

# The Mounted Games Association (Great Britain) Limited



## MGA RULES & HANDBOOK 2017

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# **THE MOUNTED GAMES ASSOCIATION (GREAT BRITAIN) LTD**

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There are five regional committees: North of England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, South of England and Wales. Each regional committee consists of the Chairman plus two representatives from each of the county teams in their region. In addition, extra members may be co-opted as regional committee members.

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*The Association bestows Honorary Life Membership in recognition of those people who have given special service to the MGAGB over a number of years. The highest honour that the Association can bestow is that of Honorary Vice President.*

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## **DUTIES OF A COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE**

### **GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

- To be responsible for all affairs and financial affairs relating to the County team/s.
- To represent their County, and the views of their County members, at Regional Committee meetings.
- To communicate with Head Office and to pass information from Head Office to all members of their County.
- To pass all information from Regional Committees to the members of their county.
- To inform all riders of competition dates and venues and to check the availability of members to enter competitions.
- To encourage their County Members to Volunteer and become involved with the wider Association.
- To assist their Regional Committees with the running of their Regional Shows.
- To actively support their County riders within the Region i.e. Training opportunities, National team selections etc
- To support the General Committee with any disciplinary proceedings regarding their county/members

### **RESPONSIBILITIES AT SHOWS**

- The County Representative is responsible for the general behaviour of all members attached to their team/s whether they be parents, riders or guests.
- The County Representative is responsible for appointing trainers for each team in their county and for ensuring that each trainer has been DBS checked.
- The County Representative is responsible for passing on all communications from the show organisers to their members, families and any guests during the duration of the competition.
- The County Representative should ensure that any guests pay a temporary membership fee to the Show Organiser.
- The County Representative should ensure that all riders are correctly attired and are wearing the correct tack when competing.
- The County Representative should ensure that all ponies are fit for purpose for their rider and for competition. They should ensure that ponies receive an adequate level of care.
- The County Representative should make it clear to members and parents that under age consumption of alcohol on the Showground will not be tolerated under any circumstances. They should promote the view that excessive Alcohol consumption for those over age is discouraged as it is incompatible with a healthy approach to sporting activity.
- The County Representative is responsible for the cleanliness of their parking and corralling area and for making sure that the area is left clean and tidy after the show.
- The County Representative is responsible for appointing responsible Adult Deputy to represent the county if he/she is unable to attend any event at which a team from the county is competing. The Show Organiser should be made aware of the name of the replacement official
- The County Representative should be aware of a named person who has parental responsibility for any rider under 18 who is not accompanied to a competition by their parent or guardian



# THE TEAM TROPHIES OF THE ASSOCIATION

## FOR THE INTER-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

OPEN CHAMPIONS

**The President's Cup**

*Presented by Norman Patrick  
Founder of MGAGB*

WINNING TRAINER

**The Chairman's Cup**

*Presented by Lt. Col. Donald Clark,  
Founder Chairman*

Reserve Champions - **The Sinclair Trophy** - *presented by Sinclair Trailers*

Third - **The Bycroft Cup** - *presented by John Bycroft*

Fourth - **The Roger Pultar Cup**

Fifth - **The Daihatsu Trophy**

Sixth - **The Roger Sykes Trophy** - *presented by Roger Sykes*

Seventh - **The Magic Trophy** - *presented by Jim Jones*

Eighth - **The Sirius Trophy** - *presented by John & Ro Day*

Open B Final Winners - **A Shield** - *presented by The Dudley Family*

Junior Inter-County Champions:

**The Happy Lad Trophy** - *presented by Sue & Justin Turnpenny*

Mini Inter-County Champions:

**The Debs Trophy** - *presented by Cathy Grange*

Under 14 Inter-County Champions:

For the highest placed all girl team in all age groups:

**The Becky Trophy** - *presented by the Dudley Family*

For the highest placed qualifying score in the Open group:

**The Magnificent Seven Cup** - *presented by Ron Stanway*

## FOR THE SPRING CHAMPIONSHIPS

**MINIS: The Geoff Snell Trophy**

**JUNIORS: Junior Spring Championship Trophy**

**OPEN: The Runwick Cup** - *presented by Norman Patrick, Founder*

## FOR THE END OF SEASON SHOW

**MINIS: The Rose Bowl** - *presented by Fred Aram*

**JUNIORS: The Annie & Rosa Trophy** - *presented by Katie Hardy & Hannah Hopkins*

## FOR THE NATIONAL LEAGUE

Open Championship

**THE BUCKINGHAMSHIRE TROPHY** - *presented by the Barnett Family*

Junior Championship

**THE NATIONAL JUNIOR TROPHY** - *presented by the Green Family*

Mini Championship

**THE NATIONAL MINI TROPHY** - *presented by the Pringuer Family*



## OTHER TROPHIES OF THE ASSOCIATION

### HOME INTERNATIONAL OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

#### **The Mike Ansell Cup**

*presented by Col. Sir Michael Ansell, CBE, DSO, DL*

### HOME INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

#### **A Challenge Trophy**

*presented by Ron & Sheila Stanway*

#### BRITISH PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIPS

##### MINIS

**The Shadow Trophy** - *presented by the White Family*

##### JUNIOR

**The Worth Trophy** - *presented by Sam & Mary Worth*

##### OPEN

**The Hazell Trophy** - *presented by Graham & Wendy Hazell*

#### WORLD PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIPS

For the winners of the Minis:

**The World Pairs Trophy**

For the winners of the Under 14s:

**A Trophy**

For the winners of the Under 17s:

**The World Pairs Trophy**

For the winners of the Open:

**The Mike Gleadow Memorial Trophy** - *presented by the Gleadow Family*

For the highest placed lady pair in the Open

**The Taffy Trophy** - *presented by the Scott Family*

#### WORLD INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

##### **Challenge Cup for the Under 12 Champion-**

*Presented by Ron & Sheila Stanway*

##### **Challenge Cup for the Under 14 Champion**

*Presented by Ron & Sheila Stanway*

##### **Challenge Cup for the Under 17 Champion**

*Presented by Ron & Sheila Stanway*

##### **The Eddie Bulled Memorial Open Trophy**

*Presented by Mrs Jenny Rogers*

To the winner of the oldest rider in the Open final

**The Vixen Trophy** - *presented by Peter & Sue Williamson*

To the youngest finalist in the Under 12 final:

**A Challenge Cup** - *Presented by Martin and Ann Pringuer*

To the oldest Lady Rider in the Open Final:

**The Charity Girl Cup** - *presented by Vicki Ward*

To the highest placed Girl Rider in the Under 14 Group and Under 17 age Groups:

**Challenge Cups** - *presented by Gene and Carol Fletcher*

To the Youngest Finalist in the Under 17 Group.

**The Dapple Memorial Trophy** - *presented by the Adcock family*

To the highest placed lady rider in the Open Group

**THE KIRI TROPHY** - *presented by Melanie Edwards*



## THE HISTORY OF MOUNTED GAMES AND THE ASSOCIATION

Mounted Games were the inspiration of H.R.H. Prince Philip. When the late Col. Sir Mike Ansell was Director of the Horse of The Year Show, Prince Philip asked if he could devise a mounted competition for ordinary children which would be fun and which did not necessarily involve owning an expensive show pony.

In 1957, the Horse of the Year Show, (then held in Harringay Arena), staged the first Mounted Games Championship for the Prince Philip Cup and the competition was an enormous success from the start. However, Pony Club rules stated that riders must finish competing in the games when they reached the age of 14 years. Mr. Norman Patrick, the then Chairman of the Pony Club Mounted Games Committee, felt that there was a need for an organisation where riders could continue to play the games past this age and so decided to form his own organisation.

The Mounted Games Association of Great Britain was founded by Norman Patrick on 21st January 1984 (his 70th birthday) and was originally based at his home, Bunces Farm, Farnham, Surrey. Col. Sir Mike Ansell, the instigator of mounted games, became the Patron of the newly founded Association. There were seven founder teams in the Association :- Avon, Berkshire, Hampshire, Hertfordshire, Surrey, Sussex and South West Wales. It is from these original seven teams that the Association takes it's theme music "The Magnificent Seven".

As the Association continued to grow and develop, more and more county teams joined the Association and in 1994, the Association became a Company limited by guarantee - The Mounted Games Association (Great Britain) Ltd. The Association's growth is not confined to Great Britain however & the object of the Association is "To encourage friendship between young people of different nations" .

The popularity of the games has spread right across the world and has led to the formation of the International Mounted Games Association. The following nations are affiliated to IMGA - Australia, Austria, Belgium, Burkina Faso, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, England, France, Germany, Iran, Italy, Luxembourg, New Zealand, Northern Ireland, Norway, Republic of Ireland, Scotland, South Africa, South Korea, Switzerland, Sweden, USA and Wales. In addition to competitions in Great Britain, teams can be invited to compete at shows abroad and these trips provide an exciting experience for many members of the Association.





**THE MOUNTED GAMES ASSOCIATION (GREAT BRITAIN) LTD**  
**DISCIPLINARY CODE, RULES AND PROCEDURES (UPDATED MARCH 2013)**

1. **Definitions**

- 1.1 'Appeal' means an appeal referred to the MGA Disciplinary Commission pursuant to Rule 11.8
- 1.2 'Association' means the Mounted Games Association (Great Britain) Ltd (MGAGB Ltd)
- 1.3 'Association Secretary' means and includes any person nominated to discharge a part of the disciplinary administration of the Association as well as its actual secretary.
- 1.4 'Child' means a person who at the date of the relevant incident was 16 years of age or under.
- 1.5 'Competition' means any Competition held within the sanction of the Association and also includes any Competition held under the jurisdiction of the International Mounted Games Association.
- 1.6 'Disciplinary Commission' means a Commission appointed to deal with Misconduct under this Code excluding a Ground Jury.
- 1.7 'Event' means any event held within the sanction of the Mounted Games Association (Great Britain) Ltd and includes, but is not limited to, any Competition, social event, training or practice session or any event held under the jurisdiction of the International Mounted Games Association .
- 1.8 'Ground Jury' means a group of Officials who are appointed to have overall control of a Competition.
- 1.9 'Hearing' means a meeting of the Disciplinary Commission.
- 1.10 'Horse' means any horse or pony which is at a Competition or Event.
- 1.11 'Member' means any person who has paid a subscription and been accepted into the Association whether they be a rider (Riding Member) or parent or other supporter (Non Riding Member)
- 1.12 'Misconduct' includes minor Misconduct and serious Misconduct
- 1.13 'Minor Misconduct' includes, but is not limited to, fits of pique, immediate dissent by word or action to any decision made, or abuse of equipment such as deliberate throwing to the ground and any form of unsporting behaviour or language (whether verbal, written or on social media) of a minor nature as determined by the Ground Jury)
- 1.14 'Official' means any person who at the time was performing a function to ensure the smooth running of an Event.
- 1.15 'Prohibited Substance' means a prohibited or restricted substance as set out in the FEI list of banned substances and the World Anti Doping Code Prohibited List which can be found online at <http://prohibitedsubstancesdatabase.feicleansport.org>
- 1.16 'Rider' means any rider or competitor as an individual or part of a pair or team or reserve rider as specified on the declaration form for the Competition.
- 1.17 'Serious Misconduct' includes, but is not limited to, cases alleging assault, indecency, dishonesty, criminal damage, unlawful use or possession of any prohibited substance and offensive, insulting or abusive behaviour or language (whether verbal, written or on social media) or of bringing the Association into disrepute.
- 1.18 'In writing' means written, printed or lithographed or partly one and partly another and other modes of representing or reproducing words in a visible form sent by hand, by post or by agreed electronic means.
- 1.19 A 'season' lasts for 12 calendar months and commences on the first day of January.
- 1.20 'Working days' do not include Public Holidays, Saturdays or Sundays.
- 1.21 Wherever a gender is referred to in this Code, either shall be inferred, as relevant.
- 1.22 The singular shall include the plural and vice versa.

