



IMGA NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2024

Our Rule Book for 2024 is now available to order on our website or it can also be downloaded for free as usual.






We have our Rules so we can all compete within an agreed framework in every country. We also have many other policies - for example regarding health and safety for riders and also for pony welfare.

So here's a question..... Should we have a policy for team selection that applies to all our member countries?

Each country, it seems, has its own selection policy that can be very different from another country's policy. Some selections are based on a selection competition - you're in if you win! Others are on performances during the season with selectors giving their judgment. Other countries gather a large squad together and provide training and then selection is made. And there are various other ways of selecting a team.

As a sport, should we set out an agreed international selection policy for all countries? Or should each country continue to have its own independent selection policy? Give your thoughts to your International Representatives!

Programme 2024

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| World Team Championship | Italy Arezzo |  | July 15 Arrival July 16 Practice July 17-20 Competition July 21 Departure |
| World Individual Championship | Italy La Scuderia |  | July 22 Arrival July 23 Practice July 24-28 Competition July 29 Departure |
| World Pairs Championship | France Domaine Équestre de laBonde |  | August 5 Arrival August 6 Practice August 7-10 Competition August 11 Departure |
| European Team and Individuals Championship | France Parc Équestre Fédéral Lamotte-Beuvron |  | August 12 Arrival August 13 Individuals start August 14 Teams start August 17 Finals August 18 Departure |
| Nations Championship | New Zealand Taupo Central North Island |  | October 12-19 |

Did you know?

If you think a Rule needs changing, you can contact your International Representative who will then pass it on to our Rules Committee.

Rule Change Requests can be made by :

- **International Representatives**
- **Members of the Rules Committee**
- **The Chief Referee**
- **IMGA Certified Referees**

Requests should be made in writing and submitted to the IMGA Rules Committee Chairman, Jens Martin.

See our website for the official Rule Change request form.

You can also see what Rule change requests are presently being considered.

If you have any comments or suggestions concerning any of these change requests, you can contact the Rules Committee.

Rider Height and Weight Restrictions A Reminder!

Ponies GR2.1. **Ponies must not exceed 1m52cm** excluding shoes. If the referee believes a pony exceeds that height then that pony will be excluded from the competition from that point on and any points scored by the Team, Pair or Individual concerned will be lost unless: A: The rider can provide a dated height certificate for that pony signed by an independent qualified veterinary surgeon showing that the pony does not exceed 1m52cm. The height certificate must have been issued after the pony attained seven years of age or within the last twelve months for ponies under that age, or B: The referee measures the pony at the venue and is satisfied that it does not exceed 1m52cm excluding shoes.

Rule : GR2.4. The size, weight and experience of a rider must correspond to the size, build and experience of the pony. If the referee deems a rider to be overweight or unsafe, that rider will be eliminated from the competition. A rider is overweight for a pony if the rider's weight exceeds 20% of the pony's bodyweight.

An automatic calculator has been developed for IMGA by Mats Hensel to make it very easy to check the rider weight limit for your pony. **Please see MG SCOREBOARD for a calculator**
In borderline cases the referee will make a decision taking all relevant factors into account.

Riders should not be too tall for their pony.
As a guideline the top of the pony's withers should not be more than 10cm below the level of the rider's horizontally outstretched arm.

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| | World Team Championships 2024 | | | | | | |
| | Session 1 | | Session 2 | | Session 3 | | Session 4 |
| 1 | Speed Weavers | 1 | Bank Race | 1 | HiLo | 1 | Bank Race |
| 2 | Socks and Buckets | 2 | Hoopla | 2 | Ball and Cone | 2 | Agility Aces |
| 3 | Hug-a-Mug | 3 | Litter Scoop | 3 | Hula Hoop | 3 | Association Race |
| 4 | Bottle Shuttle | 4 | Carton Race | 4 | Bottle Exchange | 4 | Bang-a-Balloon |
| 5 | Association Race | 5 | Three Mug | 5 | Hug-a-Mug | 5 | Litter Scoop |
| 6 | Pony Express | 6 | Tool Box Scramble | 6 | Pony Pairs | 6 | Carton Race |
| 7 | Mug Shuffle | 7 | Bottle Swap | 7 | Two Flag | 7 | Pony Express |
| 8 | Founders Race | 8 | Agility Aces | 8 | Mug Shuffle | 8 | Socks and Buckets |
| 9 | Litter Lifters | 9 | Windsor Castle | 9 | Founders Race | 9 | Ball and Cone |
| 10 | Four Flag | 10 | Jousting | 10 | Sword Lancers | 10 | Flag Fliers |
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| | Final Part 1 | | Final Part 2 | | | | |
| 1 | Speed Weavers | 1 | Bank Race | | | | |
| 2 | Ball and Cone | 2 | Carton Race | | | | |
| 3 | HiLo | 3 | Litter Lifters | | | | |
| 4 | Tool Box Scramble | 4 | Socks and Buckets | | | | |
| 5 | Bottle Exchange | 5 | Association Race | | | | |
| 6 | Hoopla | 6 | Bang-a-Balloon | | | | |
| 7 | Pony Express | 7 | Hula Hoop | | | | |
| 8 | Pony Pairs | 8 | Two Flag | | | | |
| 9 | Three Mug | 9 | Windsor Castle | | | | |
| 10 | Founders Race | 10 | Mug Shuffle | | | | |
| 11 | Four Flag | 11 | Agility Aces | | | | |
| 12 | Jousting | 12 | Flag Fliers | | Tie Break: Flag Fliers | | |

