



International Mounted Games Association Rules Committee

Rule Change Request Document

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Country:	USA / IMGA Rules Committee
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Summary of Change Requested:

There is some confusion around the rule for the pairs version of the Run and Ride race. A rule change here would avoid future confusion as the current rule is not in line with common practice.

For example, according to the current rule rider 2 would have to dismount before turning around the 5th pole. This can be interpreted as meaning that the dismount needs to take place before the 5th pole is reached. In practice what often happens is that a rider may ride past the 5th pole and then dismount. As long as they are dismounted before they pass the 5th pole on their way back, this should be allowed.

Current Rule Book Wording:

Rider 1, leading the pony by the reins, runs down the line of bending poles, turns around the fifth pole, mounts the pony and rides to cross the Start/Finish line. Rider 2 rides down the course, dismounts, turns around the fifth pole and runs back, leading the pony by the reins, to cross the finish line. The fifth pole must remain upright at all times.

Suggested New Rule Book Wording:

Rider 1, leading the pony by the reins, runs down the line of bending poles, turns around the fifth pole, mounts the pony and rides to cross the Start/Finish line. Rider 2 rides down the course, dismounts, turns around the fifth pole and runs back, leading the pony by the reins, to cross the finish line. Rider 1 must not be in the saddle before having passed the fifth pole on the way back towards the Start/Finish line. Rider 2 must be dismounted before having passed the fifth pole on the way back towards the Start/Finish line. The fifth pole must remain upright at all times.

Reason for Change Request:

This change simply makes the rule clearer and leaves no room for discussion.

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Reference:	2009 – 07
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Submission Date:	02/09/2009
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Decision Date:	11/09/2009
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Votes	
Jens Martin	In Favour
Younes Ahlbom	In Favour
Nicola Leese	In Favour
Melanie Scott	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:

<p>Rider 1, leading the pony by the reins, runs down the line of bending poles, turns around the fifth pole, mounts the pony and rides to cross the Start/Finish line. Rider 2 rides down the course, dismounts, turns around the fifth pole and runs back, leading the pony by the reins, to cross the finish line. Rider 1 must not be in the saddle before having passed the fifth pole on the way up towards the changeover line. Rider 2 must be dismounted before having passed the fifth pole on the way back towards the Start/Finish line. The fifth pole must remain upright at all times.</p>
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Reason for Decision:

<p>Change brings the rules into line with standard practice.</p>
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Implementation Date:	1 st January 2010
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