2. **Agreement to be bound by this Code and Association Rules**

- 2.1 All Members, by their application for membership of the Association, agree to be bound by this Code, the MGAGB Memorandum and Articles of Association and all rules, regulations and bye-laws made under them.



- 2.2 It is the responsibility of all Members to ensure that they are aware of and familiar with this Code and all Members competing under it shall be deemed to have knowledge of the Code as amended from time to time.
- 2.3 It is expected that common sense shall prevail at all times. This Code can never cover every eventuality. Matters which cannot be solved by interpreting the Code to the letter should be resolved by following as nearly as possible the spirit of the text to obtain a solution which is fairest to all participants.
- 2.4 It is expected that parents shall be responsible for the behaviour of their children. Parents may be charged with minor misconduct or serious misconduct in the event of misconduct by their children.

### 3. **Conduct of Members**

#### 3.1 No Member shall:

- a) Contravene neither any rule set by the Association (nor any rule of the British Equestrian Federation (BEF) of which the MGAGB is a member body.
- b) Conduct himself at any Event in a manner which is offensive to the public.
- c) Argue at an Event with an Official or use abusive or threatening language or behave with incivility or contempt towards an Official.
- d) Ill-treat in any way any Horse at an Event whether inside or outside the Competition area.
- e) Use a whip or spur or any other object to hit or strike a Horse at an Event whether inside or outside the Competition area.
- f) Deliberately use the bit as a means of punishment and/or misuse any item of saddlery in a manner likely to cause pain or discomfort to the Horse.
- g) Compete knowingly or otherwise under the influence of any Prohibited Substance
- h) Refuse to give a sample of his bodily fluids or the bodily fluids of a Horse for the purpose of control of prohibited substances.
- g) Allow, knowingly or otherwise, a Horse for which he is the person responsible to compete in any Competition under the influence of a Prohibited Substance.
- h) Refuse to allow a Horse which has competed or is about to compete in a Competition at an Event to undergo any properly authorised test, inspection or examination if requested.
- i) Conduct himself in a manner which is detrimental to the character and/or prejudicial to the interests of the Association.
- j) Use offensive, insulting, abusive or threatening behaviour towards any other Member or person.
- k) Unreasonably fail or refuse to assist the Ground Jury, Disciplinary Commission, Appeal or Association Secretary or any Member of the General Committee in their investigations of complaints of Misconduct by Members of the Association.
- l) Make, either orally or in writing, to an Official of the Association under any circumstances, a statement on any matter covered by the rules, which he does not or could not reasonably believe to be true.
- m) Compete at an Event for which the Horse and Rider are not fully qualified, fit or eligible.

### 4. **Ground Jury Procedure**

- 4.1 Before the commencement of each Competition, the organiser shall appoint a Ground Jury who will be responsible for all matters relating to discipline at the Competition. The Ground Jury shall consist of no less than 3 and no more than five Officials selected from within the Officials responsible for the Competition and, where possible, should include a Riding Member. If the Ground Jury is required to meet they shall elect a Chairman from within their number.
- 4.2 Any Member charged with Misconduct may seek advice and guidance from any person he sees fit and is entitled to have one person with them at any meeting with the Ground Jury.
- 4.3 Any complaint of Misconduct occurring in relation to, or whilst travelling to or from a Competition and committed by a member of the Association, shall in the first instance be reported to the Ground Jury for that Competition. They shall take note of the complaint and if they consider that a case has





- been made out they shall, if it is considered appropriate and practicable, briefly advise the Member complained of about the nature of the complaint and take note of any comments he may make.
- 4.4 The Ground Jury shall consider the incident and shall, in their report, recommend what further action should be taken under this Code.
- 4.5 If the Ground Jury decide the Misconduct alleged is Minor Misconduct they shall administer a verbal warning to the Member as soon as practicable.
- 4.6 Should any Misconduct occur in the Competition arena it is appropriate for the referee officiating to deal with the matter under the games rules but he must later report the incident and any action taken to the Ground Jury who may, at their discretion, take further action under this Code.
- 4.7 If the Ground Jury decides the Misconduct alleged is Serious Misconduct, they must require the Member complained of to take no further part in that Competition.
- 4.8 If the Ground Jury decides the Misconduct alleged is Serious Misconduct unless there are extenuating circumstances, as accepted by the Ground Jury, that Member will be required to leave the Competition venue as soon as possible.
- 4.9 If the Ground Jury decides the Misconduct alleged is Serious Misconduct formal disciplinary procedures will then be commenced.
- 4.10 Any complaint of Misconduct occurring elsewhere than travelling to or from or before, during or after an Association Competition shall be reported to the Chairman of the General Committee who shall appoint a disciplinary body who shall conduct their investigations and hearings in the manner prescribed by this Code.
- 4.11 In the case of a disciplinary matter where the complaint is against a Child or a Child is asked to make a statement or give evidence all meetings with that Child and any warnings or other penalties administered shall be done in the presence of a parent, guardian, or appropriate adult who shall be in addition to the person who they are entitled to have with them at any meeting with the Ground Jury

## 5. **Timing**

- 5.1 In all cases of Misconduct the Chairman of the Ground Jury must send a written report to the Association Secretary within 7 working days. Other than in cases of Minor Misconduct, this must be together with details of any known witnesses and other written reports he may have received.
- 5.2 In cases of Serious Misconduct, formal disciplinary procedures shall commence no later than 30 working days after the alleged incident or first report of the alleged incident, and the outcome determined as soon as is reasonably possible.
- 5.3 The Association must use due diligence to charge and/or finalise cases within a reasonable period of time.
- 5.4 In cases of Serious Misconduct, the Association Secretary will request written statements from known witnesses (if not already in his possession) requesting a response from them in writing as soon as reasonably possible and enclosing a stamped addressed envelope. End of event

## 6. **Minor Misconduct**

- 6.1 Upon receiving a report from a Ground Jury that a Member has been warned for Minor Misconduct the Association Secretary must send a written acknowledgement to the Chairman of the Ground Jury and send to the Member(s) concerned a copy of the Ground Jury's report together with a written notification that the warning has been recorded. Copies of other reports need not be sent.
- 6.2 In circumstances where a case of Minor Misconduct has been upheld the Member must pay an administration charge of £25 within 14 days of the date of the written notification. In the case of a Child this will be the responsibility of their parent or guardian.
- 6.3 A Member will not be permitted to request a Hearing in respect of finding of Minor Misconduct by a Ground Jury except in the case of a claim of mistaken identity.
- 6.4 In the case of mistaken identity;



- 6.4.1 Any such claim must be lodged in writing with the Association Secretary within 10 working days of the receipt of the written notification.
- 6.4.2 This must be by the Member alleging mistaken identity (or by a parent or guardian in the case of a Child) and must give particulars upon which the claim is founded.
- 6.4.3 If the relevant Ground Jury members or the Association Secretary are satisfied that the claim warrants further investigation, a Disciplinary Commission must be appointed to deal with the matter.
- 6.4.4 If the members of the Commission are satisfied that mistaken identity has been proved, the record of the offence will be transferred to the appropriate offender where possible, who may then be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the provisions of this Code,
- 6.4.5 If the Commission is not satisfied that mistaken identity has been proved the warning will be recorded on the original Member's record.

## 7. **Serious Misconduct**

- 7.1 Upon receiving a report from the Chairman of the Ground Jury of alleged Serious Misconduct the Association Secretary must: -
- 7.2 Within 15 working days send in writing an acknowledgement to the Ground Jury Chairman and send to the Member concerned in writing a copy of the Ground Jury's report together with a letter offering a penalty in accordance with the recommendation of the Ground Jury. Copies of other reports need not be sent.
- 7.3 The Member must pay an administration charge of £50, within 15 working days of the date on the letter informing him of the offered penalty.
- 7.4 In the case of a Child this will be the responsibility of their parent or guardian.
- 7.5 In the event that a Member does not accept the offer of the recommended punishment he may: -
- 7.5.1 Make a written request in writing to the Association Secretary for a Hearing enclosing the fee of £50
- 7.5.2 Submit in writing a plea to the Association for leniency, setting out any mitigating factors which the Member wishes to be considered. By electing for this option the Member accepts the findings of the Ground Jury and their report(s) on which the charge is based
- 7.6 In either case a Disciplinary Commission will be appointed to consider the matter further or to consider the mitigating plea made by the Member

## 8. **Failure to comply**

Failure on the part of the Member to discharge any of the requirements set out at clauses in Sections 6, 10 and 11 may constitute Misconduct, which may result in a further charge against the Member. Any punishment imposed for failure to comply will include an automatic suspension of the Member until such time as compliance has taken place.

## 9. **Composition of the Disciplinary Commission & Board of Appeal**

- 9.1 A Disciplinary Commission shall consist of not less than three and not more than five Members appointed by the General Committee and, where possible, should include a Riding Member. The appointed members of the Commission should, where possible, have no previous knowledge of the events or any involvement with any of the participants concerned and should not have been on the Ground Jury for the Event at which the Misconduct occurred.
- 9.2 A Board of Appeal shall consist of not less than three Members appointed by the General Committee and, where possible, should include a Riding Member. The appointed members of such Board of Appeal should not consist of any Member who has sat on either the Ground Jury or the Disciplinary Commission who first heard the case.



