



International Mounted Games Association Rules Committee

Rule Change Request Document

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Country:	IMGA Rules Committee
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Summary of Change Requested:

Should a referee have the power to stop a race and order a rerun due to an obstruction?

Imagine you have two teams, both racing for the line in a crucially important race and one of them is obstructed by a third team. OK, that third team will be eliminated but that will be scant consolation for the obstructed team who as a result may well have lost a race they may otherwise have won.

Current Rule Book Wording:

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Suggested New Rule Book Wording:

CR11.2. In the event that an obstruction influences the order in which the teams, pairs or individuals finish the race, the referee may order the race to be rerun. The team causing the obstruction will not take part in any rerun.

Reason for Change Request:

Makes the rule more fair.

For Internal Use Only:

Reference:	2008– 10
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Submission Date:	28/08/08
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Decision Date:	04/09/08
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Votes	
Jens Martin	In Favour
Younes Ahlbom	Not in Favour
Nicola Leese	In Favour
Yvonne Struthers	Not in Favour
Margaret Welsby	In Favour
Alun Whitney	In Favour
Total In Favour:	4
Total Not In Favour:	2

Result:	Change Rejected
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Actual Adopted New Rule Book Wording:

N/A

Reason for Decision:

It was felt that such a change could cause too many problems and would simply be too controversial. It would be too difficult for a referee to judge whether or not an obstruction would have changed the end result.

Implementation Date:	N/A
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