



International Mounted Games Association Rules Committee

Rule Change Request Document

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Country:	Northern Ireland
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Summary of Change Requested:

Change position of Cartons in Individual Carton Race so as to shorten the race distance and reduce wear and tear on ponies.

Current Rule Book Wording:

Carton Race

3 bending poles in the first 3 positions with 1 carton on each pole, and 1 bucket on the 2 metre mark at the changeover end, in line with the bending poles.

The rider collects a carton from any pole, rides to the changeover end, puts the carton into the bucket, rides to individually collect and put the other two cartons into the bin, and rides to cross the Start/Finish line.

Poles knocked over must be put back up on their mark unless advised otherwise in advance by the referee.

Suggested New Rule Book Wording:

Carton Race

3 bending poles in the 2nd, 3rd and 4th positions with 1 carton on each pole, and 1 bucket on the 2 metre mark at the changeover end, in line with the bending poles.

The rider collects a carton from any pole, rides to the changeover end, puts the carton into the bucket, rides to individually collect and put the other two cartons into the bin, and rides to cross the Start/Finish line.

Poles knocked over must be put back up on their mark unless advised otherwise in advance by the referee.

Reason for Change Request:

Shortens race distance and makes it easier on the ponies.

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Reference:	2014 – 12
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Submission Date:	14/07/14
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Decision Date:	17/07/14
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Votes	
Jens Martin	Not in Favour
Younes Ahlbom	Not in Favour
Nikki Carter	Not in Favour
Lois Hamilton	Not in Favour
Philippe Gargallo	Not in Favour
Alun Whitney	Not in Favour
Total In Favour:	0
Total Not In Favour:	6

Result:	Change not accepted
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Actual Adopted New Rule Book Wording:

No change

Reason for Decision:

Whilst on the face of it, this change appears to be a good idea as it reduced the distance travelled in what is a very long race in individuals, upon closer consideration it was deemed that this advantage was more than offset by the stress placed on ponies to have to make tighter turns at the top as well as the increased collision risk between riders on the top turn.

Implementation Date:	N/A
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