## 10. Procedure for a Hearing

- 10.1 The notification indicating a charge of serious Misconduct must inform the Member of the right to request a Hearing in respect of the alleged offence. It must also indicate that in the event of the charge being proved there may be a liability to be ordered to pay all or part of the costs of the Hearing, which costs may include a part of the overhead expenses of the Association attributable to the Hearing.
- 10.2 Similarly, in cases where the rules or regulations of the Association require the payment of a fee for a Hearing, the Member must be informed that the fee is liable to be forfeited in full or in part if the charge is proved. This is in addition to any fine that may be imposed.
- 10.3 In an unproved case neither a fee may be retained, nor may Commission costs be levied.
- 10.4 Upon receiving a request for a Hearing, the Chairman of the General Committee will appoint a Disciplinary Commission.
- 10.5 Any Member charged with Misconduct may seek advice and guidance from any person he sees fit and is entitled to have one person with them at the Hearing.
- 10.6 In the case of a Hearing where the complaint is against a Child or a Child is asked to make a statement or give evidence all meetings with that Child and any warnings or other penalties administered shall be done in the presence of a parent, guardian, or appropriate adult who shall be in addition to the person who they are entitled to have with them at the hearing
- 10.7 The Member must be given in writing the date, time and venue fixed for the Hearing and arrangements made for the attendance before the Commission of any witnesses.
- 10.8 The person charged and the witness(es) concerned should be given in writing a minimum 15 working days' notice of details of the Hearing
- 10.9 Any written request to the Commission for a postponement of the Hearing should be given consideration. If the reason submitted is considered valid, then a postponement should be granted, and in such circumstances costs may be charged. A request for a second postponement by the same party should not be granted.
- 10.10 At a Hearing the Disciplinary Commission may adopt such procedures as it considers appropriate and expedient for the just determination of the charge brought before it. A Commission shall not be bound by any enactment or rule of law relating to the admissibility of evidence in proceedings before a court of law.
- 10.11 If the charge is found not proved, any record of it will be expunged.
- 10.12 If the charge is found proved the Commission will decide what punishment, if any, is to be imposed. In so doing, members of the Commission must consider the overall nature and effect of the offence(s) and the Member's previous record and any plea for leniency.
- 10.13 Except when an Appeal has been lodged, any fines or costs that are ordered must be paid before the expiry of 15 working days from the date of the order. Failure to pay within such period is deemed to be Misconduct punishable by censure, further fine and/or suspension as determined by the Commission that made the order. The Member is responsible for payment of the fine and costs, except in the case of a Child where it is the responsibility of their parent or guardian.
- 10.14 The decisions of Commissions are final and binding on all parties subject only to a right of appeal to an Appeal Board.
- 10.15 The decision of the Association will be sent by first-class post to the Member's last known address.
- 10.16 The commencement date of any suspension imposed on a Member is at the discretion of the adjudicating Commission.
- 10.17 The Member may appeal the decision of the Disciplinary Commission within 15 working days of the sending of the decision notification by appealing in writing to the Association Secretary and enclosing the fee for an Appeal Hearing (£50).



## 11 **Appeal Board**

- 11.1 A Board of Appeal shall consist of not less than three Members appointed by the General Committee and where possible should include a Riding Member. The appointed members of such Board of Appeal should not consist of any Member who has sat on Ground Jury or the Disciplinary Commission who first heard the case.
- 11.2 The procedures set down in this Code for a Hearing shall also apply to Appeals but otherwise at an Appeal the Appeal Board may adopt such procedures as it considers appropriate and expedient for the just determination of the charge brought before it.
- 11.3 An Appeal Board shall not be bound by any enactment or rule of law relating to the admissibility of evidence in proceedings before a court of law.
- 11.4 The fee for an Appeal Hearing is £50.

## 12 **Continuing Misconduct**

The Association may bring a charge that a Member is not acting in the best interests of the Association when he has been disciplined for Misconduct on more than one occasion in the same season. When dealing with such cases a Disciplinary Commission considering what penalty to impose, must take into account the punishments that were imposed for the original offence(s).

## 13 **Misconduct at International and Overseas Competitions and Events**

- 13.1 Where an alleged incident of Misconduct by a Member occurs overseas at a Competition or Event run by IMGGA or by the Association of the relevant country the Misconduct may be dealt with either by IMGGA Officials under its Code of Conduct or by Officials of the Association of the relevant country under its Code of Conduct or by the Association under this Code.
- 13.2 Where an alleged incident of Misconduct by a Member occurs at an International Competition or Event run by IMGGA the Misconduct may be dealt with either by IMGGA Officials under its Code of Conduct or by the Association under this Code.



# **VULNERABLE PERSONS PROTECTION POLICY**

(Compiled by Sophie Morris, Safeguarding Officer)

The Mounted Games Association Great Britain (MGAGB) has a statutory and moral duty to ensure that the Association functions with a view to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all Members, riding or non-riding, of the association.

Throughout this policy reference will be made to “Children and young people”. This term is used to mean “those under the age of 25”. The Committee recognise that some adults are also vulnerable to abuse, accordingly, the procedures maybe applied (with appropriate adaptations) to allegations of abuse and the protection of vulnerable adults.

The MGAGB Committee is committed to ensuring that the Association:

- i. Provides a safe environment for children and young people to compete in.
- ii. Is able to offer support and confidentiality to children and young people who are suffering, or likely to suffer, significant harm,
- iii. Takes appropriate action to see that such children and young adults are kept safe, whilst attending internal and external shows.

In pursuit of these aims, the General Committee will approve and annually review policies and procedures with the aim of:

- iv. Raising awareness of issues relating to the welfare of children and young people and the promotion of a safe environment for the children and young people to compete in.
- v. Aiding the identification of children and young people at risk of significant harm, and providing procedures and reporting concerns.
- vi. Establishing procedures for reporting and dealing with allegations of abuse against officials of MGAGB.
- vii. The appointment of Safeguarding Officers in each region of the Association.

In developing the policies and procedures, the Safeguarding Officer of the MGAGB has taken guidance and consulted with the relevant Authorities.

This designated Officer will lead responsibility for vulnerable person protection; a review will be conducted on all issues during the season that relate to vulnerable person protection annually. The General Committee will refer concerns that a child or young person might be at significant harm to social services and the police.

The MGAGB has designated Sophie Morris as Safeguarding Officer. Sophie is a qualified and registered Social Worker, with specialisms in Child Services. She has undertaken appropriate training and will continually update herself on current policies and procedures.

## **SECTION A – Definitions of Abuse**

The General Committee recognises the following definitions of abuse

### **A1.1 Physical Abuse**

Physical abuse may involve hitting, shaking, throwing, poisoning, burning, scalding, drowning or suffocating or otherwise causing physical harm to a child. It may be done deliberately or recklessly, or be the result of a deliberate failure to prevent injury occurring. Physical harm may also be caused when a parent or carer feigns the symptoms of, or deliberately causes, ill health to a child, vulnerable adult, they are looking after.



## A1.2 Neglect

Neglect is the persistent or severe failure to meet a child or young person's basic physical and/or psychological needs. It will result in serious impairment of their health or development. It may involve a parent or carer failing to provide adequate food, shelter and clothing, failure to protect a child from physical harm or danger, or the failure to ensure access to appropriate medical care or treatment.

## A1.3 Sexual Abuse

Sexual abuse involves a child or young person being forced or coerced into participating in or watching a sexual activity. It is not necessary for the child to be aware that the activity is sexual and apparent consent of the child is irrelevant. This may include non-contact activities, such as involving children in looking at, or in the production of pornographic material or in watching sexual activities or encouraging children to behave in sexually inappropriate ways.

## A1.4 Emotional Abuse

Emotional abuse occurs where there is persistent emotional ill treatment or rejection. It causes severe and adverse effects on the child's or young person's behaviour and emotional development, resulting in self-worth. Some level of emotional abuse is present in all forms of abuse, though it may occur alone.

## **SECTION B – Reporting And Recording**

If a Member tells a Committee Member or Trainer about possible abuse they should be listened to very carefully, whatever form their attempts to communicate their worries might be. The following points give guidance on how to deal with a Member who makes an allegation.

- i. The Committee Member/Trainer receiving the disclosure must remain calm.
- ii. The Member should be listened to very carefully, but not interviewed or asked to repeat the account. Avoid leading questions, or applying any pressure, however be clear that you understand what the Member is telling you.
- iii. The Member should not be interrupted when recalling significant events.
- iv. All information should be noted carefully, including details such as timing, setting, who was present and what was said, in the Member's words. The account should be obtained verbatim or as near as possible. The MGAGB Confidential Incident Report Form should be used. These are available from any show organiser at an event where the Safeguarding Officer is not present.
- v. Care should be taken not to make assumptions about what the Member is saying or to suggest alternative explanations for their worries. Words should not be put in the reporter's mouth.
- vi. Words should not be offered to the Member in describing an experience.
- vii. Do not interview the Member, but question normally and without pressure, in order to be sure that you understand what the Member is telling you.
- viii. Reassure the Member that by telling you, they have done the right thing.
- ix. Inform the Member that you must pass the information on, but that only to those that need to be told. Inform them of to whom you will report this matter.
- x. Both the Member and the Committee/Trainer should sign the account.
- xi. The Committee/Trainer should not investigate concerns or allegations themselves, but should report them to the Safeguarding Officer.
- xiv. The Safeguarding Officer should make an initial assessment of the allegation and making a Common Assessment Record (CAR) consulting with the Committee and the governing body, the British Equestrian Federation. In extreme circumstances the Social Services/Police in the county that the Member lives may be contacted.





## **Section C - Dealing with Allegations of Abuse against Trainers, Committee Members or anyone associated with MGAGB**

In rare instances Committee Members/Trainers of MGAGB may come face to face with allegations of abuse. Owing to their frequent contact with children and young adults in a variety of situations, including the wider caring role, Trainer / Rider relationships may lead to allegations against them being made by parents or other riders. The MGAGB recognises that an allegation of child abuse made against a Trainer/Committee Member may be made for a variety of reasons and that the facts of the allegation may or may not be true. The MGAGB therefore needs policies and procedures on the management of situations where there are allegations of abuse.

The procedures that follow have been drawn up in consultation with the British Equestrian Federation (BEF). They outline the steps to be followed and considerations to be made for the reporting and subsequent management of an allegation of abuse. It is imperative that those dealing with an allegation maintain an open mind and that those investigations are thorough and not subject to delay. The Committee recognises that the Children Act 1989 states that the welfare of the child is the paramount concern. It is also recognised that the hasty or ill-informed decisions in connection with a Member of the Committee/Trainer can irreparably damage an individual's reputation, confidence and career. Therefore, those dealing with allegations within the MGAGB will do so with sensitivity and will act in a careful, measured way.

### **Section D - Safeguarding Officer Procedures: Receiving an Allegation**

A Member who receives an allegation about another Member, or from a child, should follow the guidelines in Section B for dealing with disclosures and liaise with the Safeguarding Officer for confidential advice and guidance.

Immediately after an allegation is made the Safeguarding Officer should receive:

- i. details of the allegation, signed and dated from the person who received the allegation. The written details will be countersigned and dated by the Safeguarding Officer.
- ii. Written information about times, dates, locations and names of potential witnesses.

The Safeguarding Officer will make an initial assessment of the allegation, completing the Common Assessment Record (CAR), consulting with the General Committee, BEF and wider authorities as appropriate.

### **Section E – Further Enquires and Investigations**

Child protection enquires by Social Services or the Police are not to be confused with internal disciplinary enquiries by MGAGB. The MGAGB may wish to use the outcome of external agency enquiries as part of its own procedures. The vulnerable adult protection agencies, including the police, have no power to direct the MGAGB to act in any particular way: however, the MGAGB should assist the agencies in their enquiries. Social Services and the Police would be likely to convene a meeting with the General Committee and the Safeguarding Officer will be expected to attend. The MGAGB shall hold its own internal enquiries while the formal Police or Social Services investigation proceeds: to do otherwise may prejudice the investigation. Any internal enquiries shall conform to the existing disciplinary procedures.

