

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR WEIGHING MIM FENCES

The Risk Management Steering Group and MIM are keen to see the use of more different types, including natural and not machined timbers, in the building of frangible fences in the future. As the frangible devices are more widely adopted, this will allow Course Designers and Course Builders to use many different material options.

The **WEIGHT** of the timber used is important in MIM devices working correctly. MIM have therefore updated all their instructions **REMOVING** some of the timber dimensions and making the WEIGHT RANGES clearer. We hope this will allow Course Designers and Course Builders to use more natural timbers including for Table fence types which could be built to look like filled in Oxers.

### WEIGHING A RAIL OR TABLE FENCE

The weighing can be done once, at the time of manufacture. A scale hanging from the front of a tractor is all that is needed as pictured below.



A **hanging scale** as shown below can be bought (for under \$100).



**MIM WEIGHT PLATE**

MIM have developed a “Weight plate” to be fixed on all newly built fences fitted with MIM frangible devices. The plates can be ordered, free of charge, from MIM (<https://mimclip.mimsafe.com/shop/>)

- All new MIM kits will have the plate included
- Weighing the fence when it is newly built and the timber is likely to be the heaviest is acceptable whether the fence is WET or DRY
- The plate can be fitted to the end of a rail or an upright
- It must be filled in by the Course Designer or Course Builder with a permanent marker so all Officials can see the fence / rail fits the correct weight
- All NEW fences must be built to the correct weight as from April 2023
- Any existing fences weighing outside the weights indicated in the instruction manual must be changed as soon as practical and should not be used by 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025



The image shows a yellow weight plate form with a black border and four white circular markers at the corners. At the top, the word "mimSAFE" is written in yellow lowercase letters on a black background. Below this, the form contains several white input fields with black text labels: "FENCE'S WEIGHT" followed by a box and "kg"; "BUILDER'S NAME" followed by a box; "DATE" followed by a box; and "BUILDER'S SIGNATURE" followed by a box. At the bottom, the FEI logo is displayed in black, with the word "APPROVED" written in small black capital letters underneath it.