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| | World Individuals Championships | | | | |
| | Session 1 | | Session 2 | | Session 3 |
| 1 | Speed Weavers | 1 | Bank Race | 1 | HiLo |
| 2 | Hula Hoop | 2 | Moat and Castle | 2 | Socks and Buckets |
| 3 | Litter Lifters | 3 | Bottle Shuttle | 3 | Litter Scoop |
| 4 | Carton Race | 4 | Mug Shuffle | 4 | Two Flag |
| 5 | Association Race | 5 | Sword Lancers | 5 | Bottle Exchange |
| 6 | Tool Box Scramble | 6 | Triple Flag | 6 | Hoopla |
| 7 | Three Pot Flag | 7 | Victoria Cross | 7 | Flag Fliers |
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| | Semi-Finals | | A-Final | | Lower Finals |
| 1 | Bank Race | 1 | Speed Weavers | 1 | Speed Weavers |
| 2 | Sword Lancers | 2 | Socks and Buckets | 2 | Socks and Buckets |
| 3 | Litter Lifters | 3 | HiLo | 3 | Mug Shuffle |
| 4 | Hula Hoop | 4 | Mug Shuffle | 4 | Three Mug |
| 5 | Bottle Swap | 5 | Litter Scoop | 5 | Three Pot Flag |
| 6 | Tool Box Scramble | 6 | Carton Race | 6 | Bottle Exchange |
| 7 | Three Mug | 7 | Three Pot Flag | 7 | Victoria Cross |
| 8 | Triple Flag | 8 | Bottle Exchange | 8 | Flag Fliers |
| | | 9 | Victoria Cross | | |
| | | 10 | Flag Fliers | | Tie Break: Flag Fliers |

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| | World Pairs Championships | | | | | |
| | Session 1 | | Session 2 | | Session 3 | |
| 1 | Speed Weavers | 1 | Bank Race | 1 | Sword Lancers | |
| 2 | Tool Box Scramble | 2 | Socks and Buckets | 2 | Hoopla | |
| 3 | Bottle Exchange | 3 | Bottle Swap | 3 | Association Race | |
| 4 | Four Flag | 4 | Bang-a-Balloon | 4 | Carton Race | |
| 5 | Litter Lifters | 5 | Three Mug | 5 | Windsor Castle | |
| 6 | Hug-a-Mug | 6 | Founders Race | 6 | Hula Hoop | |
| 7 | Agility Aces | 7 | Pony Pairs | 7 | Flag Fliers | |
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| | Semi-Finals | | A-Final | | Lower Finals | |
| 1 | HiLo | 1 | Speed Weavers | 1 | Speed Weavers | |
| 2 | Tool Box Scramble | 2 | Hoopla 0.5 | 2 | Tool Box Scramble | |
| 3 | Bottle Shuttle | 3 | Carton Race | 3 | Association Race | |
| 4 | Bang-a-Balloon | 4 | Association Race | 4 | Carton Race | |
| 5 | Litter Scoop 0.5 | 5 | Pony Pairs | 5 | Bottle Exchange | |
| 6 | Ball and Cone | 6 | Agility Aces | 6 | Four Flag | |
| 7 | Founders Race | 7 | Bottle Exchange | 7 | Hula Hoop | |
| 8 | Two Flag | 8 | Four Flag | 8 | Flag Fliers | |
| | | 9 | Hula Hoop | | | |
| | | 10 | Flag Fliers | | Tie Break: Flag Fliers | |