If there is an investigation by an external agency, for example the Police, the Safeguarding Officer would normally be involved, they will then communicate with chairperson of MGAGB.

Refer to the full BEF Safeguarding Policies on the website - <http://mgagb.co.uk/rules/bef-safeguarding-policies/>



## **MISUSE OF SUBSTANCES POLICY**

(Compiled by Sophie Morris, Safeguarding Officer)

The Mounted Games Association of Great Britain (MGAGB) is committed to ensuring, so far as is reasonably practicable, that Members can participate in all activities organised by MGAGB in a safe and secure environment.

This includes all organisers committing to do what is reasonably practicable to ensure the health, safety and welfare of Members and volunteers at MGAGB activities. All adults need to be physically and mentally fit to undertake their responsibilities in this area.

The use of alcohol and tobacco is discouraged within MGAGB as their consumption is incompatible with a healthy approach to sporting activity.

There is zero tolerance of any underage drinking of alcohol while on an MGA event site. See General Rule 19.

Overage Members, riding and non-riding, must not be under the influence of alcohol while in the ring. This includes unmounted duties. See General Rule 19. MGAGB coaches, officials and volunteers must not consume alcohol when they are directly responsible for young people, who are not their own children.

There is zero tolerance of any illegal substances being present, taken, distributed or sold on any MGA site, Internal or External. The term `substance` covers alcohol, solvents, psychoactive substances, and illegal drugs, including prescription drugs not prescribed for the user.

Where a Member is already receiving help with a problem of misuse, that information is on a `need to know` confidential, basis. In most cases this will be the Safeguarding Officer and a Member of the General Committee along with the parent, carer or an appropriate person. This only refers to the Members` individual problem and confidentiality will not be extended to include taking, or handling, illegal substances at MGA Internal/External shows.

In the event of an incident involving drug misuse:

- Any Member, riding or non-riding, found in possession of illegal substances shall be removed from the event site immediately and have their Membership suspended pending formal investigation. Authorities will be notified immediately.
- Any Member of MGAGB suspecting use or possession of drugs at an MGA event should immediately inform the Safeguarding Officer or a Show official who will pass the information onto the Safeguarding Officer. They will be required to give a statement and contact details using the Confidential Incident Report Form. These may be passed on to relevant authorities. If there is an immediate risk to the health, safety or welfare of one or more Members, then the Police must be informed as soon as possible. The person reporting their concerns should not influence any police investigation by hasty actions.
- Any Member, riding or non-riding, reported to be under the influence, or in possession, of any illegal substances will be asked for a full statement by the Safeguarding Officer, or the Event Organiser in their absence. The allegation will then be conducted under Safeguarding Officer`s discretion, supported by MGAGB`s governing body the British Equestrian Federation.





This will include –

- Informing the Members' parents / guardians
- Informing the Police;
- Suspending the Member concerned while investigations are completed;
- Awaiting the completion of Police investigations and actions.

• While there is no legal requirement to inform police under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971, the MGAGB policy is that the police will be contacted by the Safeguarding Officer should any Member receive a second allegation, or if there is sufficient evidence at a first allegation.

• Any drugs found shall be placed in a secure place by an Official, in the presence of the Safeguarding Officer or witnesses, before being passed on the Authorities.

N.B. This is written on the understand that all persons on MGA Event Sites are Members of MGAGB. Should this not be the case for whatever reason these rules will still apply to any persons on site during an event.



## **MGA(GB) Ltd Social Media Policy**

This Social Media Policy is part of the Members Code of Conduct and whenever using any form of social media (whether existing now or in the future) and participating in, submitting or responding to any internet postings members shall comply with this Policy. Any members in breach of this Policy will be subject to disciplinary action. Civil and/or criminal proceedings could also be brought against members for breach of this Policy where applicable.

### **Policy Scope**

MGA(GB) Ltd recognises that the internet provides everyone with the ability to participate in interactive discussions and to share information on a wide variety of social media. This policy relates to the use of social media by MGA(GB) Ltd members in so far as such use relates to or affects MGA(GB) Ltd, its employees, members and volunteers.

In this policy, a MGA person, or people, means Staff, Committee, any Members of MGA(GB) Ltd (in all categories), Show Organisers and All other Volunteers. Social media means all forms of social media that exist now or may exist in the future, including but not limited to Facebook, Twitter, You Tube, Instagram, Vine, Tumblr, LinkedIn, Twitter, Wikipedia, Flickr, MySpace, Pinterest, Google+ and all other social networking websites, all other internet posting sites, all blogs and wikis and all other internet forums.

### **Responsible use of Social Media**

Every member must be respectful of MGA(GB) Ltd and they must;

- a) Be aware that publication of information and comment on social media carries the same obligations as any other kind of publication and should follow the same ethical and legal standards.
- b) Not post, share or otherwise submit on social media any statement, material, information or image which is; malicious, misleading, threatening, derogatory, obscene, indecent, seditious, offensive, pornographic, abusive, disparaging, racist, discriminatory, menacing, inflammatory, blasphemous, intimidating or defamatory.
- c) Not post, share or otherwise submit comments about sensitive business-related topics, such as MGA(GB) Ltd's performance, or do anything to jeopardise MGA(GB) Ltd's confidential information and intellectual property.
- d) Not post, share or otherwise comment on social media statements, material, information or images concerning, or which could directly or indirectly damage the name, business interests or reputation of MGA(GB) Ltd or any MGA person.
- e) Not disclose on any social media, any personal information or images relating to any other MGA person that have been provided in confidence.
- f) Only post comments about a MGA person that are respectful and which the poster would say directly to that person.
- g) Show proper respect for the laws governing copyright and fair use of copyrighted material. MGA(GB) Ltd accepts no liability for legal breaches by MGA people on social media.
- h) Make it clear if disclosing their MGA membership status in any way on social media that they are speaking on their own behalf and that their views do not represent those of MGA(GB) Ltd.
- i) Not use social media in a way that breaches any other rules, codes and policies in the MGAGB Members' Handbook.

MGA(GB) Ltd reserves the right to monitor, intercept and review, without further notice, social media postings and activities that include references to it and/or its members, to ensure that its rules and this Policy are being complied with and for legitimate purposes. All members consent to such monitoring by through acceptance of their membership form.



MGA(GB) Ltd may remove posts, threads and any other form of submissions from its own platforms, including but not limited to Facebook/Twitter/Wesbite, which are in breach of this Policy without explanation and the MGA person responsible could be liable for disciplinary action as outlined in the Members Code of Conduct.

MGA(GB) Ltd may require members to remove postings, comments or any other submissions made using social media that are deemed to be in breach of this Policy. Failure to comply with such a request may in itself result in disciplinary action as outlined in the Members Code of Conduct.

MGA(GB) Ltd will comply with any law, or request by any governmental or other regulatory authority, or order by a court or other authority of competent jurisdiction, requiring MGA(GB) Ltd to disclose the identity or location of any Member posting any material in breach of this Policy. MGA(GB) Ltd may share a MGA person's private information with the police or any other governmental authority if it is asked to do so in connection with the investigation of suspected illegal activities.

If you as a user identify potentially damaging content or content that is in breach of the Policy, please contact MGA(GB) Ltd Head Office, confidentially. If you have a personal grievance with someone on social media regarding the sport of Mounted Games, take it up with them directly, if this is unable to be resolved and involves MGA(GB) Ltd directly please contact a member of Head Office, contact details on the website [www.mgagb.co.uk](http://www.mgagb.co.uk)



## MGA(GB) RULES 2017

The rules of MGA(GB) are those set out in the 2017 rule book of the International Mounted Games Association.

For MGA(GB) competitions there are amendments to the international rules as detailed below.

### GENERAL RULES

#### Riders

GR1.11 All riders and officials must be members of MGA(GB) and have paid an annual or temporary membership subscription.

GR1.12 Where a team is unexpectedly short of a rider and might otherwise have to cancel their show entry, a rider may be borrowed from another team only with the consent of the rider's County Representative. "Borrowed Rider" must be entered on the Declaration Form. Borrowed riders may lead to sanctions at league events, check with the league rules for your age group.

GR1.13 Any rider who is a member of the MGAGB and who does not belong to a team is listed under "sundries". Any sundries rider who rides for a team then becomes a member of that team. Borrowed riders and temporary members (guest riders) will not be permitted in the Inter Counties Championship. For external shows, riders may be borrowed with the consent of the Referee and their County Representative. Guest riders may lead to sanctions at league events, check with the league rules for your age group.

#### Bad or Unsportsmanlike Behaviour

GR10.3 All members will be bound by the MGA(GB) Disciplinary Code relating to bad behaviour. Copies of the code are available from the Secretary or can be downloaded from the [www.mgagb.co.uk](http://www.mgagb.co.uk) website. Members will be deemed to have accepted the Disciplinary Code by joining the Association.

GR10.4 Referees have the authority to disqualify a rider/team for gross misconduct. The rider/team will be required to leave the ring immediately. The matter will be reported to the ground jury and a decision will be made regarding the rest of the competition.

#### Age Groups

GR15.2 The following age limits will apply in competitions organised by the Association:

FUTURE STARS (including Under 12 and Mini - both under 12 years of age )

UNDER 14s - under 14 years of age

JUNIORS - under 17 years of age

OPEN - any age

All ages to be taken as on 1st January of the year in which the competition takes place.

GR15.3 Unless prior agreement has been received from the competition organiser, riders who are eligible to ride as Future Stars may not compete in Junior or Open competitions and riders who are eligible to compete in Under 14s may not compete in Open competitions.

#### Home International Representation

GR 16.1 To be eligible to ride for a GB country a rider must meet one or more of the following criteria:

- They hold a valid passport in their name issued by that country.
- They have been a full time resident at a registered address in that country for a period of at least 2 years.
- As per their birth certificate, they were born in that country.



- At least one of their parents held a valid passport in their name for that country at the time of their birth.

- Their spouse held a valid passport in their name for that country at the time of their marriage.

GR 16.2 For England North and England South the rules are different and the only criteria allowed is that you must have been born or have lived in the region for 3 years.

GR16.3 Riders that have ridden for one national team, in either IMGA or Home International competitions, are barred to ride for another country for three full seasons *i.e. If you rode for one Nationality in 2013 you cannot ride for another in 2014,2015, 2016 but can for 2017.*

### **Plaster**

GR17.1 No rider will be allowed to ride if they have a limb or any other part of their body in plaster.

### **Team Transfers**

GR18.1 A rider can transfer teams, once, for free each calendar year – between 1st January and 30th April. From 1st May to 31st December the rider may transfer once incurring a fee of £50 – payable by the rider if it is their choice to transfer or payable by the county if the transfer is being implemented through no fault of the rider. If the County Rep does not agree that rider must stay with the county, if then there is no place available up to inter counties the transfer fee payable by the outgoing county rep is £100. If the fee is not paid no teams in that county can compete at inter counties.

GR18.2 Any new member joining the Association may choose to register with a team. If they do not wish to choose a team initially, they will be registered under the heading "Sundries". Should a rider on the "Sundries" list ever ride for a County team as a Borrowed Rider, they then become a member of that team.

