



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:

Many rules refer to bending poles having to remain “upright”. The dictionary definition of “upright” suggests that this would mean a pole would have to be at 90 degrees to the ground at all times which is clearly not what is intended. This rule change aims to address this.

Current Rule Book Wording:

Bending Poles

CR14.1. When the rules of a race require riders to weave in and out of the bending poles, the following incur elimination if not corrected:

- A. Passing the wrong side of a bending pole.
- B. Knocking down a bending pole and failing to replace it. A pole is deemed to be down when the top of the pole is touching the ground/grass or if the spike point is clear of the ground.
- C. If a pole is knocked over, then the rider(s) must replace the pole and then resume the race by passing either side of the replaced pole.

Team Bang a Balloon

Consequently, these poles are considered as part of the equipment for this game and must remain upright.

Team Hula Hoop

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Pairs Hula Hoop

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Pairs Run and Ride

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Individual Hula Hoop

Consequently, the fifth pole is considered as part of the equipment for this game and must remain upright.

Individual Mug Shuffle

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Individual Run and Ride

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Individual Two Flag

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Individual Victoria Cross

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Suggested New Rule Book Wording:

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Reason for Change Request:

Removes the possibility that the rule might be interpreted in such a way that the poles need to remain at exactly 90 degrees to the ground and also defines exactly what a knocked down pole is.

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Reference:	2015-33
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Submission Date:	09/04/2015
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Decision Date:	09/04/2015
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Votes	
Jens Martin	In Favour
Younes Ahlbom	In Favour
Nikki Carter	In Favour
Philippe Gargallo	In Favour
Lois Hamilton	In Favour
Iain Hopkins	In Favour
Total In Favour:	6
Total Not In Favour:	0

Result:	Change Accepted
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Actual Adopted New Rule Book Wording:

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Reason for Decision:

Makes the rule more accurate.

Implementation Date:	1 st January 2016
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