



## International Mounted Games Association Rules Committee

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### *Rule Change Request Document*

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

Riders who go inside bins and cones behind the changeover line are running the length of the arena and should not be penalised if they demonstrate skill.  
Equipment behind the changeover line and is kicked into the field of play should not give the rider an advantage in that they do not have to go the full arena length (this is currently only specified in the rules for sock race and Pony Express)

#### Current Rule Book Wording:

CR4.1 All riders and ponies must cross the changeover line in all races except Run and Ride, Speed Weavers, Three Mug and Three Pot Flag Race.

#### Suggested New Rule Book Wording:

CR4.1 If a piece of equipment to be collected from behind the changeover line is knocked over the changeover line into the playing area, then the rider collecting it must cross the changeover line either before or after collecting it..

#### Reason for Change Request:

The new statement is included in the rules for Sock race but not for Litter, Founders, Tool box or Victoria Cross. The old rule CR4.1 covered this, but if we do not insist that riders and ponies must cross the changeover line we need to cover this. Rather than changing each individual game we can just add one general rule.

On races that involve a rider collecting or placing equipment from or in cones, bins, buckets, nets etc they must necessarily run the length of the arena or else demonstrate kill and flair which should be encouraged not penalised. We do not specify people must go around the poles in Three Mug, we applaud the skill of those who go inside

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Submission Date:	16/01/2016
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Decision Date:	06/02/2016
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Votes	
Jens Martin	<b>In Favour</b>
Younes Ahlbom	<b>In Favour</b>
Nikki Carter	<b>In Favour</b>
Philippe Gargallo	<b>In Favour</b>
Lois Hamilton	<b>In Favour</b>
Iain Hopkins	<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:

CR7.1. If a piece of equipment, normally on the ground (e.g. sock, litter etc.), is knocked From behind the changeover line into the playing area, then any rider may pick up that item providing that the rider and their pony cross the Changeover line at some point during the race.

Reason for Decision:

Change as written here is not needed as this is already covered by CR7.1. However, CR7.1 has now been slightly amended to show that any rider can take item knocked into the arena and not only the subsequent rider.

Also, the text has been removed from the Socks and Buckets rules that states the same thing.

Implementation Date:	1 <sup>st</sup> January 2017
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