



IMGA NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2025

Welcome to our first Newsletter for 2025.

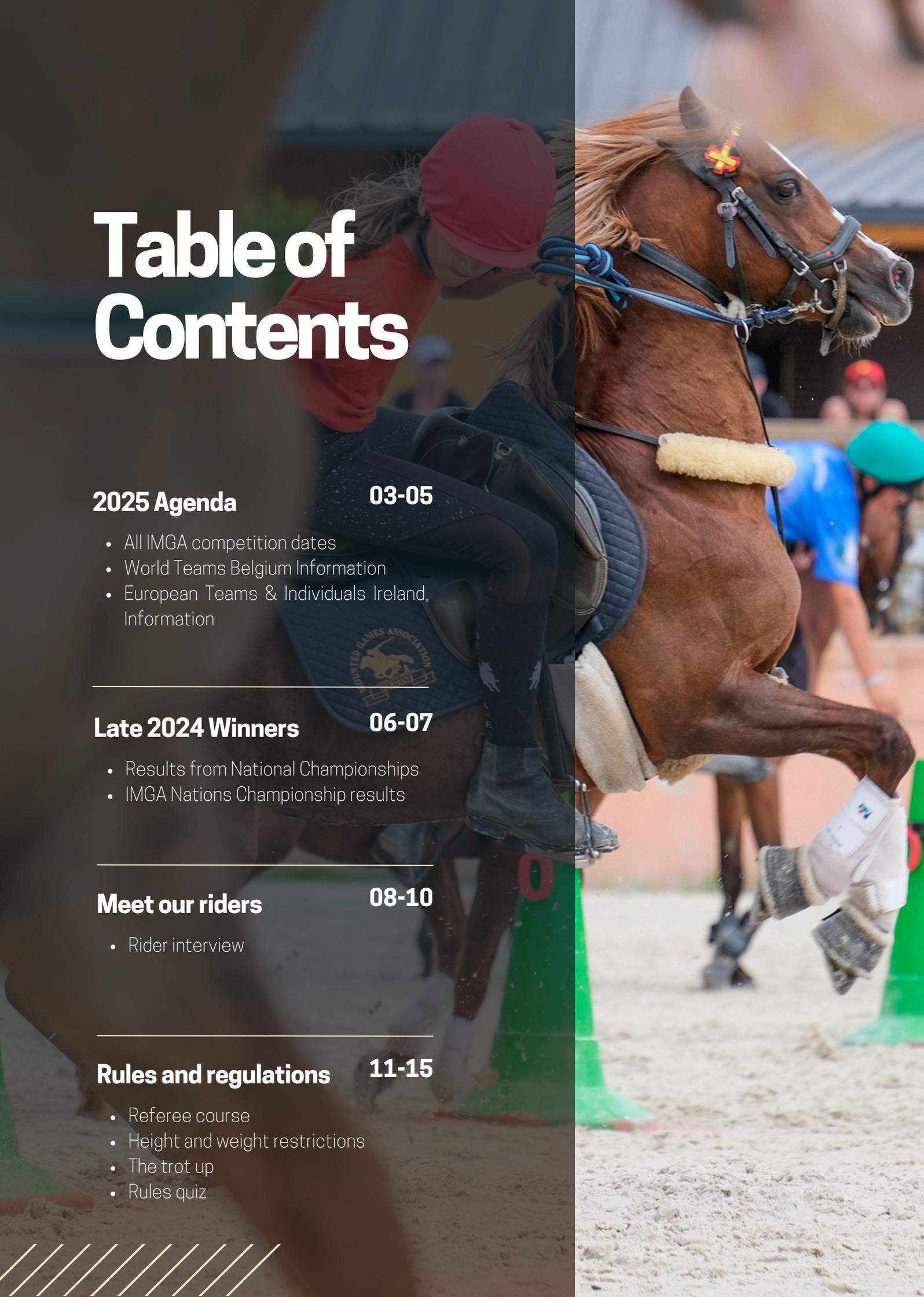
Here's looking forward to a great season with International Championships in Australia, Ireland, France (twice) and Belgium.

