underground irrigation and drainage system, which insure the surface always is as good as possible. No dust, no deep turns.

There will be a cafeteria next to the arena, where you can buy all meals, which of course will be homemade.

We have more showers and toilettes than we ever had, and hygiene will be more important for us than ever.



How to enter the Europeans 2021

Teams entering the Europeans 2021

Teams entering the Europeans 2021 shall send an email to: europains@mounted-games.dk with agegroup and name of the country.

Payment for teams shall be made by banktransaction. Entry fee for teams is:

1st payment the X 2021 :

2nd payment the X 2021:

Entry fee for teams after the X 2021 is:

The entry fee includes:

- Entry for 1 team at the European Championship 2021
- Free entry and stay for all supporters
- 5 stables
- 5 shavings
- 5 tickets to celebrationparty incl. dinner



All extra buys as stables, tickets, shavings etc. must be made by webshop. ONLY entry fee can be paid by account.

Individuals entering the Europeans 2021

Individuals entering the Europeans can go directly to our webshop on this site and enter.

The entryfee is:

The entryfee includes:

- Entryfee for 1 rider at the European Championship 2021
- Free entry and stay for all supports
- 1 stable
- 1 shaving
- 1 ticket to celebrationparty incl. dinner



Until the X there are unlimited spaces for both Junior and Open individuals. After the X we only open for entries, if we got free spaces left.

All payment must be done by webshop.

Contact informations



europains@mounted-games.dk



europains2021.dk, Vejlegårdsvj 123,
2625 Vallensbæk, Denmark



**Nations Championship
Equitana USA, Kentucky Horse Park
September 27 2021**



For information about Equitana USA : <https://www.equitanausa.com/en-gb/about.html>

**World Team Championship
La Bonde, France
July 11-17 2022**



No details are yet available

**World Pairs Championship
Venue not yet selected, Ireland
August 2-11 2022 (to be confirmed)**



No details are yet available

**World Individual Championship
England
Dates not yet fixed (2022)**



No details are yet available

**European Team and Individuals
Championship, Wales
August 2-11 2022**



No details are yet available

Nations Championship
 South Africa
 Dates not yet fixed (2022)



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Championships
South Africa
2021

Hosted by MGASA

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The Venue:
KwaZulu-Natal Provinces
Equestrian Centre

**CONTACT
DETAILS**

For further
small
scale and individual events
please contact us for further
details and conditions to be confirmed.
Enquiries to be provided from the
above telephone number.

Agreement to use: Sun 011 456 7890 and 011 456 7890
has been confirmed from this venue

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3.5 World Pairs Championship 2023

Presented by Signe Sehested

BID FOR WORLD PAIRS 2023



Given that IMGA wants to spread their events across both the world and Europe, we hope that you see Mounted Games Denmark as worthy and possible hosts for the WC Par 2023.

Other IMGA competitions in 2023 will be located in Australia, England, France and Canada, so given the challenges we have seen in other years where the competitions clump together in special parts of Europe in particular, we hope that you, like us, see Denmark as a good opportunity for the IMGA competitions to be distributed as far as possible.

We are located in the Northern part of Europe, but still central to most European countries. The venue is 20 minutes from Copenhagen and Copenhagen Airport for riders from overseas.



We have extensive experience with IMGA competitions, and have over the years helped to develop IMGA's competitions to what they are today.

But we do not want to stop here!

We have shown before that we can run IMGA competitions without major delays and at a high level, and of course we want that for 2023 as well.

We are open to the wishes and suggestions from other countries and riders, because the goal for us is to go one step further for IMGA and create another fantastic IMGA competition for all our members across national borders.

In practice, we imagine a competition that runs from Wednesday to Saturday, and which ends with a party for riders and supporters on Saturday night, so that everyone can travel home on Sunday.

We will strive to work with the other hosts of IMGA competitions the same year to find suitable dates for the event, so we can create an IMGA event calendar, that is best for the riders in IMGA.

In relation to loan ponies for overseas riders, we will also do what we can to be helpful, so the sooner the riders contact us the greater the chance we have of helping.

Our goal is for all participants, both riders and supporters, to arrive in Denmark with enthusiasm and leave here even more excited. We work hard for good prizes for everyone, and we work hard to have the best crew on the field, at camping and in the box.