### **The Breathalyser**

GR19.1 The method of randomly selecting people to test will be as follows:

(i) For team events:- Two bags containing table tennis balls will be present in the commentary box. One bag will contain balls numbered 1-8 (depending on the number of lanes in each heat) and one containing balls numbered 1-5 relating to the riders in the team as taken from the declaration form and 6 relating to the team trainer. Before each heat two balls will be drawn from the first bag indicating which lanes will be tested and 1 ball will be drawn from the second bag with a rider or trainer number taken from the declaration form. These will be the people who will be tested.

(ii) For pairs events:- One bag will contain balls numbered 1-8 (depending on the number of lanes in each heat) and the other bag will contain balls numbered 1-2 relating to the riders in the pair as taken from the declaration form and 3 relating to the pair's trainer. Before each heat two balls will be drawn from the first bag indicating which lanes will be tested and 1 ball will be drawn from the second bag indicating which rider or trainer will be tested.

(iii) For Individual events there will be 1 bag containing balls numbered 1-8 (depending on the number of lanes in the heat) and the other bag will contain balls numbered 1 relating to the rider and 2 relating to the rider's trainer. Before each heat two balls will be drawn from the first bag indicating which lanes will be tested and 1 ball will be drawn from the second bag indicating whether the rider or trainer will be tested.

GR19.2 Any rider or trainer may be tested where there is reasonable suspicion that they may have consumed alcohol or excess alcohol.

All members have the right to refuse to take a breathalyser test. However, a refusal will be treated in the same way as a positive result and the same penalties will apply.



GR19.3 Zero tolerance for under 18's is 0.03% BAC reading on the breathalyser and, for riders 18 years of age and over and trainers 0.08% alcohol BAC reading is the limit. The 0.08% BAC level is the same as the legal limit for driving a motor vehicle.

For riders over the age of 18 years and trainers the following system will be used:

- a) No further participation in the heat that follows the failed breathalyser test.
- b) Riders must then provide a negative re-test prior to being allowed to ride again in the competition.
- c) Trainers must then provide a negative re-test prior to being allowed into the arena again in the competition.

GR19.4 There should always be an impartial person present to carry out the random breath tests. Random breath testing will be carried out by members of the General Committee or Breathalysing Official not associated with a team, and supported by members of the General Committee. In the case of under-age riders a parent or guardian should be present when the breathalyser is used. In the absence of a parent/guardian the team trainer will be deemed to be responsible.

GR19.5 The punishment is that any under-age rider giving a positive result will be sent home with a two show ban. The two shows that constitute the ban will be selected by the Ground Jury. Riders aged 18 and over giving a positive result will not be permitted to ride until they can pass a breath test. Trainers will not be permitted to enter the ring until they can pass a breath test.

### **Showground Rules**

GR20.1 Dogs must be kept on leads at all times - this rule applies to everyone on the showground.

GR20.2 Vehicles must be driven on the showground at a maximum of 5mph.

GR20.3 Generators must be switched off at midnight.

GR20.4 No bicycles, scooters, motorized scooters or similar are permitted on the showground except in designated areas.

GR20.5 Corrals should be secure and must not exceed 5m x 5m per pony. If they exceed these dimensions you will be asked to reduce, failure to do so will result in disciplinary action.

GR20.6 A dedicated, responsible, person should be assigned to each pony while at all MGAGB event sites. This person's contact details should be attached to the pony while they are not in use, e.g. in a corral or stable. In a case of emergency; escape, fire, accident, illness, evacuation, the dedicated person can then be contacted to retrieve the pony.

Contact details should consist of a contact name and mobile telephone number. They should be waterproof and easily read.

The contacts can be attached to the pony in several ways. Our recommended method is via a small keyring, plastic or metal, attached to a Headcollar. Tags can be purchased from a wide range of suppliers, for roughly £1, there is no set standard of tag – so long as the details are legible. A very limited number of the plastic variety can be purchased, onsite, from the show organisers for £2 each.

Some other attachment methods include; tags as previously mentioned, attached to rug straps, plaited into the pony's mane/tail, attached to a sausage boot or similar around the fetlock. So long as the information is attached to the pony at all times when not ridden, any form is acceptable.

Any pony without an identification tag will incur a fixed penalty of £50 payable by the owner/rider.



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## **COMPETITION RULES**

### **Changes to Competition Format**

CR21.1 Once a competition has started changes may not be made to any aspect of the competition except for safety reasons.

## **OFFICIALS**

### **Trainers**

- AO8.1 Trainers must have received DBS clearance from the Safeguarding Officer
- AO8.2 Trainers entering the arena must be at least 18 years old on the day of the competition
- AO8.3 Trainers entering the arena must not be under the influence of alcohol and/or banned substances and must not have impaired mobility
- AO8.4 Arena Party members must not be in the arena when races are in progress
- AO8.5 Not-one may use a camera, video camera or other device to take photographs or images whilst in the ring without prior approval of the show organiser.

## **ARENA PARTY**

- AO9.1 There should be no dogs in the ring.
- AO9.2 Anyone under the age of 18 leading a pony must wear a hat.
- AO9.3 Anyone under the age of 16 entering the ring must wear a hat during the competition.





## MINI MINIS

### 1. **Aim:**

- 1.1. Mini-Mini sections should provide an opportunity for young riders to develop the skills they require to compete in Mini competitions in a safe, fun and non-competitive environment
- 1.2. Riders should be encouraged to ride correctly and to care for their pony properly.
- 1.3. Riders should be encouraged to do as much themselves as they can – this should be a schooling opportunity for young riders, not a series of competitions for runners dragging ponies and throwing children on and off their pony.
- 1.4. Riders must be riding members of MGA(GB) and must be a minimum age of 4 years and not exceeding their 12th birthday.
- 1.5. Assistants and leaders must be members of MGA(GB) and should wear a riding hat if under 16 years.

### 2. **Structure**

- 2.1. Prizes are at the discretion of the volunteers organising the section per show.

### 3. **Rules**

- 3.1. Riders should be led or ride with an assistant beside them, those without an assistant beside them at all times should be in Minis.
- 3.2. If a rider is being led the leader should remain at the pony's shoulder and must never pass the pony's head,
- 3.3. Lead reins must be attached to the cavesson noseband of the pony, not the bit nor to a grackle, flash or dropped noseband
- 3.4. Riders must wear riding hats that have been checked and tagged by MGA(GB).
- 3.5. Riders must wear riding boots with a steel shank.
- 3.6. All people in the arena must wear closed footwear
- 3.7. There should be only one leader per pony. Riders must not have helpers holding them on to the pony.
- 3.8. Riders must be capable of sitting on their pony independently at a pace that is safe for them.
- 3.9. Riders are not to be lifted on and off ponies. They are expected to mount/dismount on their own or with minimal help (a leg up, not a lift on). It is appreciated that some riders are too small to mount their pony but the least help possible should be given them to help them mount.
- 3.10. A rider can not ride in any other section at the event and a pony cannot do more than 24 games a day.
- 3.11. If equipment is dropped on the floor the rider must correct the mistake by themselves, although they can receive assistance by being lifted off and on the pony.

### 4. **Game Selection**

- 4.1. Games used in MGAGB Mini Mini classes should be carefully selected in order to be as safe and enjoyable as possible for young riders
- 4.2. Only equipment available by the ring for that session should be used. No equipment should be brought across from other rings. Any damaged equipment must be reported to the equipment manager immediately.
- 4.3. It is imperative that children should not be running or on foot in the arena when there are ponies being ridden in the same area.





## TACK AND DRESS RULES

All rules are as per the IMGA rule book with addition of the below.

GT1 Tack can be checked at any competition. Any rider found to be using tack that is ruled to be not conforming to the rules, unsafe, over severe or poorly fitting will be advised to correct any fault. Examples, of this include over tight nosebands and/or martingales.

### **T1. TACK**

All tack should be fitted correctly to the pony, advice on this can be found on the website under training videos.

Badly fitting tack affects the performance level of your pony, not to mention causing them constant discomfort and pain that can lead to prolonged health issues.

T1.1 Tack must be used for the purpose it was designed.

T1.2 Saddle's must be well fitted to the individual pony. The saddle should be three adult fingers clear of the pony's withers and one adult finger clear of the spine at the back of the saddle when the rider is sitting on the pony.

T1.3 Numnahs should not be pressing on the pony's withers or spine when the rider is sitting on the pony.

T1.4 Buckles on vaulting straps, Breastplate attachments to saddles, and other exposed buckles not on the pony's head or girth, should be covered in tape to avoid the risk of injury to rider or pony.

T1.5 Force on the pony's mouth must be equal to the force exerted by the rider,

no attachment may be used that allows a force on the mouth that is exerted by the pony not the rider.

T1.6 Side reins, Draw reins and Grass reins are not permitted, in the ring or any other time at MGA(GB) events.

T1.7 Daisy Reins are permitted in the Future Stars Mini Division and the Mini Minis only. It is advised they are worn in conjunction with a crupper.

T1.8 Blinkers are not permitted. The use of sheepskin, or similar, on bridles should be intended for comfort only and must not extend further than 3cm from the horse's face.



## **T2. HATS**

T2.1 Hats must meet at least one of the following standards:

PAS 015

ASTM F1163 (2004) with SEI mark

SNELL E2001 with SNELL label and number

AS/NZS 3838 with SAI Global mark

or any new standard that meets or exceeds those stated

The EN1384 and BSEN1384 hat standards have been withdrawn and will be permitted only if accompanied by another standard stated above.

T2.2 All hats will be inspected by MGA(GB) and those approved as meeting these standards will be tagged so that they can be identified easily as meeting safety standards.

T2.3 A 'tagged' hat does not provide any guarantee of safety. All riders are strongly recommended to check their hats are correctly fitted and to replace them if they are damaged or have been worn in a fall.

T2.4 Riders are advised to check the wording of any insurance policy they may depend on in case of accident for any specific requirements regarding the wearing of hats.

T2.5 Any rider who is involved in a fall that results in a concussion will have the tag removed from their hat.

T2.6 Riders must wear hats, with the chinstrap fastened, at all times while mounted. Exceptions may be made for male riders during prizegiving where they may remove their hat while stationary. This is at the discretion of the Event Organiser.

## **T3. DRESS**

T3.1 All members of a team must wear shirts or jumpers of the same colour and design and identical hat silks

T3.2 Team jumpers and shirts must display the county name and the MGA(GB) logo

T3.3 No jewellery may be worn, other than a wedding ring. If any jewellery cannot be removed for any reason it should be covered securely in tape.

T3.4 Long hair should be secured appropriately.

T3.5 Whips & Spurs of any kind are not permitted in the ring or elsewhere on at any MGA(GB) event.

T3.6 Riders should wear boots designed for riding.

T3.7 Damaged boots can be hazardous and should not be worn.

T3.8 Boots should be properly fastened and secure on the feet.



T3.9 Everyone is advised to wear safe and sensible footwear when near ponies.

T.3.10 All persons must have closed footwear when in the ring.

#### **T4. PONIES**

T4.1 Ponies should be of an appropriate size and ability for their rider.

T4.2 Ponies should be turned out to a high standard, clean, with no stable stains and have brushed out mains and tails. Plaits are not permitted.