If you are still looking for a New Year's Resolution, here's an idea:

Firstly, I am sure you all know Rule A08.4.....
For those of you who don't have a copy of our Rule Book by your bedside table, here is a reminder:-

Trainers should be dressed in the same uniform as their riders to allow the audience to identify them or be dressed more formally.

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A rider in a red top and black riding boots is performing a dressage movement on a brown horse. The horse is in a collected gait, possibly a piaffe or passage, with its front legs lifted. The rider is wearing a red cap and a dark jacket. The horse has a black halter with a yellow cross on its forehead and a yellow woolly necker. The background shows a sandy arena with green cones and other people in the distance.

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Dates for 2025

IMGA World Individual Championship

La Bonde, France

Arrive: **May 7** | Competition: **May 9 – May 11** | Departure: **May 12**

IMGA European Team and Individual Championship

Millstreet, Ireland.

29 July - 3 August

2025 IMGA World Team Championship

Hippodrome de Wallonie, Ghlin, Belgium

Arrive: **August 11** | Competition: **August 13 – August 16** | Departure: **August 17**

IMGA World Pairs Championship

Corné, France

19-23 August

IMGA Nations Team Championship

Northam Equestrian Park, Western Australia

8-14 September



ARE YOU READY FOR.....



World Team
Championship
Belgium 2025
August 11 to 17

Monday

Teams Arrive

Tuesday

Training + Opening
ceremony

Wednesday

Session 1

Thursday

Session 2
Session 3

Friday

Session 4
Finals part 1

Saturday

Finals part 2
Gala evening

Sunday

Teams depart



**Hippodrome de Wallonie
Mons, Belgium**



Main Arena

- 7 lanes
- 80x130m
- all-weather surface



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CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025



Millstreet Green Glens
Equestrian Centre, Ireland



28 July - 3 August 2025



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Results from all over the World



**German Individual Championships
October 2024**

Open:

Mats Hensel on Steendieks California Dream

U18:

Carlotta Petersen on Lysgaads Anna Bell

U15:

Lilou Klose on Kermit

U12:

Jonna Dürge on Cola's Lynn

Open:

Julia Devitt & Breanna Geloven

U18:

Gabe Smith & Ryan Bissicks

U15:

Matthew Borchner & Sigrid Black

U12:

Ben Hamilton & Lexie Kelly



**Australian National Pairs Championships
October 2024**



**Swiss Team Championships
October 2024**

Open Elite: Team Pony Mat de Luz

Open 1: Team Blacky Why Not

U18: Team Blacky No Stress

U15: Team Blue Fire

U12: Team Minimoy's



13th IMGA Nations Team Championships 2024

Taupo, New Zealand

Champions

New Zealand Black



2nd: New Zealand Silver | 3rd: Australia | 4th: USA | 5th: South Africa | 6th: United Nations



RIDER INTERVIEW

Gina Geißler

German National Rider



Where are you from?

-  Kiel in Norddeutschland
-  Kiel in Northern Germany

When and how did you get involved with Mounted Games?

-  Mit 6 Jahren, 2000 war die Weltmeisterschaft in Bremen und dadurch das meine Eltern schon früher eigene-kreierte Reiterspiele für ihre Reiterhöfe gemacht haben, waren sie sofort begeistert und so habe ich direkt mit meinem Shetty angefangen.
-  When I was 6. My first time seeing games was at the World Team Champs in Bremen in 2000. Back then we were already playing some made-up pony games at my parents riding school, but we were so impressed by the real Mounted Games, that I soon started competing on my shetland.



What do you like most about Mounted Games?

- 🇩🇪 *Hmm... Ich kann mir gar nicht mehr vorstellen ohne! Ich finde gerade die Community, egal auf welcher Meisterschaft ich auf der Welt bin, es ist immer familiär und herzlich. Die Freundschaften, die sich daraus entwickelt haben und bestimmt noch werden sind so unglaublich. Und natürlich auch die Einheit zwischen Pferd und Reiter, auch der gemeinsame Ehrgeiz, macht mir riesig Spaß.*
- 🇬🇧 *Hmm... I wouldn't know how to live without it now. It's an amazing community, no matter where in the world you go to compete, everyone is so welcoming, it's like a big family. I've formed some amazing friendships over the years. And I really enjoy the connection between horse and rider as well as the competitiveness of the sport.*

What's your favorite race? And why?

