



# International Mounted Games Association Rules Committee

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## *Rule Change Request Document*

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### Summary of Change Requested:

In the interest of fairness I would like to see a rule change in Tool Box Scramble.

At the moment the rule is that the last rider has to put the hammer into the box before picking it up to take it over the finish line.

I would like to see this requirement removed from the game.

Current Rule Book Wording:

**Team Tool Box Scramble**

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| The Game | Rider 1, carrying the tool box, rides to the bin, places the tool box on it, continues towards the changeover end, dismounts, collects a hammer, remounts and returns to place and release the hammer in the tool box before crossing the Start/Finish line. Riders 2, 3, and 4 complete the course in the same way with Rider 4 carrying the tool box over the Start/Finish line. The tool box must be carried by the handle when crossing the Start/Finish line. Rider 4 must place and release the hammer in the tool box before picking up the box to cross the Finish line. Weights may be placed in the tool box in windy conditions. In such cases, the weights are considered to be part of the equipment and must be replaced if the tool box is knocked over. The hammer is deemed to be in the toolbox if it is supported solely by the toolbox and not supported or aided by any other object or person. |
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**Pairs Tool Box Scramble**

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| The Game | Rider 1, carrying the tool box, rides to the bin, places the tool box on it, rides towards the changeover end, dismounts, picks up a hammer, remounts and returns to place the hammer in the tool box before crossing the Start/Finish line. Rider 2 completes the course in the same way but, after putting the hammer in the tool box, he/she picks up the tool box by the handle and carries it over the Start/Finish line. The last hammer must be placed in the tool box before the box is picked up. Weights may be added to the tool box in windy conditions. In such cases, the weights are considered to be part of the equipment and must be replaced if the tool box is knocked over. The hammer is deemed to be in the toolbox if it is supported solely by the toolbox and not supported or aided by any other object or person. |
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**Individual Tool Box Scramble**

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| The Game | The rider rides to the bin, places the tool box on the bin, rides towards the changeover end, dismounts, collects a hammer, remounts and places the hammer in the tool box. He/she then returns to collect the second hammer which is placed in the tool box. The rider then picks up the tool box by the handle and carries it over the finish line. The second hammer must be placed into the tool box before it is picked up. Weights may be placed in the tool box in windy conditions. In such cases, the weights are considered to be part of the equipment and must be replaced if the tool box is knocked over. The hammer is deemed to be in the toolbox if it is supported solely by the toolbox and not supported or aided by any other object or person. |
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Suggested New Rule Book Wording:

**Team Tool Box Scramble**

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| The Game | Rider 1, carrying the tool box, rides to the bin, places the tool box on it, continues towards the changeover end, dismounts, collects a hammer, remounts and returns to place and release the hammer in the tool box before crossing the Start/Finish line. Riders 2, 3, and 4 complete the course in the same way with Rider 4 carrying the tool box over the Start/Finish line. The tool box must be carried by the handle when crossing the Start/Finish line. Weights may be placed in the tool box in windy conditions. In such cases, the weights are considered to be part of the equipment and must be replaced if the tool box is knocked over. The hammer is deemed to be in the toolbox if it is supported solely by the toolbox and not supported or aided by any other object or person. |
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**Pairs Tool Box Scramble**

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| The Game | Rider 1, carrying the tool box, rides to the bin, places the tool box on it, rides |
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towards the changeover end, dismounts, picks up a hammer, remounts and returns to place the hammer in the tool box before crossing the Start/Finish line. Rider 2 completes the course in the same way but, after putting the hammer in the tool box, he/she picks up the tool box by the handle and carries it over the Start/Finish line. Weights may be added to the tool box in windy conditions. In such cases, the weights are considered to be part of the equipment and must be replaced if the tool box is knocked over. The hammer is deemed to be in the toolbox if it is supported solely by the toolbox and not supported or aided by any other object or person.

**Individual Tool Box Scramble**

**The Game** The rider rides to the bin, places the tool box on the bin, rides towards the changeover end, dismounts, collects a hammer, remounts and places the hammer in the tool box. He/she then returns to collect the second hammer which is placed in the tool box. The rider then picks up the tool box by the handle and carries it over the finish line. Weights may be placed in the tool box in windy conditions. In such cases, the weights are considered to be part of the equipment and must be replaced if the tool box is knocked over. The hammer is deemed to be in the toolbox if it is supported solely by the toolbox and not supported or aided by any other object or person.

**Reason for Change Request:**

As riders continue to get ever faster and more dextrous it is becoming increasingly difficult for line judges to correctly judge this. By removing the requirement for the last rider to place the hammer in the box before picking the box up, the danger of contentious refereeing decisions is removed.

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| Reference: | 2009 – 05 |
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| Submission Date: | 23/04/09 |
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| Decision Date: | 15/05/09 |
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| Votes                |                      |
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| Jens Martin          | <b>In Favour</b>     |
| Younes Ahlbom        | <b>Not in Favour</b> |
| Nicola Leese         | <b>Not in Favour</b> |
| Melanie Scott        | <b>Not in Favour</b> |
| Margaret Welsby      | <b>Not in Favour</b> |
| Alun Whitney         | <b>Not in Favour</b> |
| Total In Favour:     | <b>1</b>             |
| Total Not In Favour: | <b>5</b>             |

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| Result: | Change Rejected |
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Actual Adopted New Rule Book Wording:

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| N/A |
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Reason for Decision:

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| This skill is considered to be an integral part of the race and as such should be retained. |
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| Implementation Date: | N/A |
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