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| | European Teams and Nations Championships 2024 | | | | | | |
| | Session 1 | | Session 2 | | Session 3 | | Session 4 |
| 1 | Speed Weavers | 1 | Bank Race | 1 | HiLo | 1 | Bank Race |
| 2 | Tool Box Scramble | 2 | Hoopla 0.5 | 2 | Ball and Cone | 2 | Hula Hoop |
| 3 | Bottle Exchange | 3 | Litter Scoop | 3 | Agility Aces | 3 | Association Race |
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| | European Individuals Championships 2024 | | | | | |
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| 2 | Hula Hoop | 2 | Moat and Castle | 2 | Tool Box Scramble | |
| 3 | Litter Lifters | 3 | Bottle Shuttle | 3 | Bottle Exchange | |
| 4 | Carton Race | 4 | Mug Shuffle | 4 | Litter Scoop | |
| 5 | Association Race | 5 | Sword Lancers | 5 | Three Mug | |
| 6 | Socks and Buckets | 6 | Triple Flag | 6 | Hoopla | |
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| 3 | Litter Lifters | 3 | Bank Race | 3 | Mug Shuffle | |
| 4 | Victoria Cross | 4 | Mug Shuffle | 4 | Three Mug | |
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| | | 9 | Hula Hoop | | | |
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IMGA NEWSLETTER INTERVIEW



In which country do you live?

Eva + Helena: Austria

What age group do you ride in for Mounted Games?

Eva + Helena: U12

When did you first become involved in Mounted Games?

Helena: Ich weiß es nicht genau, ich glaube ich war 2 Jahre alt. Am Führzügel.

I am not sure, I think I was 2 years old. On the lead rein.

Eva: Ich glaube, ich war 5 oder 6 Jahre alt.

I think I was 5 or 6 years old.

What team do you ride for?

Eva + Helena: Ponyhof Daneder

Where have you been abroad with Mounted Games?

**Helena: Dänemark, Frankreich, Österreich, Deutschland,
Belgien, Tschechien**

**Denmark, France, Austria, Germany, Belgium and Czech
Republic**

**Eva: Österreich, Deutschland, Dänemark, Frankreich
Austria, Germany, Denmark, France**

What is your favourite venue?

**Eva + Helena: Stadl Paura (Oberösterreich)
Stadl-Paura (Upper Austria)**

What do you like most about Mounted Games?

**Helena: Schnelligkeit, Technik und Aufspringen.
The speed, technical skill and vaulting.**

**Eva: Aufspringen
Vaulting**



What is your favourite race? and why?

Helena: Litter Scoop, weil das Spiel haben wir letztes Jahr in Dänemark gewonnen. Und Founders :)

Litter Scoop, as this is the race we won last year in Denmark. We also won Founders :)

Eva: Agility, Socks, ich liebe alle Aufspringspiele und natürlich Founders. :)

Agility Aces, I love all vaulting races and of course Founders :)

What advice would you give to a new Games rider?

Helena: Du musst zuerst alles langsam und sicher reiten, dann kannst du dich steigern.

At the start you have to do all the games slowly and sure and then you can progress as you improve.

**Eva: Langsam und sicher reiten.
Slow and safe riding.**



Tell us about your pony.

Helena: Broch Sentinal, ist ein Shetland Pony. Meine Mama hat das Pony vor 2 Jahren gekauft. Ich habe ihn selbst angeritten und ausgebildet. Er ist sehr schnell und lässt sich gut bremsen und lenken. Senti ist 12 Jahre alt und am 13. Mai hat er Geburtstag. Ich mich beim Ausreiten auf ihn verlassen.

Broch Sentinal, he is a Shetland pony. My mum got him 2 years ago, I broke him in and trained him myself. He is very fast and has good brakes, also he is easy to steer. Senti is 12 years old and on 13. May he has birthday. I can trust him when I am hacking out.

Eva: Broch Bandit, er ist ein Shetty und 12 Jahre alt. Geboren wurde er am 18. Mai 2011. Bandit ist sehr schnell und geht die Wendungen lieber inside.

Broch Bandit, he is a Shetland and 12 years old. He is born on 18. May 2011. Bandit is a very fast, he prefers to make a inside turn





Tell us about your 2023 season.

Eva + Helena: Wir sind 2023 OÖ Meister und Ö Vizemeister geworden. In Dänemark sind wir die Worldpairs geritten, wir sind zwar letzter geworden, aber es hat sehr viel Spass gemacht.

In 2023 we were Upper Austrian Champions and Reserve Champions in the Austrian Championships. In Denmark we rode the World Pairs, we were last but we had great fun there.