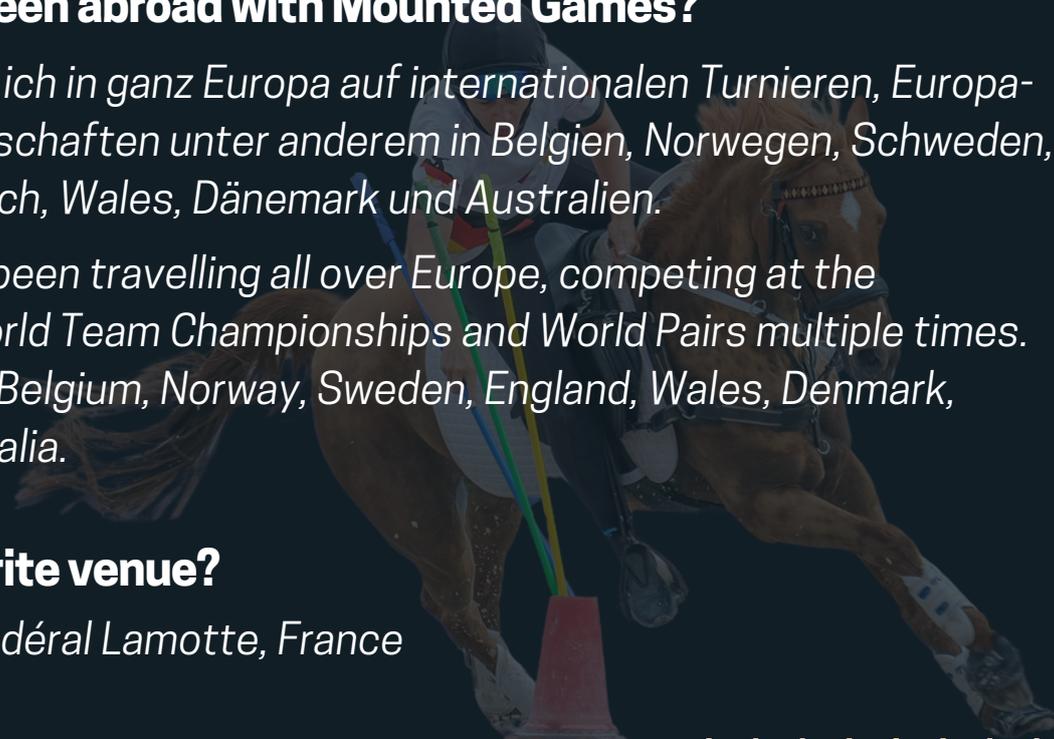
- 🇩🇪 *Ich würde sagen mit Tatezi ist es eindeutig **4-Flaggen**, hierbei sind wir einfach so ein eingespieltes Team. Sie achtet allgemein sehr darauf welches Spiel wir gerade spielen.*
- 🇬🇧 *With my main pony Tatezi it is without doubt **4 Flag**. She knows exactly what race we're playing and always gives me the perfect amount of time to get it right.*

Where have you been abroad with Mounted Games?

- 🇩🇪 *Seit 2004 starte ich in ganz Europa auf internationalen Turnieren, Europa- und Weltmeisterschaften unter anderem in Belgien, Norwegen, Schweden, England, Frankreich, Wales, Dänemark und Australien.*
- 🇬🇧 *Since 2004, I've been travelling all over Europe, competing at the European and World Team Championships and World Pairs multiple times. I've competed in Belgium, Norway, Sweden, England, Wales, Denmark, France and Australia.*

What is your favorite venue?

Parc Equestre Fédéral Lamotte, France



Tell us about your all-time favorite pony:

🇩🇪 Natürlich Tatezi. Sie ist seit 21 Jahren an meiner Seite, in meinen Armen geboren und sie wird auch bis zu Ende bei mir bleiben! Seit sie 6 Jahre alt ist, läuft sie Games und ich freue mich, dass sie immer noch national und international alles für mich gibt.