3.6 Host for the 2021 Annual Meeting

The 2021 Annual Meeting will be held at the *South Seas Island Resort* in Florida, United States

November 13-14 2021

www.southseas.com



4. Important Discussions and Decisions

4.1 Breathalyser policy implementation

Presented by Chris Wheeler

There was a long and detailed discussion on the implementation of breathalyser testing of riders at IMGA Championships. The following list of points, prepared by Chris Wheeler, covers the subjects discussed and agreements reached.

- Testing of all Open and Junior (Under 18) riders (plus their trainer if he/she goes into the arena)
- To include the 6th rider
- No testing of U15 and U12 riders (unless suspicion of alcohol)
- Testing to be done before riders' warm up of each day (including practice days) (and maybe before second session if suspicion of alcohol taken beforehand)
- Host country and IMGA to provide staffing to breathalyse riders
- A breathalyser testing team of 2 people made up of:- one person holding a breathalyser
- Plus one person marshalling and ticking the rider's presence and result
- Testing capacity: 8 teams of 6 riders plus trainers = maximum 56 tests per heat= one test per minute
- Testing therefore starts a minimum of 75 minutes before their session starts
- (Timings will vary with fewer teams in a session, and we may get faster as we go along. Envisaging 30 seconds a rider at quickest capacity.)
- It is the responsibility of the trainers/chefs d'équipe to present their teams at the correct time for breath testing
- Rider to give her/his name to breathalyser staff
- If rider blows positive (ie shows a reading above zero), the rider must blow into spare breathalyser for a second reading a minimum of 15 minutes later
- If reading is above zero, the rider will miss the next 2 sessions. If reading is then clear, the rider will be ok to ride
- Reserve rider may compete if a team member fails the breathalyser test, or the offending rider may sit out the next 2 sessions and then compete in the 3rd session following the failed test
- If a rider blows positive, the rider's Federation/home organisation will receive a letter describing the situation

- If the trainer blows positive she/he may direct operations from outside the arena or appoint a substitute trainer to go the arena
- and who must also take the breathalyser test
- Pairs and individuals will be along similar lines
- Referees and assistant referees to also take the breathalyser test

These decisions and agreements will form the basis for a “Breathalyser Dossier” to define and formalise the IMGA Breathalyser policy.

Action : Chris Wheeler will continue to steer this project.

4.2 What do we do if only a few countries can attend future competitions due to government travel restrictions ?

Presented by Signe Sehested

There was a long discussion on this point but no clear agreement was reached. However, there was a general feeling that if riders who want to participate are prevented from doing so by circumstances beyond their control (quarantine, travel restrictions, etc.) then if the championship still goes ahead anyway it can't be called a World Championship.

The point was raised about a championship being held in a country which, because of travel and quarantine restrictions, is the only country to have entries. Would the rest of the world accept that as a World Championship ?

There was further discussion on the quota of riders required for a competition to be classed as an official World Championship, deadlines to be set and respected, and the practical difficulties of location and timing of events.

Chris Wheeler proposed that regardless of circumstances, IMGA Championship names will remain as they are named.

Agreement : 86%

4.3 Update on online Assistant Referee training

Presented by Warwick Slade

A new online training programme for Assistant Referees was presented, with several examples of the structure of the course.

Warwick will follow up with a contact with each International Representative for the organisation of the training course in each member country.

Training System Administrator

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Introduction

Scope
This course will explain those rules that apply to the Assistant Referee. Any rules that only effect the Referee are not included.

Pre-requisites
There are no formal prerequisites, however all attendees should have familiarised themselves with the current IMGA rule book.

Objective
To educate riders, parents and friends in the rules of Mounted Games so that they may fulfil the role of an Assistant Referee.

Responsibilities
Each Assistant Referee will be assigned to a position around the field of play. After each race they will rotate around the field.
The Assistant Referee's role is to watch the riders in their area and to describe to the Referee what they have observed. It is not up to the Assistant Referee to make judgements or decisions about events that have occurred only to relay their observations.
The Assistant Referee will be given a flag that they shall use to draw the attention of the Referee by holding it up and by walking towards the Referee to ensure that they are seen, waving if necessary. The flag shall only be raised at the conclusion of the race except in special circumstances which are listed later.^{AG3.3}
Assistant Referees must ensure that their attention is on the riders at all times. At no time should the Assistant Referee use a mobile device or chat to people whilst a race is in progress.^{AG3.4}
Assistant Referees are not to inform riders of breaches of the rules during the race nor discuss breaches of the rules except with the Referee at the conclusion of the race. The Referee must listen to the Assistant Referee's observations; however it is the Referee's responsibility to make a decision and their decision is final.^{AG3.3}
Assistant Referees must wear secure closed footwear^{AG5.7}, must not smoke or be under the influence of alcohol^{AG3.3}.

