



## International Mounted Games Association Rules Committee

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### *Rule Change Request Document*

Name:	<b>Nikki Carter</b>
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Country:	<b>England</b>
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#### Summary of Change Requested:

Ponies must be led by the reins only at all times.

#### Current Rule Book Wording:

##### **Contact**

CR10.1. A rider must be in contact with his/her pony at all times unless the pony is being held by a fellow team member who is active in the race.

CR10.2. If a rider loses contact with his/her pony, then he/she must return to the place where contact was lost before continuing the race.

#### Suggested New Rule Book Wording:

##### **Contact**

CR10.1. A rider must be in contact with his/her pony at all times unless the pony is being held by a fellow team member who is active in the race.

CR10.2. If a rider loses contact with his/her pony, then he/she must return to the place where contact was lost before continuing the race.

CR10.3 When a pony is being led or held by any person in the arena it must be held by the rein(s) only.

Reason for Change Request:

The current rules for Agility Aces (team and pair), Hula Hoop (team, pair but not individual), Ride and Lead (team), Run and Ride (pair and individual) specify that the pony must be led by the reins, but this is not a general case.

During Referee training Peter Dale makes use of the example of a rider who dismounts in sock and holds the pony by the bit whilst collecting the sock. Everyone seems to feel that this should be against the rules but it is not and this rule rectifies this.

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Reference:	2015-02
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Submission Date:	21/12/2014
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Decision Date:	29/12/2014
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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:

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Contact</u></b></p> <p>CR10.1. A rider must be in contact with his/her pony at all times unless the pony is being held by a fellow team member who is active in the race.</p> <p>CR10.2. If a rider loses contact with his/her pony, then he/she must return to the place where contact was lost before continuing the race.</p> <p>CR10.3 When a pony is being led or held by any person in the arena it must not be held by the bit.</p>
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Reason for Decision:

Plugs a gap in the rules and definitively disallows leading by the bit.

Implementation Date:	1 <sup>st</sup> January 2016
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