Helena: 2023 war die erste Saison auf Sentinal, weil mein eigentliches Pony Casanova sich im April 2023 die Sehne verletzt hat.

2023 was my first season on Sentinal as my other pony (Casanova) that I had planned to ride unfortunately injured himself in April 2023, he damaged his tendons.

Eva + Helena: Das End of Season in Stadl Paura haben wir zusammen mit einem spannenden Stechen gewonnen.

The End of Season competition in Stadl Paura we won together in a thrilling tie break race in the final.

What other interests do you have apart from Mounted Games?

**Helena: Volleyball, Freizeitparks, Handy spielen, skifahren
Volleyball, theme/adventure parks, Playing on the phone,
Skiing**

**Eva: Volleyball, Handy spielen, turnen, klettern
Volleyball, Playing on the phone, gymnastics, climbing**

ASSISTANT REFEREE COURSE

Don't forget to sign up to the online Assistant Referee course:-

In order to maintain our high standards of refereeing, IMGA is asking that all Assistant Referees at IMGA competitions to have passed Assistant Referee training.

All Assistant Referees will either have to have passed the Assistant Referee in-person course within the last 3 years or to have passed the online Assistant Referee course which is now available.

This online course has training and a set of questions. Typically it would take about 4 hours which can be done over several sessions if you prefer.

To access the course:-

Go to the following link:

<http://training.eventsecretary.com.au/imga-training/login/index.php>

Click "Create New Account"

Complete the details.

You will receive a confirmation email. Click the link.

Once confirmed Click Site home.

Then click IMGA Assistant Referees 2021

Then click Enrol me.

Don't forget to select your nationality on your profile!

If you have any queries, please contact Warwick Slade:-

imga.ass.refs.training@mounted-games.org

Anyone certified before January 2020 will need to take the course.

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Two assistant referees tell the referee that an “obstruction” has occurred but the referee also saw the “obstruction” clearly and considered that progress was not impeded :

- a] The referee explains to the assistant referees that, although they both felt that obstruction occurred , in this case the referee feels that he had a better view and has decided not to eliminate
- b] The referee dismisses the suggestions of the two assistants as foolish and reprimands them
- c] The referee changes his mind and agrees with the assistants but does not eliminate

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In an international competition, one pony in a team containing 5 ponies and 5 riders becomes lame :

- a] The team is allowed to bring in another pony
- b] The team is not allowed to bring in another pony unless they first lose another one and go down to three
- c] The team must continue with the lame pony.

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The 3rd Rider in Association Race places the box correctly but it is very unstable. The 3rd Rider finishes and the 4th Rider starts and then the wobbly box falls off. The 4th Rider :

- a] Must return and allow the 3rd Rider to correct it
- b] Must replace the box, re-cross the start line and start again
- c] Must collect his box and place both boxes correctly

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Deux juges de ligne disent au juge-arbitre qu'une "gêne" a eu lieu mais le juge-arbitre a aussi clairement vu la « gêne » et a considéré qu'il n'y avait pas de changement d'allures :

- a) Le juge-arbitre explique aux juges de ligne que, malgré le fait qu'ils aient estimé qu'il y avait une gêne, il lui semble qu'il avait une meilleure vue et il a décidé de ne pas éliminer l'équipe
- b) Le juge-arbitre dit que les suggestions des 2 juges de ligne sont idiotes et il les réprimande.
- c) Le juge-arbitre change son avis et est d'accord avec les juges de ligne mais il n'élimine pas l'équipe

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Dans une compétition internationale, un poney dans une équipe de 5 poneys et 5 cavaliers devient boiteux :

- a) L'équipe a la permission d'introduire un autre poney
- b) L'équipe ne peut pas introduire un autre poney à moins qu'ils n'aient encore un autre poney boiteux et ils n'ont plus que 3.
- c) L'équipe doit continuer avec le poney boiteux

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Le 3ième cavalier dans le jeu de Pyramide place la boîte correctement mais c'est très instable. Le cavalier 3 finit et le 4ème cavalier commence et là la boîte tombe. Le 4ième cavalier :

- a) Doit retourner afin que le 3ième cavalier puisse corriger
- b) Doit remplacer la boîte, retraverser la ligne de départ et recommencer
- c) Doit chercher sa boîte et puis placer les 2 boîtes correctement

