



International Mounted Games Association Rules Committee

Rule Change Request Document

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Country:	IMGA Rules Committee
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Summary of Change Requested:

Change to rule GR1.5 regarding ponies to compete in more than one competition at the same venue and to extend the rule to cover competitors in pairs and individuals

Current Rule Book Wording:

GR1.5. In team competitions, a rider or pony may be added to a team at any time during the competition as long as this does not take the team over the maximum of five declared riders or ponies. Any added rider must be eligible to ride for that team and any added pony must not be taking part in any other competition taking part at the same time at the same venue.

Suggested New Rule Book Wording:

GR1.5. In team competitions, a rider or pony may be added to a team at any time during the competition as long as this does not take the team over the maximum of five declared riders or ponies. Any added rider must be eligible to ride for that team.

GR 1.10. No pony may compete in more than one competition or more than one age group of a competition on any one day

Reason for Change Request:

At the WTC a small competition was held for reserve riders and ponies. It was decided to call this a demonstration as otherwise ponies would not be eligible to be taken into the teams if required. Reserve riders and ponies travel a long way and, hopefully, will not actually be used. Allowing them to take part in a competition for reserve riders without restricting their eligibility to be used in the team later if needed seems desirable. I believe the wording means that, for example a reserve rider and pony can participate in the European Individuals and still be eligible to be in the team, although if brought in to the team they would have to withdraw from the semis or finals of the Individuals (as appropriate).

The rule has also been extended to cover pairs and individuals to prevent a pony being used in more than one age group as happened at the 2014 World individuals.

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Submission Date:	07/10/2015
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Decision Date:	07/12/2015
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Votes	
Jens Martin	In Favour
Younes Ahlbom	In Favour
Nikki Carter	In Favour
Philippe Gargallo	In Favour
Lois Hamilton	Not In Favour
Iain Hopkins	In Favour
Total In Favour:	5
Total Not In Favour:	1

Result:	Change Accepted
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Actual Adopted New Rule Book Wording:

GR1.5. In team competitions, a rider or pony may be added to a team at any time during the competition as long as this does not take the team over the maximum of five declared riders or ponies. Any added rider must be eligible to ride for that team.

GR1.8. For individual and pairs competitions, substitutions are only allowed during the qualifying heats. If a substitution is made then the individual or pair or team in question must return to zero points before continuing. Substitutions are not allowed prior to or during the semi-final or final stages of competitions.

GR1.9. For any other competition, substitutions are only allowed during the qualifying heats. Once a rider or pony has been substituted, they are not able to play any further part in the competition. If a substitution is made the team in question must return to zero points before continuing. Substitutions are not allowed prior to or during the semi-

final or final stages of competitions. Any substitute rider must be eligible to ride for that team in that competition.

GR1.10. No pony can compete in more than 24 games on any day nor in more than 96 games in any seven days (In team competitions, the 5th pony is deemed to have taken part in a race).

Reason for Decision:

In the interest of pony welfare this restriction is considered to be necessary. Unlike the previous rule, this also gives complete clarity.

Implementation Date:	1 st January 2016
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