T4.3 Charts showing rider's height and weight limits and their implementations are shown on Pages 34-36

T4.4 Ponies must be fit and healthy to compete, see guidelines pages 38 - 40.

T4.5 Ponies should not be over or under weight. Ponies with a body condition score of 1 or below or of 5 (based on Carroll and Huntington method) should not participate in competitions

T4.6 There should be no sign of lameness and ponies should have no open wounds.

T4.7 Ponies suspected of being lame will be inspected by the Referee, their decision is final.



# Mounted Games Association

## Concussion Protocol

Any rider following an incident/fall and sustaining a head injury however slight should be assessed for having a concussion. Concussion can be suspected in the presence of **any one or more** of the following: symptoms (such as headache), or physical signs (such as unsteadiness), or impaired brain function (e.g. confusion) or abnormal behaviour.

### 1. Symptoms

Presence of any of the following signs & symptoms may suggest a concussion.

Loss of consciousness	Feeling slowed down
Seizure or convulsion	Feeling like "in a fog"
Amnesia	"Don't feel right"
Headache	Difficulty concentrating
"Pressure in head"	Difficulty remembering
Neck Pain	Fatigue or low energy
Nausea or vomiting	Confusion
Dizziness	Drowsiness
Blurred vision	More emotional
Balance problems	Irritability
Sensitivity to light	Sadness
Sensitivity to noise	Nervous or anxious

### 2. Memory function

Failure to answer all questions correctly may suggest a concussion.

"What venue are we at today?" "What team are you in?"

"What game did you last perform?"

"What is the name of your pony?"

"Who is your trainer?"

### 3. Balance testing

#### Instructions for tandem stance

*"Now stand heel-to-toe with your **non-dominant** foot in back. Your weight should be evenly distributed across both feet. You should try to maintain stability for 20 seconds with your hands on your hips and your eyes closed. I will be counting the number of times you move out of this position. If you stumble out of this position, open your eyes and return to the start position and continue balancing. I will start timing when you are set and have closed your eyes."*

Observe the rider for 20 seconds. If they make more than 5 errors (such as lift their hands off their hips; open their eyes; lift their forefoot or heel; step, stumble, or fall; or remain out of the start position for more than 5 seconds) then this may suggest a concussion.

**Any Rider with a Suspected Concussion should be IMMEDIATELY REMOVED from the Arena and assessed medically, not be left alone and should not ride a pony or drive any vehicle.**



## H: Rider Height and Weight Limitations 2017

It should be understood that the intention of these rules is not to prevent a rider from participating in a competition because of borderline measurements. These rules are created in conjunction with a 7 year study by a Vet and Chief International Referee experienced in our sport – for the welfare of our ponies and riders.

H1.1 In 2017 MGAGB will be using the Official IMGA Height & Weight graphs as a guideline aim for its members at all Internal Competitions. Riders should aim to meet these guidelines in 2017, they will be enforced fully in 2018. At Externals and Home International Events the IMGA graphs will be enforced in 2017.

H1.2 Any riders who are suspected of being over-height or over-weight for their mount may be asked by an official to be checked. This will involve the rider being weighed, in their kit, and their pony being measured.

H1.3 This will take place in a private and confidential location to be appointed by the Event Organiser. The rider's height and weight will be documented on the IMGA chart, and a copy given to the rider for their reference.

H1.4 There will be no comment made on whether a reported rider or pony fall into certain categories laid out by the IMGA chart i.e. Experienced, Strong etc.

H1.5 Measurements will be made by the Event Manager and Safeguarding Officer. All measurements are strictly confidential and will not be seen by any other person, other than those present at the time. Riders under the age of 18 on 1st January 2017 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. Riders 18+ on 1st January 2017 may request to have another person present.

H1.6 In 2017 there will be no sanctions for not meeting the IMGA Height & Weight chart at MGAGB events – other than at Externals, Home Internationals & World Individuals (IMGA sanctioned competition).

H1.7 Only Assistant Referees, Referees or Show Organisers can report a suspected over-height or over-weight rider. Concerns should be reported discreetly, and fully confidentially, to the Event Manager or Safeguarding Officer. They will approach the rider in question at a time, and in a way, they see fit.

H1.8 Under no circumstances are any reports to be made public knowledge, or announced over the PA systems.

H1.9 Riders may wish to put themselves forward to be checked for their own reference. In this instance they should contact the Event Manager directly.

### Graphs

These can be found on pages 36 & 37 and show, in both imperial and metric units, the minimum size of pony allowed for any combination of rider's size, rider's weight, rider's level of experience, and pony build. On each of the graphs there are different lines depending on the level of experience of the rider in Mounted Games, and the general build of the pony concerned.

Check the rider's height and weight, then plot these on each graph against the pony's height. Select the appropriate line on each graph for pony build and rider experience. If your point is below the appropriate line you are within the restrictions, if above, you are not.

H2 For Home Internationals and Externals in 2017 it will be deemed that all riders are 'Experienced' and all ponies are 'Strong' for 2017.

H2.1 For IMGA Events the rider's experience and pony's build will be taking into consideration on a case by case basis. In these cases the Referee has set guidelines to follow, these are available on the IMGA website.

H2.2 Individuals who feel they may be borderline on the graphs can provide photographic and certificate evidence of a pony's height and build to the IMGA Chief Referee prior to the event, with their Country's support.

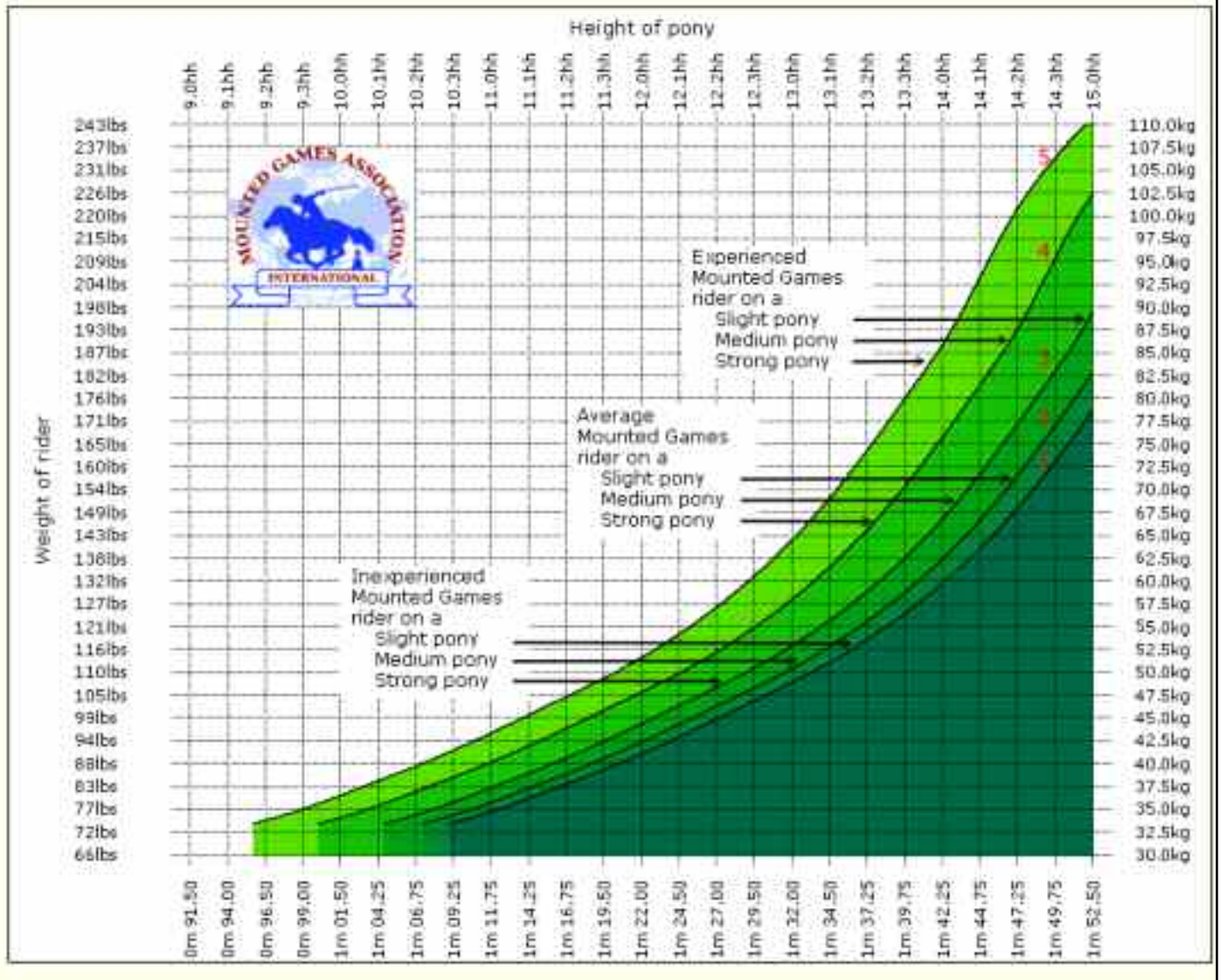
H2.3 The Referee's decision is final.