NEW ZEALAND National Individuals



**Cam riding
Kalani**



**Lucy (aged 9)
on Goldie**





**Mack (2nd)
on Buff
in U18s**

Sam on Riley winning U15s



**Jake
winning
U18s on
CJ**

NEWS FROM MOUNTED GAMES SOUTH AFRICA



EQUINOX 2024 HORSE EXPO

On the 17 of February a group of Mga riders got together and rode in a demonstration. They played to a crowd of more than 600. Loads of fun was had by all our riders, lead rein pairs and teams and a whole lot of interest was generated



Pairs Competition 21 March



West Coast



Winelands



Uni City

GAMES CLINIC 10 MARCH



Joshua Menhinick, helped by Nadine Jacobs, Julia Sloane and Daniel Basson held a very successful games clinic and training day at Langerug Farm, hope to see a good few new riders competing this year.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT CLINIC 29 MAR-1 APRIL

Clare Cole, Deborah Winterton and Carlo August organised a very successful games clinic in the rural areas of Genadendal, Berea in the Western Cape. These riders do not have saddles and their horses are used as a means of transport to shops etc. Clare organised donations of tack which was given out but bridles and kinder bits are the most needed. There were some brilliant self-taught riders and some lovely horses but sadly there is also a lot of neglect and education is sorely needed in this area as in many rural areas of South Africa. A big thank you to EARS Donkey Sanctuary and to Jacki Nickols for their help over the weekend.



NEW RACES?

If you have a new race that you think would be great, write to your International Representatives and they will send your idea to our Rules Committee.

TOP TIP : try to use equipment that we already use. And also, that the wind will not blow down!





WORLD PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIPS

AUGUST 7>10

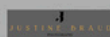


2024

LA BONDE

The confrontation of high level riders in the heart of Eure in Normandy
15 nations - Exhibitor Village

NORMANDIE





WELCOME TO FONTAINEBLEAU, SAVE THE DATE ! On June 8th and 9th, 2024, the inaugural International Mounted Games competition will take place in the Parisian region.

This iconic venue, Le Grand Parquet, has been a witness to all the sporting and equestrian triumphs of the 20th century. Following a complete renovation, this event site is now modern, functional, and seamlessly blends with its extraordinary natural setting: the Fontainebleau forest. Regarded by professionals as one of the most stunning competition venues in Europe, it stands as a genuine event space.

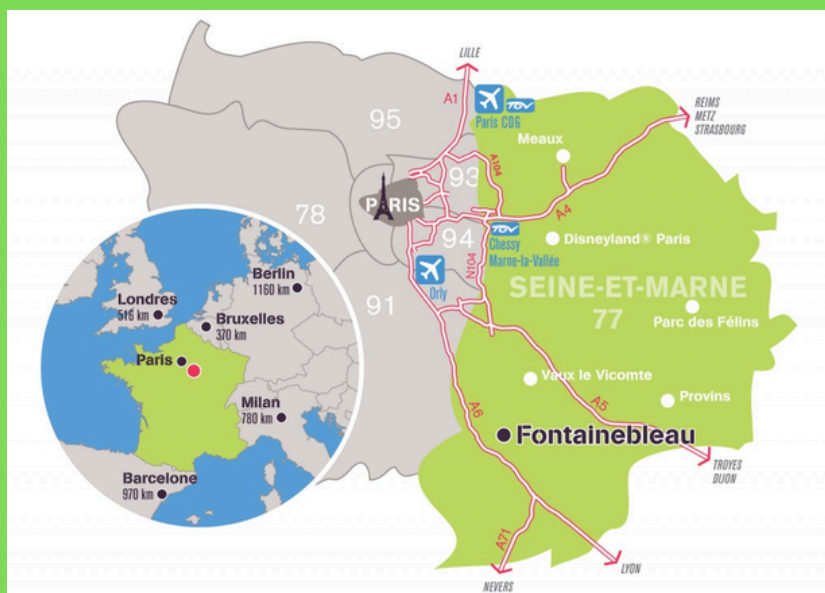
Covering 30 hectares, the site has the capacity to welcome up to 10,000 people. In 2024, France is set to host the world's largest sporting event. Recognized as a 'Terre de Jeux' (Land of the Games), the Pays de Fontainebleau has been acknowledged by the Olympics and Paralympics organizing committee as a Preparation Centre for the 2024 Games in Paris.



**FOR MORE DETAILS REGARDING THIS
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<https://www.grandparquet.com/en/infrastructure/>



Australian Nationals



Tamara Bakker

Tahlia Burdett





Caitlan Lloyd



**Katrina
Lloyd**



Kelly Gaskell



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Assistant Referee answers

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