🇬🇧 Tatezi. I've had her for 21 years, she was born in my arms and she will definitely stay with me forever! She's been doing games since she was 6 and we've been a team ever since. I feel very lucky that we're both still competing together nationally and internationally at a top level.



Gina & Tatezi

How are you getting your pony ready for the 2025 season?

🇩🇪 Meine Ponys werden 6x die Woche bewegt, sodass gerade in der kalten windigen Jahreszeit sie nicht an Muskulatur und Kondition verlieren. Ich arbeite sie sehr viel vom Boden aus. Ab Januar beginnen wir mit regelmäßigen Training, sodass sie ab Ende April perfekt in die neue Saison starten können.

🇬🇧 I exercise my ponies six times a week so they don't lose their conditioning and fitness during the winter. I do a lot of groundwork. In January we start regular games practices so that they are ready to start the season at the end of April.

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 2021 will need to take the course.



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.

TROT UP

A soundness examination at the start of each IMGA competition to be conducted by a qualified vet, the competition's Chief Referee and an IMGA appointed Official.

The vet has the final decision regarding the ponies' fitness to compete.

The trot up examination needs to be done on a firm surface - concrete or tarmac preferable.

Additional examination(s) may also occur in case of any concern arising during the competition.

For this examination, the pony should be wearing its normal games bridle. (No other tack or boots)

The person leading the pony should be wearing appropriate footwear.

For teams, the riders should be wearing their team kit/uniform. Pairs and Individuals should be smartly dressed. Riding hats optional.

Riders and their ponies should arrive 15 minutes before their allocated time.

The decision on the soundness examination will be communicated to the rider (or person leading the pony) and will be recorded on a list.

If a pony fails the inspection, the vet will speak to the rider/owner.

Rules quiz

37. A pair of riders are playing Association Race in a Pairs Competition, with the letters MGAGB, the first rider starting with the B. The first rider places the B and then the G and then finishes. The second rider places the A and finishes. The first rider returns and places the next G and finally the second rider places the M :

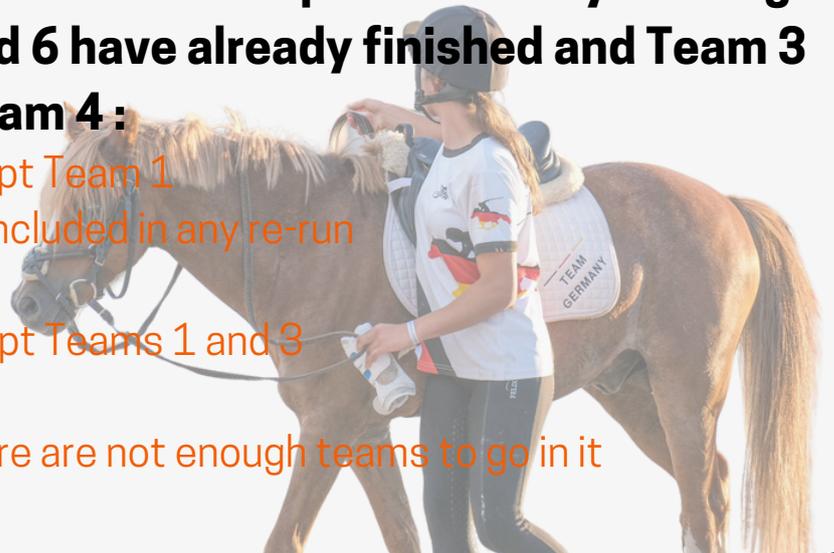
- a] They are eliminated because they cannot correct this
- b] They are not eliminated
- c] They must undo it all back to the first G and then complete it correctly

38. In Pairs Sword Lancers, the first rider collects one ring and hands over. The second rider collects three more rings and finishes :

- a] They must undo this and then the first rider must collect two rings before the second rider collects two more rings
- b] They cannot undo this and are eliminated
- c] They are correct

39. An injury occurs to Rider 3, Team 1 in a Mug Shuffle Race containing 6 teams and the referee stops the race by blowing the whistle. Teams 2, 5 and 6 have already finished and Team 3 has already obstructed Team 4 :