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IMGA Assistant Referees 2020

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Question 5
Answer saved
Marked out of 1.00
Flag question

In *Mug Shuffle*, a rider loses his horse and the horse jumps out of the arena. What do you do?

Select one:

- 1. No action required - because the Referee will know the horse has exited the arena.
- 2. Catch the horse.
- 3. Raise my flag AFTER the race - because the horse has exited the arena.
- 4. Raise my flag AFTER the race - because a rider has lost their horse during a race.

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4.4 Chef d'Équipe for each country at IMGA Championships ?

Presented by Chris Wheeler

Chris explained his proposal, highlighting the following points :

- Each country must nominate one person to be responsible for her/his country at our Championships – including at Pairs and Individuals competitions.
- The need for this is partly due to the communication which often needs to be given during a competition and also partly due to having one person who has overall responsibility for his /her nation's riders and ponies.
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- Many responsibilities may be delegated to team trainers but the Chef d'Équipe has overall responsibility and is the first person to be contacted and then she/he informs the rest of her/his country's trainers and riders of the necessary information.
- The responsibilities of Chefs d'Équipe may include:-
- Attending briefings.
- Making sure their teams are on time for tack check, breathalyser, training sessions, warm up, competition start times, vet checks for return journeys, handing in and collection of horse passports.
- Being contactable by the organisation and their riders via a mobile phone. Then to inform their riders and trainers (and maybe families) of any changes of timings, games, blacksmith availability, vet checks, last time to buy gala tickets etc
- Being responsible for their country's camping area – including encouraging their nation's riders to respect campsite noise restrictions at night, cleanliness of their camping area and general behaviour.
- Being responsible for their country's stables to ensure that they are kept clean and tidy and which also includes pony welfare.
- Being available to deal with any disciplinary issues resulting from on or off field incidents.
- Making sure their assistant referees are on time.
- Organising their nation's riders for the Opening/Closing ceremonies.
- Representing their nation at the World Teams International Representatives meeting if their International Representative is not available.
- Being responsible for making sure their nation's camping area is left in a clean state.

Decision 20.03 : After some discussion this proposal was accepted with 100% voting in favour.

Action : Chris Wheeler

4.5 Update on Video equipment

Presented by Alun Whitney

Alun explained and demonstrated the current status of the video equipment available to IMGA to help referees and judges in making decisions.

The equipment is also available as a source for the live streaming of events.

IMGA provides the main items of equipment, but because of transport considerations, some will have to be provided locally by the organisers : Poles to support cameras, and cabling.

4.6 IMGA Pairs and Individuals Championships in May ?

Presented by Chris Wheeler

After a short discussion this suggestion was dropped, mainly because of the problems with school holidays, and national holidays varying between countries. No vote was needed. Chris requested that International Representatives should provide him with May holiday dates for 2021.

4.7 Annual International Referee Meeting at European Championship ?

Presented by Chris Wheeler

The discussion concentrated not on the value of having such a meeting, that was accepted by everyone, but rather the proposal to hold the meeting at the *European* Championship.

It was made clear that all Referees of all levels from all countries would be able to participate in this meeting and so a video link will be arranged for this meeting. It would be scheduled early during the European's week with an agenda and minutes taken.

This was agreed with a vote of 95 %

Davy Quinn also pointed out that referees are meeting all the time anyway. Whichever championship, whichever location, the referees are always meeting and discussing.

The idea of having a couple of scenarios for Referees to discuss was suggested.

Paul proposed that the meeting might take place every second year at the Nations Championship, but this will be decided at next year's Annual Meeting.

4.8 Proposal from Germany for a change to the structure of teams

Presented by Widukind Moorman

Proposal summary :

Instead of a team of 5 riders with a 6th rider in reserve in case of accidents, a team should consist of 6 riders with the trainer selecting which 5 will take part in each session. The selection can be changed between sessions, but not during a session.

