



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:

There has been a lot of discussion about the current broken equipment rule ever since it was first introduced by the IMGA Rules Committee. Many believe it is too long and complicated but then some rules need to be exactly that in order for them to be 100% correct. The rule as it stands in our opinion is correct but does miss one element, namely what happens if a piece of equipment is broken not through a deliberate act or as a result of the equipment itself being faulty. The proposed new wording for the broken equipment rule addresses this fact whilst also attempting to make the rule easier to follow.

Current Rule Book Wording:

- 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 cannot 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 cannot be completed - No threat to safety
- E: Cause is accidental - Race can be completed - With threat to safety
- F: Cause is accidental - Race cannot 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 cannot be completed - With threat to safety
- Result: Race is stopped and rerun without offending Individual, Pair or Team, who are eliminated

CR2.1. Equipment is considered broken if it is damaged in any way which means that it no longer conforms to equipment specifications and standards.

The damage may be *minor*, allowing the rider concerned to continue the race.

The damage may be *major*, making it impossible for the rider concerned to continue the race.

The damage may be *dangerous*, posing a threat to the safety of ponies, riders, officials, or spectators.

CR2.2. The referee decides the cause of the damage and who is responsible.

Damage attributable to badly constructed or maintained equipment IS NOT the responsibility of the rider.

Damage caused by the rider with deliberate intent IS the responsibility of the rider.

Damage caused in any other way, whether with deliberate intent or not, IS the responsibility of the rider.

CR2.3. The only situation in which the referee takes no action is when the damage is minor, allowing the rider to continue with the game, and the damage is not the responsibility of the rider.

Otherwise, the referee decides whether or not to stop the race, whether or not to eliminate the rider concerned, and whether or not to re-run the race.

The race is stopped if the breakage is dangerous or if there is major damage which is not the responsibility of the rider concerned, but nevertheless prevents that rider from continuing.

The Individual, Pair or Team concerned is eliminated if the damage is the responsibility of the rider.

The race is re-run after a stoppage but without any rider who has been eliminated.

Reason for Change Request:

The new wording for this rules covers certain scenarios that the old one did not and makes the overall rule easier to follow and understand

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Submission Date:	26/11/2009
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Decision Date:	09/12/2009
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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>CR2.1. Equipment is considered broken if it is damaged in any way which means that it no longer conforms to equipment specifications and standards.</p> <p>The damage may be <i>minor</i>, allowing the rider concerned to continue the race.</p> <p>The damage may be <i>major</i>, making it impossible for the rider concerned to continue the race.</p> <p>The damage may be <i>dangerous</i>, posing a threat to the safety of ponies, riders, officials, or spectators.</p> <p>CR2.2. The referee decides the cause of the damage and who is responsible.</p> <p>Damage attributable to badly constructed or maintained equipment IS NOT the responsibility of the rider.</p> <p>Damage caused by the rider with deliberate intent IS the responsibility of the rider.</p> <p>Damage caused in any other way, whether with deliberate intent or not, IS the responsibility of the rider.</p> <p>CR2.3. The only situation in which the referee takes no action is when the damage is minor, allowing the rider to continue with the game, and the damage is not the responsibility of the rider.</p> <p>Otherwise, the referee decides whether or not to stop the race, whether or not to eliminate the rider concerned, and whether or not to re-run the race.</p> <p>The race is stopped if the breakage is dangerous or if there is major damage which is not the responsibility of the rider concerned, but nevertheless prevents that rider from continuing.</p> <p>The Individual, Pair or Team concerned is eliminated if the damage is the responsibility of the rider.</p> <p>The race is re-run after a stoppage but without any rider who has been eliminated.</p>

Reason for Decision:

The rule is easier to understand than its predecessor and covers more scenarios.

Implementation Date:	1 st January 2010
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