



## International Mounted Games Association Rules Committee

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### *Rule Change Request Document*

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#### Summary of Change Requested:

Change to the broken Equipment rule.

#### Current Rule Book Wording:

CR 2.1 Breaking any piece of equipment by a team, pair or individual incurs elimination.

CR 2.2 Broken equipment is defined as being unsuitable for future use (except where specified under CR 2.3., CR 2.4. and CR 2.5.).

CR 2.3 Pierced Litter is not defined as broken equipment when it is pierced during the course of a race.

CR 2.4 Loss of a flag from a flag cane is not defined as broken equipment.

CR 2.5 Broken Flags, Balloon Bursting Canes or Litter Canes are not defined as broken equipment provided that the race can be finished

#### Suggested New Rule Book Wording:

Option A (Keith & Frie Martin - Luxembourg):

CR 2.1 If equipment is broken during a race, the referee decides whether or not to stop and re-run the race, and whether or not to eliminate any rider/pair/team. This decision is based on the condition of the broken item of equipment and the cause of the breakage.

CR 2.2 If the breakage is minor and does not prevent the continuation of the race, then the race is completed in the normal way.

If the breakage is sufficiently serious to prevent the rider/pair/team concerned from continuing the race, then that rider/pair/team drops out and the race is completed in the normal way.

If the breakage is extremely serious and constitutes a safety hazard to any rider, pony, official, or spectator, then the referee must stop the race immediately, and order a re-run.

CR 2.3 If the referee decides that the breakage was caused through malicious intent of the rider/pair/team concerned (for example in a fit of temper or through disregard for safety), then that rider/pair/team is eliminated from the race and does not take part in the re-run (if a re-run is ordered).

If the referee decides that the breakage was caused through “fair wear and tear” or through badly maintained or constructed equipment, then the rider/pair/team concerned receives minimum points for that race (if the race has already been completed), or does take part in the re-run (if a re-run is ordered).

Option B (Peter Hern - England):

CR 2.1 Except as specified below in R2.2, breaking any piece of equipment by a team, pair or individual will not incur elimination provided that the race can be finished.

CR 2.2 On the grounds of safety a broken bending pole will incur elimination. Should a bending pole become broken the team, pair or individual must immediately stop and not continue the race. A broken bending pole is defined as in two or more separate pieces.

Option C (Jens Martin - IMGA Rules Committee):

CR2.1 Broken equipment is defined as being unsuitable for future use.

CR2.2 If a breakage is minor and does not impede the continuation of the race, the race continues.

CR2.3 Intentionally breaking equipment may result in the elimination (and exclusion from any possible rerun of the race) of the offending Individual, Pair or Team due to unsportsmanlike behaviour (See GR 10).

CR2.4 If as a result of broken equipment there is a threat to the safety of riders, ponies, officials or spectators, the referee must stop the race immediately

CR2.5 In the event of broken equipment, the following actions are taken:

A: Cause is accidental - Race can be completed - No threat to safety  
Result: Race is continued, no action taken

B: Cause is intentional - Race can be completed - No threat to safety  
C: Cause is intentional - Race can not be completed - No threat to safety  
Result: Race is continued, Individual, Pair or Team eliminated at the end of the race

D: Cause is accidental - Race can not be completed - No threat to safety  
E: Cause is accidental - Race can be completed - With threat to safety  
F: Cause is accidental - Race can not be completed - With threat to safety  
Result: Race is stopped, broken equipment replaced and race rerun

G: Cause is intentional - Race can be completed - With threat to safety  
H: Cause is intentional - Race can not be completed – With threat to safety  
Result: Race is stopped and rerun without offending Individual, Pair or Team, who are eliminated

Reason for Change Request:

This rule has often been accused of being unfair and not flexible enough for the complex issues that can happen on the field of play. These new formulations give more scope for a fairer and more balanced approach to broken equipment.

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Submission Date:	27/01/06
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Decision Deadline:	27/02/06
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*Version A:*

Votes For:	<b>0</b>
Votes Against:	<b>6</b>

*Version B:*

Votes For:	<b>2</b>
Votes Against:	<b>4</b>

*Version C:*

Votes For:	<b>5</b>
Votes Against:	<b>1</b>

Result:	Version C Change Accepted. Versions A & B Rejected
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Reason for Decision:

New wording ensures that all possible scenarios are covered, with as few grey areas as possible which might be open to interpretation.
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Implementation Date:	1st January 2007
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