



International Mounted Games Association Rules Committee

Rule Change Request Document

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Summary of Change Requested:

There are two problems / errors with the wording of the Hula Hoop race for Teams and Pairs.

1. In team races the rule states that "Riders 1 and 2 will ride to the tyre, where Rider 1 will dismount". However this rarely happens. Rider 1 normally dismounts well before reaching the tyre. The same is true for Pairs where the rule states "Both riders ride to the tyre where Rider 1 dismounts".
2. The rules for both team and pairs races also state that a pony is handed over to the other rider after the first rider has dismounted. This also happens only very rarely.

Current Rule Book Wording:

Teams: Riders 1 and 2 will ride to the tyre, where Rider 1 will dismount, hand his/her pony to Rider 2, get through the tyre and remount. Both riders will then continue to cross the changeover line. Riders 2 and 3 then go to the tyre where Rider 2 will dismount, hand his/her pony to Rider 3, go through the tyre and remount. Both riders then continue to the Start/Finish line. Rider 3 joins up with Rider 4 and they complete the course with Rider 3 going through the tyre, after which they cross the changeover line and Riders 4 and 1 complete the course with Rider 4 going through the tyre. The whole of the tyre must be left between the second and third poles and in the team lane at all times during the race. Consequently, these bending poles are deemed to be part of the equipment for this race and must remain upright.

Pairs: Both riders ride to the tyre where Rider 1 dismounts, hands the pony to Rider 2, gets through the tyre and remounts. Both riders then cross the changeover line, turn and return to the tyre. Rider 2 dismounts, hands the pony to Rider 1, gets through the tyre, remounts and both riders cross the finish line. The whole of the tyre must be left between the second and third poles, and in the team lane, at all times during the race. Consequently, these bending poles are deemed to be part of the equipment for this race.

Suggested New Rule Book Wording:

Teams: Riders 1 and 2 ride towards the tyre, rider 1 dismounts and whilst rider 2 leads rider 1's pony by the reins, rider 1 goes through the tyre and remounts. Both riders then continue to cross the changeover line. Riders 2 and 3 then ride towards the tyre, rider 2 dismounts and whilst rider 3 leads rider 2's pony by the reins, rider 2 goes through the tyre and remounts. Both riders then continue to the start/finish line. Rider 3 joins up with rider 4 and they complete the course with rider 3 going through the tyre, after which they cross the changeover line and riders 4 and 1 complete the course with rider 4 going through the tyre. It is permissible for rider 2 to hold the other pony by the reins at the start of the race. Likewise it is permissible for rider 3 to hold pony 2, rider 4 to hold pony 3 and rider 1 to hold pony 4 before crossing the respective start/finish or changeover line. The whole of the tyre must be left between the second and third poles and in the team lane at all times during the race. Consequently, these bending poles are deemed to be part of the equipment for this race and must remain upright.

Pairs: Both riders ride towards the tyre, rider 1 dismounts and whilst rider 2 leads rider 1's pony by the reins, rider 1 goes through the tyre and remounts. Both riders then continue to cross the changeover line, turn and ride back towards the tyre. Rider 2 dismounts and whilst rider 1 leads rider 2's pony by the reins, rider 2 goes through the tyre and remounts. Both riders then continue to cross the finish line. It is permissible for rider 2 to hold the other pony by the reins at the start of the race. Likewise it is permissible for rider 1 to hold pony 2 before crossing the changeover line. The whole of the tyre must be left between the second and third poles and in the team lane at all times during the race. Consequently, these bending poles are deemed to be part of the equipment for this race and must remain upright..

Reason for Change Request:

New wording brings the rule book into line with how the game is actually played.

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Submission Date:	04/11/07
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Decision Date:	12/12/07
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Votes	
Jens Martin	In Favour
Younes Ahlbom	In Favour
Nicola Leese	In Favour
Yvonne Struthers	In Favour
Margaret Welsby	In Favour
Alun Whitney	In Favour
Total In Favour:	6
Total Not In Favour:	0

Result:	Change Accepted
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Actual Adopted New Rule Book Wording:

Teams: Riders 1 and 2 ride towards the tyre, rider 1 dismounts and whilst rider 2 leads rider 1's pony by the reins, rider 1 goes through the tyre and remounts. Both riders then continue to cross the changeover line. Riders 2 and 3 then ride towards the tyre, rider 2 dismounts and whilst rider 3 leads rider 2's pony by the reins, rider 2 goes through the tyre and remounts. Both riders then continue to the start/finish line. Rider 3 joins up with rider 4 and they complete the course with rider 3 going through the tyre, after which they cross the changeover line and riders 4 and 1 complete the course with rider 4 going through the tyre. It is permissible for rider 2 to hold the other pony by the reins at the start of the race. Likewise it is permissible for rider 3 to hold pony 2, rider 4 to hold pony 3 and rider 1 to hold pony 4 before crossing the respective start/finish or changeover line. The whole of the tyre must be left between the second and third poles and in the team lane at all times during the race. Consequently, these bending poles are deemed to be part of the equipment for this race and must be left standing.

Pairs: Both riders ride towards the tyre, rider 1 dismounts and whilst rider 2 leads rider 1's pony by the reins, rider 1 goes through the tyre and remounts. Both riders then continue to cross the changeover line, turn and ride back towards the tyre. Rider 2 dismounts and whilst rider 1 leads rider 2's pony by the reins, rider 2 goes through the tyre and remounts. Both riders then continue to cross the finish line. It is permissible for rider 2 to hold the other pony by the reins at the start of the race. Likewise it is permissible for rider 1 to hold pony 2

before crossing the changeover line. The whole of the tyre must be left between the second and third poles and in the team lane at all times during the race. Consequently, these bending poles are deemed to be part of the equipment for this race and must be left standing.

Reason for Decision:

New wording brings the rules of the race into line with actual standard practice today.

Implementation Date:	1 st January 2008
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