



## International Mounted Games Association Rules Committee

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### *Rule Change Request Document*

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#### Summary of Change Requested:

Make the rules clear on the penalties for "abusing" the pony.

#### Current Rule Book Wording:

N/A

#### Suggested New Rule Book Wording:

"Any abuse of the pony during the competition will course elimination from that games where the abuse takes place. If the abuse happens again in the same heat the rider will be eliminated from the heat. Its up to the referee to decide when an abuse has taken place"

#### Reason for Change Request:

Leaves no room for interpretation

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Reference:	2014 - 13
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Submission Date:	17/07/14
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Decision Date:	11/09/14
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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 (except for list of examples)</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:

<p>Pony Abuse</p> <p>GR3.1. Abuse of ponies is not permitted at any time anywhere on the showground where a competition is held. The referee can eliminate a rider, pair or team from a race or from the competition or can refer the matter to the Ground Jury or disciplinary committee at his/her discretion if they are deemed to have abused a pony or allowed any other person to abuse a pony.</p> <p>Abuse is defined as intentionally acting in a way that may cause pain or unnecessary discomfort to a pony.</p> <p>Abuse includes, but is not limited to, any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• to whip, hit or beat a pony with any object or with a hand or leg</li><li>• to jab a pony in the mouth with the bit</li><li>• to ride an obviously exhausted, unfit, lame or injured pony</li><li>• to abnormally sensitise any part of a pony</li><li>• to leave a pony without adequate food or drink</li><li>• to use ill-fitting tack</li></ul>
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Reason for Decision:

Makes it clear that no form of pony abuse will be tolerated.

Implementation Date:	1 <sup>st</sup> January 2015
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