



# International Mounted Games Association Rules Committee

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## *Rule Change Request Document*

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Country:	<b>IMGA Rules Committee</b>
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Summary of Change Requested:

Change to General Rule 1

Current Rule Book Wording:

### **Teams, Pairs and Individuals**

- GR1.1. Teams consist of a minimum of four riders and ponies and a maximum of five riders and ponies.
- GR1.2. Pairs consist of two riders and two ponies only.
- GR1.3. Individuals consist of one rider and one pony only.
- GR1.4. Once a competition has started (i.e. the flag has dropped to signal the start of the first race), the riders and ponies stated on the declaration form of that entry can not be substituted (except under rule GR 1.5. or GR 1.7.). However, in team competitions, a rider or pony may, with the permission of the referee, be added to a team during the competition at any time as long as this does not take them over the maximum of five riders or ponies.
- GR1.5. In international team competitions a team may substitute a pony during a competition if a vet certifies the pony to be unable to continue or the referee deems the pony to be unsafe.
- GR1.6. In all other team competitions a team may only substitute a pony during a competition if a vet certifies the pony to be unable to continue or the referee deems the pony to be unsafe AND the loss of that pony results in the team having only three ponies.
- GR1.7. In team competitions a team may substitute a rider if an authorised doctor certifies the rider to be unable to continue AND the loss of that rider results in the team having only three riders. The substitute rider must be eligible to ride for that team. If they are not, the team may continue to ride Hors Concours (see GR12.1) if the competition is not an IMGA sanctioned competition (see GR14.1)
- GR1.8. In pairs and individual competitions, if a pony is substituted, there are two options :
- A: If the competition is not an IMGA sanctioned competition (see GR14.1) they may continue Hors Concours (see GR12.1)
- B: Continue to score but start again from zero.

Suggested New Rule Book Wording:

**Teams, Pairs and Individuals**

- GR1.1. Teams consist of a minimum of four riders and ponies and a maximum of five riders and ponies.
- GR1.2. Pairs consist of two riders and two ponies only.
- GR1.3. Individuals consist of one rider and one pony only.
- GR1.4. When a team starts a competition with only four riders and ponies, then a rider and/or pony may, with the permission of the referee, be added to the team at any time during the competition. The maximum of five always applies.
- GR1.5. Once a competition has started (i.e. the flag has dropped to signal the start of the first race), the substitution of riders and/or ponies is not allowed except under the following special conditions, all requiring the agreement of a doctor/vet and the Referee:
- In individual competitions, only ponies may be substituted, in which case there are two options:
- A: The rider and pony may continue Hors Concours unless the competition is covered by GR14.1.  
B: The rider and pony may continue to score but start again from zero.
- In pairs competitions, riders and/or ponies may be substituted, in which case there are two options:
- A: They may continue Hors Concours unless the competition is covered by GR14.1.  
B: They may continue to score but start again from zero.
- In team competitions riders and/or ponies may be substituted. The substitution may be only a rider, only a pony, or an existing rider/pony combination.
- Substitute riders must be eligible to ride for the team. Repeated substitutions are not allowed.

Reason for Change Request:

This rule has required amendment for some time. Getting the wording exactly right is difficult though.

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Reference:	2013 - 001
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Submission Date:	27/11/13
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Decision Date:	07/01/14
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Votes	
Jens Martin	<b>In Favour</b>
Younes Ahlbom	<b>In Favour</b>
Nikki Carter	<b>In Favour</b>
Lois Hamilton	<b>In Favour</b>
Philippe Gargallo	<b>In Favour</b>
Alun Whitney	<b>In Favour</b>
Total In Favour:	<b>6</b>
Total Not In Favour:	<b>0</b>

Result:	Change Accepted
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Actual Adopted New Rule Book Wording:

**Teams, Pairs and Individuals**

GR1.1. Teams consist of a minimum of four riders and ponies and a maximum of five riders and ponies.

GR1.2. Pairs consist of two riders and two ponies only.

GR1.3. Individuals consist of one rider and one pony only.

GR1.4. Once a competition has started (i.e. the flag has dropped to signal the start of the first race), the riders and ponies stated on the declaration form of that entry can only be substituted as specified under rule GR1.6.

GR 1.5 In team competitions, a rider or pony may be added to a team at any time during the competition as long as this does not take the team over the maximum of five declared riders or ponies. Any added rider must be eligible to ride for that team and any added pony must not be taking part in any other competition taking part at the same time at the same venue.

GR1.6. Riders and/or ponies may be substituted if the rider or pony in question is unable to continue due to injury or illness as confirmed by a certified health professional or vet respectively. A pony may also be substituted if the referee deems the pony to be unsafe. Once a rider or pony has been substituted, they are not able to play any further part in the competition.

GR1.7. For international team competitions, riders and/or ponies may be substituted under rule GR1.6. at any time during a competition.

GR1.8. For any other competitions. Substitutions are only allowed during the qualifying heats. Once a rider or pony has been substituted, they are not able to play any further part in the competition. If a substitution is made the team in question must return to zero points before continuing. Substitutions are not allowed prior to or during the semi-final or final stages of

competitions. Any substitute rider must be eligible to ride for that team in that competition and any substitute pony may only take part in one competition at any time at the same venue.

GR1.9. For individual and pairs competitions, substitutions are only allowed during the qualifying heats. If a substitution is made then the individual or pair or team in question must return to zero points before continuing. Substitutions are not allowed prior to or during the semi-final or final stages of competitions. Any substitute pony may only take part in one competition at any time at the same venue.

Reason for Decision:

New rule gives added flexibility for the substitution of ponies and riders and minimises the likelihood of reserve riders travelling long distances and at great expense with only very limited opportunity to compete.

Implementation Date:	1 <sup>st</sup> January 2014
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