Full text of the proposal :

Having trained the German national team in the open for many years I have witnessed a few systematic problems with GR 1.6 during IMGA World and European Team Championships. My main concern is that the reserve riders are not feeling to be a full part of the team because at least when everything goes to plan, they won't compete. Many times have I seen unhappy riders when selected to be the reserve rider. Countries that travel long distances struggle to motivate people to make the trip as reserve riders. Because of this a few associations have already contractually secured that before the team selection starts, that whoever is picked as reserve rider has to fulfil their role.

Arriving at the competition itself I have talked to numerous reserve riders that didn't enjoy the competition as a full member of the team. Nevertheless, it has been shown many times

in the past that a reserve rider/pony combination is necessary. During my time as trainer of the German open team we have taken advantage of the reserve rider many times due to injuries in the original line up. However, I have also witnessed a number of cases where a team that wasn't fortunate to have a reserve rider had more than one injury and a continuation of the competition required an infringement of the GR 1.6, which then created problems and required the other competing teams (trainers) to agree to the best possible scenario for that team to continue. If there is a continuous violation of GR 1.6 why not change it in a way that everyone will benefit from? Obviously, it is difficult to motivate people to spend thousands of Euros or Pounds to watch the competition from the side-line. In order to get the best experience for the reserve riders but also for the team I want to propose a rule change that allows the trainer to use the reserve rider as a full member of the team.

As before only five riders will enter the ring for each session. A 6 th rider/pony combination can be substituted in between sessions. With the start of the first race of a session the next substitution can only take part after the session has finished. A substitution of a rider/pony combination can only take place during a session if a horse or rider gets injured or a pony is unsafe. I want to point out that the substitution should be of a rider & pony combination to prevent that stronger riders may take advantage of the reserve rider, by bringing two ponies for themselves, and thus to undo the intention of this application.

In the case that the line up of the 6 rider/pony combinations is not complete and a pony or rider has ended the competition due to injury or illness it is possible to substitute just a pony or a rider at the end of a session or during the session after a further injury in the 5 competing combinations. But this substitution can only happen once.

I know this problem has been partly solved at the Europeans as the reserve rider can take part in the Open European Individuals. This however is only consistently the case for open riders as the European Individuals is not available for the younger age groups. Also in order to not violate GR 1.10 a reserve rider that needs to replace an injured rider has to drop out of the Individual competition.

The proposal was discussed in detail with many differing opinions. But it was decided that essentially the proposal was a matter for the Rules Committee to discuss and decide.

Decision 20.04 : the Chairman of the Rules Committee, will schedule this proposal along with other Rule Change Requests for discussion by the Rules Committee.

Action : Jens Martin

4.9 Proposals from Ireland

Presented by Conor O'Leary

MGAI proposes that IMGA

- i) set their strategic plan as a priority, so that significant proposals can be discussed in the context of the overall strategic plan.
- ii) Significant procedural changes be presented for decision at the AGM.

These proposals provoked much discussion about the direction IMGA should take in its future development, and the best way to achieve that development in a controlled way.

There already exists a sub-committee, *Strategic Planning*, with Chris Wheeler as Chairman plus 5 members.

Decision 20.05 : Conor O’Leary will become a member of the Strategic Planning sub-committee and the general structure and membership of the Strategic Planning sub-committee will be reviewed

Action : Chris Wheeler

It was confirmed that important decisions must be taken with the agreement of all members, but it may not always be possible to wait for up to a year until the next annual meeting. This difficulty could be overcome by holding meetings more often than just once per year.

Decision 20.06 : To hold a full meeting of all International Representatives 4 times every year, in addition to the Annual Meeting.

Action : All IMGA Officials

Decision 20.07 : To hold these meetings by remote participation, with a reasonable time limit (half a day ?) set for discussion.

Action : All IMGA Officials

Decision 20.08 : To set up the required infrastructure (RingCentral ?) and register all International Representatives as approved users.

Action : IMGA to provide finance and set up its own private meeting system (with the help of Alun Whitney)

4.10 IMGA European Club Team Championships

Presented by Conor O’Leary

Creation of a tournament for club-teams that starts with qualification in a club’s home country and then top clubs qualify to the European Club championship (Full text attached)

The proposal was presented as a way of developing Mounted Games at the “grassroots” level and developing less capable riders instead of concentrating only on top level international riders. Entry would not be restricted to European Teams but open to all club-teams.