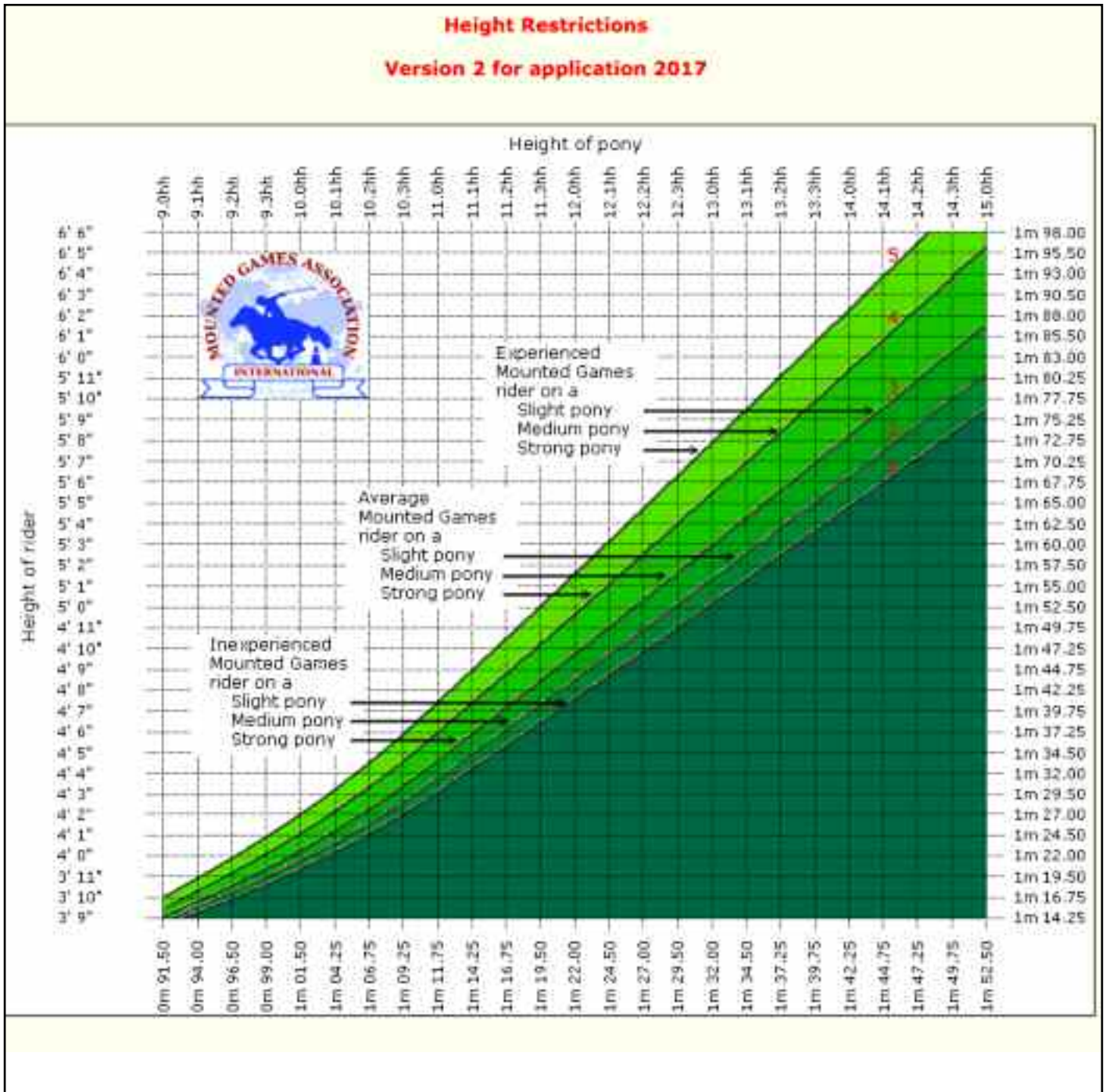


# MINIMUM HEIGHT OF PONY ALLOWED ACCORDING TO RIDER'S WEIGHT

## Weight Restrictions Version 2 for application 2017



# MINIMUM HEIGHT OF PONY ALLOWED ACCORDING TO RIDER'S HEIGHT



## The Welfare of Ponies and Horses at MGAGB Events

Under the Animal Welfare Act (2006), every owner, or the person responsible, for an animal has a duty of care to ensure that animal's wellbeing while under their care. It is therefore an offence not only to cause suffering or ill treatment but also to fail to take adequate measures to protect the animal's welfare even if it is not yet suffering.

Throughout these rules, the term "Pony" will be used to describe horses and ponies irrespective of size or gender. The term "Owner" will be used to describe the responsible adults for each pony.

### **Health**

- Ponies attending MGAGB events must be in good health and fit enough to cope with the demands of the event and any associated travelling. If this is deemed to not be the case, you may be asked to leave the ring by the referee. This is in the interest of rider & pony welfare, of yours and those around you.

- They should not be over or under weight. Ponies with a body condition score of 1 or below or of 5 (based on Carroll and Huntington method) should not participate in competitions. They should have no open wounds, and be well groomed to prevent rubbing injuries from their tack.

- Ponies should be well shod, or have their feet trimmed regularly. They should also have regular back and teeth checks to ensure good health and aid performance.

- Ponies attending events should be at least 4 years old. Pregnant mares should not be ridden at events unless accompanied by a veterinary certificate and mares over 6 months pregnant are not permitted. Stallions are not permitted.

- Health and welfare are inextricably linked. Owners must act responsibly and not attend an event if their horse has been in recent contact with a disease outbreak even if their horse appears to be in good health. As a general rule, a period of at least 2 weeks free from exposure to known infection would be considered reasonable.

- Owners are strongly encouraged to have their horses vaccinated against equine flu. Annual vaccination is necessary to maintain adequate levels of immunity and vaccination is routinely combined with tetanus vaccination, which although not transmissible between horses, is frequently fatal and considered an essential of responsible horse ownership. Event organisers may insist on evidence of up to date flu and tetanus vaccination which must be recorded in the horse's passport.





- In the interest of preventing spread of disease, owners should avoid tack sharing and horses should have their own feed and water buckets. Event organisers should ensure that clean, fresh water from a tap rather than using communal drinking troughs.

- Clean, fresh water should be readily available to your pony throughout the event, excluding directly after competing. Ponies should have access to roughage and water throughout the night. Owners should be reminded that many corrals are sparse of grass by the second evening and it is advised to bring hay/haylage, or similar, with you to provide to your pony overnight. Ponies burn up a lot of energy competing and it is deemed healthier for them to be able to trickle feed rather than just feed hard food alone throughout an event.

## **Medications**

-It is clearly essential for the welfare of a horse that appropriate veterinary treatment is given when required, including appropriate medication. However, medication may mask an underlying health problem. Therefore, horses should not compete or take part in training activities when taking medication, if the combination of the medication and the activity may have a detrimental effect on the horse's welfare.

-Ponies that are apparently fit and healthy, but receiving veterinary treatment with prescription drugs, may be allowed to attend MGAGB events. Some medications are required for the ongoing health and welfare of a pony which is otherwise fit and capable of normal work. An example of this could be treatment for Cushing's disease. If a pony is running on prescribed drugs, details of such should be available to be viewed by Event Organisers should they be required.

-The Event Organisers may eliminate a pony from an event if it is receiving analgesic or anti-inflammatory medication (e.g. phenylbutazone), or if participation in the event is, in the opinion of the organisers, likely to be detrimental to the pony's health and welfare.

## **Transport**

The welfare of ponies being transported is protected by specific legislation (2006 & 2007) in addition to the Animal Welfare Act (2006) a summary of the legal requirements is below and is strongly advised to be adhered to for MGAGB event travel.

- The pony must be fit to travel and the transport (horsebox or trailer) must be roadworthy, clean and fit for purpose. Common faults are weak floors and ramps, illegal or underinflated tyres and poorly maintained couplings and lights.



- When travelling, the pony must be accompanied by a person suitably experienced in transporting equines. Preferably they should be familiar with the pony being transported.
- It is a legal requirement that a pony travelling to an event is accompanied by its passport. This applies even if the pony is hacked to the event.
- A travelling kit, appropriate to the length of journey, must be carried. This must include feed, water, clean buckets, rugs and a first aid kit containing a minimum of: a thermometer, cotton wool, gamgee, non-adherent dressing such as Melolin, self-adhesive bandages, adhesive tape and blunt ended scissors. When a pony is hacked to an event, provisions must be made for access to these items including a headcollar or halter.
- Ponies should only be left unattended in a horsebox or trailer if they are known to be comfortable and relaxed in that situation. Ventilation and access to the pony must be maintained.

### **Rider Aids**

- Riders must use natural aids; seat, legs, body weight, hands (via rein) & voice. And use these aids in the natural way intended.
- A pony must not be reprimanded by repeated yanking on the bit. Any rider seen to be doing so shall be reprimanded via the disciplinary code of conduct. Ponies seen bleeding from the mouth is deemed unacceptable.
- A pony may not be struck by any object, including your hand, inside or outside of the competition ring. Anyone seen to be doing so shall be reprimanded by the referee. Any secondary offences will be passed on to the Ground Jury and a decision made via the disciplinary code of conduct.



# **TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP DATES FOR 2017**

## **SPRING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Shropshire & West Midlands  
Showground  
8th and 9th April

## **GREAT BRITISH FRIENDLY**

Leicestershire Showground  
29th & 30th April

## **UK MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Newark & Notts Showground, Newark  
27th to 29th May

## **FUTURE STARS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Oakridge Arena, Newark  
17th & 18th June

## **THE JOHN SCOTT CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Newark & Notts Showground, Newark

## **OPEN HOME INTERNATIONAL**

Newark County Show - 13th & 14th May

## **UNDER 12 HOME INTERNATIONAL**

Scottish Championships - 15th & 16th July

## **UNDER 14 HOME INTERNATIONAL**

Welsh Championships - 9th & 10th September

## **JUNIOR HOME INTERNATIONAL**

Northern Ireland Championships - 23rd & 24th September

## **REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **NORTH OF ENGLAND**

**The Northern Challenge, Ibstock**  
3rd and 4th June  
gillian\_scott@btopenworld.com

### **SOUTH OF ENGLAND**

**Southern Championships,**  
New Forest Showground, Brockenhurst  
24th & 25th June  
**Southern Classic**  
5th & 6th August  
New Forest Showground, Brockenhurst  
Contact Jo Morris 07799 320003  
jomorrisdorset@gmail.com

### **WALES**

**Welsh Championships**  
tba  
9th & 10th September

### **NORTHERN IRELAND**

**Northern Ireland Championships**  
23rd & 24th September  
Contact Allister Hamilton  
ahamilton521@outlook.com

### **SCOTLAND**

**The Scottish Championships**  
15th & 16th July



# **PAIRS & INDIVIDUALS COMPETITIONS**

## **THE GREAT BRITISH FRIENDLY PAIRS & INDIVIDUALS**

Leicestershire Showground  
29th & 30th April

## **THE BRITISH INDIVIDUALS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

10th & 11th June  
At Uttoxeter Racecourse, Staffordshire  
In 4 age groups:  
Minis (under 12)  
Under 14 (under 14)  
Juniors (under 17)  
Open (any age)

**OPEN MASTERS**  
Wolverhampton Racecourse  
8th July

## **THE BRITISH PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

16th & 17th September  
at Newark & Nottingham Showground  
In 4 age groups:  
Under 12  
Under 14  
Under 17  
Open (any age)

All ages as on 1st January 2017



## 2017 LEAGUE SHOWS

The following shows have been allocated as league shows for 2017

### **Future Stars League**

Spring Championships  
UK Masters  
Future Stars  
Southern Championships  
Intercounties

Home International – Scottish Championships

### **Under 14**

Spring Championships  
UK Masters  
John Scott's  
Future Stars  
Intercounties  
Home International – Welsh Championships

### **Under 17**

Spring Championships  
UK Masters  
Scottish Championships  
John Scotts  
Intercounties  
Home Internationals – Northern Ireland Team Championships

### **Open**

*Premiership & Championship*  
Spring Championships  
UK Masters  
Scottish Championships  
Southern Championships  
Welsh Championships  
Intercounties  
NI Championships

### **Home Internationals**

Nottingham County Show  
Countryfile Live (Unofficial)



## MGAGB OPEN LEAGUE SUMMARY RULES 2017 SEASON

(the full version can be downloaded from the website - <http://mgagb.co.uk/rules/leagues/2017-open-league/>)

- All Open teams will take part in the League system for the 2017 season at the following shows
  - Spring Championships (8th-9th of April)
  - UK Masters (27th-29th of May)
  - Southern Championships (24th-25th June)
  - Scottish Championships (15th-16th July)
  - Intercounties (26th-28th August)
  - Welsh Championships (9th-10th September)
  - Northern Ireland Championships (23rd-24th September)
- The Premiership/Championship League split will come into place based on the results of the 2017 Spring Championships. At this show, all teams will compete against each other. If a team does not compete in the Spring Championships, they will be placed in the Championship League at the first League show that they compete at.
- The winner of the Premiership League A Final will receive the same amount of points as there are teams at the show, e.g. 40 teams at a competition means 40 points to the winner, this simply then counts down in order all the way to the bottom final in the Championship. If a team misses a League show they will score no points for that show.
- There will always be three Heats in the Premiership – remaining teams will ride in the Championship League. These places are decided by the Overall League Points accumulated throughout the season from League Shows.
- Promotion from Championship to Premiership will take place for the top three teams in the Championship A Final. In the event of 2 teams being tied for 4th place there must be a run off. These teams will automatically get a place in the Premiership at the next League Show, except for Intercounties, as this will be split on Overall League positions only. All other positions will be based on Overall League points.
- Teams will receive -5 League points for any borrowed/guest rider they use at any League Show. The Show Organiser must be informed prior to the event of any guest/borrowed riders. If a team uses a guest/borrowed rider but does not declare this, they will be subject to disciplinary action.
- If a team has to pull out for a medical or veterinary reason meaning that they cannot field at least 4 rider and pony combinations, they score the lowest League points available in the League they are in.
- Any team which does not provide an Assistant Referee or Arena Party for any heat which they are scheduled to officiate in will be deducted 5 points from their heat score.
- Any team which does not provide an Assistant Referee or Arena Party for the Final which they are scheduled to officiate in will be deducted 5 League points from the show, they will not start a Final on -5 scoring points.
- Overall 2017 League Winners will be decided on results of Northern Irish Championships and presented at End of Season. Championship Winners will be the Championship A Final Winners at Intercounties, presented at Intercounties.





