



International Mounted Games Association Rules Committee

Rule Change Request Document

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Summary of Change Requested:

Ensure that all ponies are at least four years old and that stallions are only allowed at a competition venue with the authority of organisers and are identified as stallions in line with other equestrian sports.

Current Rule Book Wording:

Ponies

GR2.1. Ponies must not exceed 15.0hh excluding shoes.

GR2.2. The size, weight and experience of a rider must correspond to the size, build and experience of the pony. If the referee deems a rider to be overweight or unsafe, that rider will be eliminated from the competition.

Suggested New Rule Book Wording:

Ponies

GR2.1. Ponies must not exceed 15.0hh excluding shoes.

GR2.2. Ponies must be four years of age or over.

GR2.3 Stallions may only be ridden at or brought to competitions if written permission has been obtained from the competition organiser 48 hours before the advertised starting time of the competition. All stallions must wear identifying discs on their bridles in the interests of safety

GR2.4 The size, weight and experience of a rider must correspond to the size, build and experience of the pony. If the referee deems a rider to be overweight or unsafe, that rider will be eliminated from the competition.

Reason for Change Request:

These rules regarding age of ponies and the use of stallions are commonplace throughout equestrian sport, particularly sports where young children are competing. They are an effective way of providing guidelines on pony welfare and rider/spectator safety.

Although it is not believed that there is a current problem regarding the use of young ponies or stallions, it seems sensible to have rules which prevent any such problem occurring

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Reference:	2014 – 19
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Submission Date:	07/10/14
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Decision Date:	24/10/14
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Votes	
Jens Martin	In Favour
Younes Ahlbom	In Favour
Nikki Carter	In Favour
Lois Hamilton	In Favour
Philippe Gargallo	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:

Ponies

GR2.1. Ponies must not exceed 1m 52cm excluding shoes.

GR2.2. Ponies cannot compete in competitions before the calendar year in which they reach the age of four years.

GR2.3 Stallions may only be ridden at or brought to competitions if written permission has been obtained from the competition organiser 48 hours before the advertised starting time of the competition. All stallions must wear identifying discs on their bridles in the interests of safety.

GR2.4 The size, weight and experience of a rider must correspond to the size, build and experience of the pony. If the referee deems a rider to be overweight or unsafe, that rider will be eliminated from the competition.

Reason for Decision:

After long discussion the agreed wording has been agreed upon. It does not specifically forbid the use of stallions but adds precautions that should be taken.

The minimum age implemented has been agreed in cooperation with Peter Dale, chief referee if IMGGA.

Implementation Date:	1 st January 2015
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