After discussion it was agreed that this proposal is in the early development stages and there is still a lot of work to be done. Chris Wheeler suggested that IMGA should participate and proposed that Conor O’Leary, Mark Crowe, and Signe Sehested should work together on further developing this proposal.

Agreement : 95%

The meeting closed at 17:00 GMT

Financial Report



International Mounted Games Association Financial Summary for the period 23/11/19 - 14/11/20

Income

2020 Affiliation Fees	GBP	6,221.25
2019 Rule Book Sales	GBP	85.98
2020 Rule Book Sales	GBP	1,501.30
Late Payment Penalties	GBP	
Equipment Manufacturer Licencing	GBP	
2019 IMGA Rider Fees	GBP	993.00
2020 IMGA Rider Fees	GBP	
Recovered Bank charges	GBP	21.00
Donations	GBP	5.00

Total: GBP 8,827.53

Expenditure

Admin Expenses (Postage, Phone costs, Web Site etc.)	GBP	470.43
2020 IMGA Rule Book Printing	GBP	1,416.01
2019 IMGA AGM Meeting expenses	GBP	612.74
Bank & Paypal Charges	GBP	183.10
IMGA Travel Expenses	GBP	1,386.33
Rule Book Refunds	GBP	282.14

Total: GBP 4,350.75

Opening Balance:	GBP	46,792.77
Plus Income:	GBP	8,827.53
Less Expenditure	GBP	4,350.75
Closing Balance:	GBP	51,269.55



International Mounted Games Association Transactions for the period 23/11/19 - 14/11/20

Opening Balance : GBP 46,792.77

Transactions	Expenditure	Income
23/11/2019 IMGA 2019 ET&IC Rider Fees - IRE		993.00
24/11/2019 IMGA 2019 Rule Books - Paypal		81.47
25/11/2019 Payment to Jens Martin for 2019 IMGA AGM travel expenses	652.08	
26/11/2019 Payment to Roganstown Golf & Country Club for 2019 IMGA AGM venue expenses	612.74	
28/11/2019 Payment to Davey Quinn for 2019 IMGA AGM travel expenses	282.44	
06/12/2019 Payment to Murren Addison for 2019 IMGA AGM travel expenses	270.72	
06/12/2019 Payment to Chris Wheeler for 2019 IMGA AGM travel expenses	181.09	
27/01/2020 IMGA 2020 Affiliation Fee - CZR		156.65
31/01/2020 IMGA 2020 Affiliation Fee - BEL		303.99
31/01/2020 IMGA 2020 Affiliation Fee - NOR		303.99
31/01/2020 IMGA 2020 Affiliation Fee - ITA		315.00
02/02/2020 IMGA 2020 Rule Books - Paypal		10.67
03/02/2020 IMGA 2020 Affiliation Fee - AUS + IMGA 2019 Affiliation Fee - AUS (Bank Charges)		327.00
03/02/2020 Payment to Keith Martin for 2020 IMGA Rule Book Printing	1,416.01	
04/02/2020 IMGA 2020 Rule Books - Paypal		15.46
04/02/2020 IMGA 2020 Rule Books - Paypal		80.00
04/02/2020 IMGA 2020 Rule Books - Paypal		10.67
04/02/2020 IMGA 2020 Rule Books - Paypal		34.21
04/02/2020 IMGA 2020 Rule Books - Paypal		29.53
06/02/2020 IMGA 2020 Rule Books - Paypal		54.53
06/02/2020 IMGA 2018 Affiliation Fee - CZR (Bank Charges) + IMGA 2019 Affiliation Fee - CZR (Bank Charges)		14.00
07/02/2020 IMGA 2020 Rule Books - Paypal		114.38
09/02/2020 IMGA 2020 Affiliation Fee - NIR		305.56
10/02/2020 IMGA 2020 Affiliation Fee - ENG		315.00
11/02/2020 IMGA 2020 Rule Books - Paypal		22.74
12/02/2020 IMGA 2020 Affiliation Fee - CHE		315.00
13/02/2020 IMGA 2020 Affiliation Fee - IRE		315.00

