



## International Mounted Games Association Rules Committee

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### *Rule Change Request Document*

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

A combination of Rule requests 16, 24 and 27, all relating to dress plus a clarification of hat and shoe standards

This incorporates rule requests from Keith Martin, Jens Martin and Peter Hern

#### Current Rule Book Wording:

- GR4.1. Approved riding trousers and boots must be worn by all riders.
- GR4.2. Approved and correctly fitting riding hats must be worn by all riders. The hat must be fitted with a secure chin strap or approved harness.
- GR4.3. The chin strap or harness of the hat must be fastened at all times during a race or when mounted in the arena. If the chin strap or harness becomes unfastened during a race, the rider must immediately refasten the strap or harness and resume the race from the point where the strap or harness originally became unfastened. Failure to comply incurs elimination.
- GR4.4. In the Pony Express race, a hat as described in GR 4.2. must be worn. GR 4.3. will also apply to the postman.
- GR4.5 All jewellery must be removed during competition. Jewellery that cannot be removed must be taped up.

#### Suggested New Rule Book Wording:

- GR4.1. Purpose-made long riding trousers (for example jodhpurs or breeches) must be worn by all riders when mounted in the arena
- GR4.2. Purpose-made ankle high riding boots with a rigid shank must be worn when riding anywhere on the showground.
- GR4.3. Properly fastened and correctly fitting protective headgear must be worn when riding anywhere on the showground. All Protective Headwear must meet one of the following standards; PAS 015, EN1384, BSEN1384, ASTM F1163 (2004) (with SEI mark), SNELL E2001, AS/NZS 3838 1998 or any new standard approved by FEI that meets or exceeds those stated. As an exception to this rule riders aged 18 or over may be allowed to remove their headgear while accepting prizes or during the playing of the National Anthem only; they must refasten their headgear prior to the lap of honour.
- GR4.4. If the chinstrap or harness of a rider's headgear becomes unfastened during a

race, the rider must immediately refasten the strap or harness and resume the race from the point where the strap or harness originally became unfastened. Failure to comply incurs elimination.

GR4.5. For the Pony Express game, the postman must wear the same protective headgear as the riders, with the chin strap or harness fastened.

GR4.6. All jewellery must be removed during competition. Jewellery which cannot be removed must be securely taped over

GR4.7. All people entering the arena must wear secure closed footwear

GR4.8. Clothing fitted with a hood (e.g. Hoodies or jackets with hoods) are not permitted to be worn in the arena whilst mounted.

Reason for Change Request:

To eliminate ambiguities in using the term “approved”, to extend the requirement to wear protective headgear at all times, to cover safety of feet of all people in the arena, to prevent not just when in the arena, and to clarify the requirements for the Postman.

Hoodies can be dangerous eg. the hood can blow into ones face causing momentary loss of vision, can catch on branches and other items, (games equipment in MGA) act as a receptacle for anything that might be blowing around, blow up and over the hard hat causing restricted head movement etc. In mounted games a misjudged handover might even end up with a rider pulling another off via their hoodie

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Reference:	2014 – 42
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Submission Date:	01/11/14
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Decision Date:	02/12/14
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Votes	
Jens Martin	<b>In Favour</b>
Younes Ahlbom	<b>In Favour</b>
Nikki Carter	<b>In Favour</b>
Melanie Scott	<b>In Favour</b>
Philippe Gargallo	<b>In Favour</b>
Lois Hamilton	<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:

- GR5.1. Purpose-made long riding trousers (for example jodhpurs or breeches) must be worn by all riders when mounted in the arena
- GR5.2. Purpose-made ankle high riding boots with a rigid shank must be worn by all riders in the arena.
- GR5.3. Properly fastened and correctly fitting protective headgear must be worn when riding anywhere on the showground. All Protective Headwear must meet one of the following standards; PAS 015, EN1384, BSEN1384, ASTM F1163 (2004) (with SEI mark), SNELL E2001, AS/NZS 3838 1998 or any new standard approved by FEI that meets or exceeds those stated. As an exception to this rule riders are allowed to remove their headgear while accepting prizes or during the playing of the National Anthem only; they must refasten their headgear prior to the lap of honour.
- GR5.4. If the chinstrap or harness of a rider's headgear becomes unfastened during a race, the rider must immediately refasten the strap or harness and resume the race from the point where the strap or harness originally became unfastened. Failure to comply incurs elimination.
- GR5.5 For the Pony Express game, the postman must wear the same protective headgear as the riders, with the chin strap or harness fastened.
- GR5.6 All jewellery must be removed during competition. Jewellery which cannot be removed must be securely taped over.
- GR5.7 All people entering the arena must wear secure closed footwear.

Reason for Decision:

Brings more clarity to the rule and also makes it more effective. The section on hoodies was ultimately dropped from the final wording due to a lack of agreement amongst the committee on this point.

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