



International Mounted Games Association Rules Committee

Rule Change Request Document

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Summary of Change Requested:

Part 18 of a multi part Rule Change covering all games. Aim is to make the wording of all games consistent.

This one covers Pony Express.

Current Rule Book Wording:

Team (2010 rule book) :

Rider 1, carrying the mail sack, weaves in and out of the bending poles, collects the first letter from the postman, puts the letter in the sack and returns, weaving in and out of the bending poles to hand the sack to Rider 2. The letter must be in the sack before a rider crosses the finish line. Riders 2, 3, and 4 complete the course in the same way. Both rider and pony must cross the changeover line when collecting the letter from the postman. The postman may hold the pony while the letter is being put into the mail sack by the rider and he/she may pick up a dropped letter or mail sack, provided that it has not fallen over the changeover line. The postman must not put the letter in the mail sack. The postman must not cross over the changeover line whilst passing a letter, even if knocked over by a pony. Failure to correct this will incur elimination. The letter must be handed to the riders in the following order: 1 Red, 2 Blue, 3 Yellow, 4 Green. Any MGA member can be substituted for Rider 5 only if a team has only 4 members. The postman must wear an approved, correctly fitted riding hat with the chin strap securely fastened as well as suitable and safe footwear. The top of the mail sack must not be rolled down.

Suggested New Rule Book Wording:

Postman with 4 letters behind the Changeover Line in line with the first 4 bending poles..
Rider 1 starts with the mail bag.
Rider 1 weaves between the 4 poles to carry the mail bag to the changeover end, collects a letter from the postman, places the letter in the bag, weaves between the poles again, and hands over the bag to the next rider.
Riders 2 and 3 repeat the actions of Rider 1.
Rider 4 repeats the actions of the other riders, finishing with the mail bag.
The letter must be collected in the following order : 1 Red, 2 Blue, 3 Yellow, 4 Green.
The top of the mail bag must not be rolled down.
Both rider and pony as well as the postman must be behind the changeover line when collecting a letter from the postman.
The postman may hold a pony while the letter is being put into the mail bag by the rider, and may pick up a dropped letter or mail bag, but only when behind the changeover line.
The postman must remain behind the changeover line at all times. If the postman is

knocked into the field of play then the active rider must remain or return behind the changeover line until the postman and letters are once again behind the changeover line. The postman must not put the letter in the mail bag. The letter must be in the bag before a rider crosses the finish line.

Normally the fifth rider of a team is the postman, but if a team has only 4 members, any MGA member can take the role of postman. The postman must wear an approved, correctly fitted riding hat with the chin strap securely fastened as well as suitable and safe footwear.

Reason for Change Request:

Brings consistency to the wording of all games in the rule book and eliminates "grey areas".

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Reference:	2011 – 20
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Submission Date:	13/10/2011
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Decision Date:	22/10/2011
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Votes	
Jens Martin	In Favour
Younes Ahlbom	In Favour
Nikki Carter	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:

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Implementation Date:	1 st January 2012
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