- a] The race is re-run with all except Team 1
- b] Team 3 is eliminated and not included in any re-run
- c] Team 4 scores 3 points
- d] The race is re-run with all except Teams 1 and 3
- e] Team 3 scores 1 point
- f] There is no re-run because there are not enough teams to go in it



Quiz sur les règles

37. Une paire de cavaliers jouent Pyramide dans une compétition en paires avec les lettres PONEY, le premier cavalier commençant avec la lettre Y. Le premier cavalier pose le Y et puis le E et puis il finit. Le 2ième cavalier pose le N et finit. Le premier rentre et pose le O et finalement le 2ième cavalier pose le P

a) Ils sont éliminés parce qu'ils ne peuvent pas le corriger

b) Ils ne sont pas éliminés

Ils doivent faire le jeu à l'envers jusqu'au premier Y et puis le recommencer correctement

38. Dans le jeu de l'Épée en paires, le premier cavalier prend un anneau et passe l'épée. Le 2ième cavalier prend 3 anneaux et finit :

a) Ils doivent refaire le jeu à l'envers et puis le premier cavalier doit prendre 2 anneaux avant que le 2ième cavalier ne prenne ses 2 anneaux

b) Ils ne peuvent pas refaire le jeu et ils sont éliminés

Ils ont raison

39. Une blessure arrive au cavalier 3, Equipe 1 dans le jeu des 2 Tasses qui contient 6 équipes et le juge-arbitre arrête le jeu en sifflant. Les équipes 2, 5 et 6 ont déjà fini et l'équipe 3 a déjà gêné l'équipe 4 :

a) On refait le jeu sans l'équipe 1

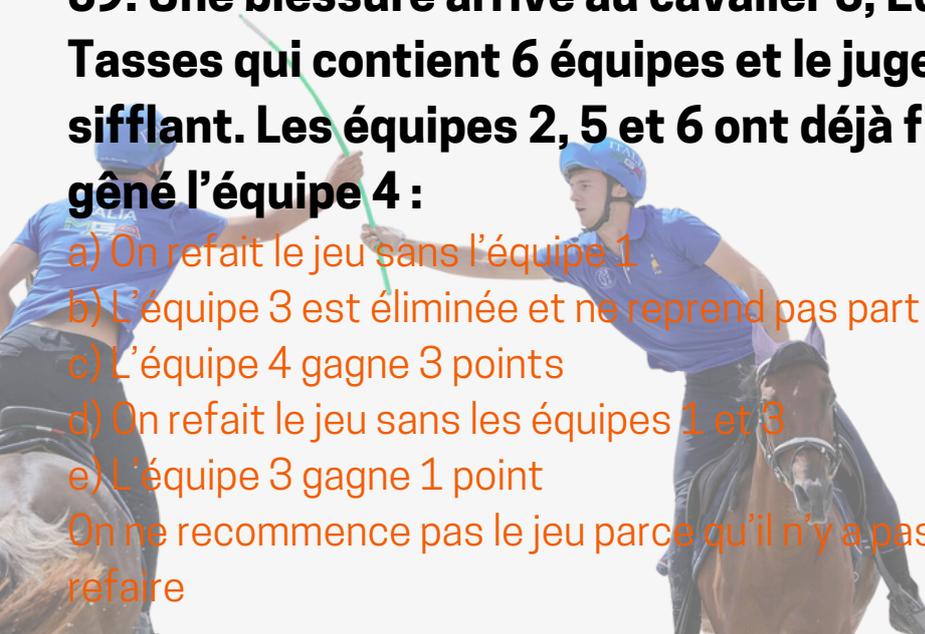
b) L'équipe 3 est éliminée et ne reprend pas part au jeu

c) L'équipe 4 gagne 3 points

d) On refait le jeu sans les équipes 1 et 3

e) L'équipe 3 gagne 1 point

On ne recommence pas le jeu parce qu'il n'y a pas assez d'équipes pour le refaire



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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!

RULE CHANGES

Did you know?

The Rules Committee is always busy looking at our Rules. You can keep up to date with what they are discussing at:

mounted-games.org/imga/games/committee/index.html#RCRD

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Rules quiz answers

37: B

38: A

39: B, C and F