## **THE FUTURE STARS LEAGUE**

The MGAGB General Committee have confirmed the following Under 12 Age Group changes will be implemented for the 2017 season.

The U12 age group will be renamed the "Future Stars".

The Future Stars will consist of 2 divisions – to be called the 'Under 12's' and 'Mini'

As it was in 2016 and before, Future Stars results from designated 'Point Shows' will be accumulated to form the Overall League position, the Winners of which will be presented at End of Season.

The Under 12 Division will play all games in the rule book throughout the season. Teams may not receive any outside assistance.

The Mini Division will play some, but not all rule book games i.e. no Joust, Balloon, throughout the season. Teams may not receive any outside assistance.

Teams can decide which division to enter for the Spring Championships.

At following 'Points Shows' a split will be made to form the U12 and Minis Divisions. This split will be made on the Overall League positions, with always at least two heats in U12 division.

After each 'Points Show' the top 3 teams from the Mini League will be invited to move up to the Under 12 Division for the next League Show. This is their choice.

At Non-Point shows, teams will still ride in two Divisions, on the result of the last Points Show.

If a team misses a Points Show they receive Zero points for the League.

The whistle will be blown when there is only one remaining rider in the field of play for all Future Stars.

All riders in the Future Stars will ride twice a day and pay the same entry fee.

There will be a minimum age limit of 4 years old to ride – Age will be determined on date of competition.

### **Additional Support Statement**

Should any members be living with a medical condition that means they are unable to progress up the age group rankings in line with their peers due to competition level ability dispensation of the age limit rules may apply in certain cases.

Any applications for this should be made in writing to the Child Protection Officer, with supporting documentation, prior to March of that Season. They will then bring the case to the General Committee for their attention. Decisions will be made on an individual basis to whether the member would be allowed to remain in the lower age group for that year. Each case will be reviewed on a yearly basis.



# THE CHAMPIONS OF THE ASSOCIATION

## INTER COUNTIES CHAMPIONS

- 1984 Somerset
- 1985 Somerset
- 1986 Yorkshire
- 1987 North Glamorgan
- 1988 Avon
- 1989 Derbyshire
- 1990 Somerset
- 1991 North Glamorgan
- 1992 Derbyshire
- 1993 Derbyshire
- 1994 Middlesex
- 1995 South Staffordshire
- 1996 Clwyd
- 1997 Buckinghamshire
- 1998 South Staffordshire
- 1999 Sussex
- 2000 Shropshire
- 2001 Sussex
- 2002 Sussex
- 2003 South Staffordshire
- 2004 Royal Berkshire
- 2005 Royal Berkshire
- 2006 Bedfordshire Gold
- 2007 Bedfordshire Gold
- 2008 Bedfordshire Gold
- 2009 Bedfordshire Gold
- 2010 Shropshire
- 2011 Monmouthshire
- 2012 Shropshire
- 2013 Bedfordshire Yellow
- 2014 Royal Berkshire
- 2015 Shropshire South
- 2016 Royal Berkshire



## WORLD INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS

### 1986

UNDER 15 Lisa Bazin Poppett

UNDER 17 Liv Pultar Dusty

OPEN Liv Pultar Piper

### 1987

UNDER 15 Jamie Duggan Purdie

UNDER 17 Sharon Scott Tinker

OPEN Richard Bulled Prince Padu

### 1988

UNDER 15 Audrey Miller Tina

UNDER 17 Abby King Sindy

OPEN Richard Bulled Taffy

### 1989

UNDER 15 James Callow Moth

UNDER 17 Lisa Bazin Minstrel

Group C Liv Pultar Taffy

### 1990

Under 12 Rebecca Mayne Megan

Under 15 Chrissy Barnwell Hammy

Under 17 Leigh Allen Sparky

Group C Liv Pultar Taffy

### 1991

Under 12 Caroline Taylor Star

Under 15 James Callow Moth

Under 17 James Callow Moth

Open Kevin Paynter Flame

### 1992

Under 12 Caroline Taylor Star

Under 15 Jenny Huckvale Charity

Under 17 James Callow Moth

Open Kevin Paynter Flame

### 1993

Under 12 Jade Forrest Jade

Under 15 Daniel Alder Billy

Under 17 James Turkington Tarrah

Open Kevin Paynter Flame

### 1994

Under 12 Arran Adcock Dapple

Under 15 Stuart Rogers Beano

Under 17 Mark Derrick Tarry

Open Jonathon Barnett Kodak

### 1995

Under 12 Shauna O'Neill Remick

Under 15 Stuart Rogers Beano

Under 17 Carolyn Cooper Valley

Open Peter Harnden Mystery

### 1996

Under 12 Si Ward Posy

Under 15 Ben Ebrey Sindy

Under 17 Nicola Leese Ben

Open Philip Brick Holly

### 1997

Under 12 Luke Taverner Sonny

Under 15 Arran Adcock Dapple

Under 17 Caroline Taylor Bluey

Open Jonathon Barnett Kodak

### 1998

Under 12 Bradley Samp Jet

Under 15 Sean Taverner Chino

Under 17 Choc Adcock Ben

Open Jonathon Barnett Kodak

### 1999

Under 12 Craig Tordoff Star

Under 15 Simon Ward Goldie

Under 17 Ben Ebrey Spice

Open Alex Knott Muffet

Veterans Bob Ghandour Rolo

### 2000

Under 12 Jade Taylor Pollyanna

Under 15 Luke Taverner Goldie

Under 17 Ben Hughes Kodak

Open Joelene Martin Sparky

Veterans Bob Ghandour Rolo

### 2001

Under 12 Katie Hardy Bramble

Under 15 Bradley Stamp Flicka

Under 17 Daloni Lucas Willow

Open Joelene Martin Sparky

Veterans Sharon Scott Goldie

### 2002

Group A Shayla McNulty Siriol

Group B Jade Taylor Red

Group C George Garner Tikka

Open Choc Adcock Tiffany



<b>2003</b>		
Under 12	Holly Humphrey	Pollyanna
Under 15	Katie Hardy	Whoopie
Under 17	Hollie Rauch	Jazz
Open	Darren Williams	Mayfly
Veterans	Melanie Scott	Tessa

<b>2004</b>		
Under 12	Tyler McInulty	Pollyanna
Under 15	Katie Hardy	Verity
Under 17	Craig Tordoff	Ollie
Open	Elaine Trevor Jones	Dee Bee
Veterans	Nikki Dudley	Cariad

<b>2005</b>		
Under 12	Tom Clarke	Misty
Under 15	Chloe Golding	Laura
Under 17	Ben Millichap	Poppy
Open	Elaine Trevor Jones	Dee Bee
Veterans	Emma Lloyd	Malibu

<b>2006</b>		
Under 12	April Wilson	Bilbo
Under 15	Bethan Gould	Merlin
Under 17	Janey Surman	Annie
Open	Chloe Golding	Laura
Veterans	Melanie Scott	Tessa

<b>2007</b>		
Under 12	Mercedes Lock	Daisy
Under 15	Matt Clingo	Patsy
Under 17	Chloe Golding	Laura
Open	Janey Surman	Poppy
Veterans	Nick Suggett	Jude

<b>2008</b>		
Under 12	Matt Seabourne	Siriol
Under 15	Eddie Surman	Amber
Under 17	Elley Roberts	Merlin
Open	Widukind Moormann	Wilja
Veterans	Nikki Dudley	Cariad

<b>2009</b>		
Under 12	Harriet Davies	Kit
Under 15	April Wilson	TJ
Under 17	Elley Roberts	Merlin
Open	Janey Surman	Poppy

<b>2010</b>		
Under 12	Sally Kitchiner	Sian
Under 15	Tom Leeson	Scorpio
Under 17	Eddie Surman	Annie
Open	Dee Cherrington	Razara

<b>2011</b>		
Under 12	Lottie Watson	Red
Under 14	Taylor Harris	Mercedes
Under 17	Sadie Lock	Jazz
Open	Danny Spencer	Trigger

<b>2012</b>		
Under 12	Eleanor Wheeler	Rummie
Under 14	Henry Goldhawk	Scorpio
Under 17	Mackenzie Taylor	Inkspot
Open	Brian Kennedy	Allie

<b>2013</b>		
Under 12	Ben Hopkins	Merlin
Under 14	Lottie Watson	Oscar
Under 17	Mackenzie Taylor	Inkspot
Open	Widukind Moormann	Wilja

<b>2014</b>		
Under 12	Ben Hopkins	Merlin
Under 14	Gwen Williams	Casper
Under 17	Peter McCarthy	Buddy
Open	Mitch Lyons	Ellie

<b>2015</b>		
Under 12	Amelia Swann	Duke
Under 14	Ben Hopkins	Merlin
Under 17	Charlie Sutton	Sandie
Open	Widukind Moormann	Wilja

<b>2016</b>		
Under 12	Sam Hopkins	Ellie
Under 14	Ben Hopkins	Merlin
Under 17	Megan Gurton	Grace
Open	Colin Verdelhan	Star



# THE ORGANISATION OF THE ASSOCIATION

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## MOUNTED GAMES

The careful gait, the perfect style  
Are not for the likes of me,  
Give me a mount with the will to go  
And a mane that's blowing free,  
Couple that with a lively mind  
That's quick and keen to learn  
And I'll give him the knowledge to do  
the games, and the skill to twist and turn

Make me a rider brave and keen  
With a quick and practised eye,  
A Leap like a stag, fast off the flag  
With the nerve to do or die,  
If it goes our way on that final day  
There's a chance I'll achieve my dream  
To ride around the arena - hold the cup  
And be part of the winning team

