



# 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:

Clarification to the rule for individual Sword Lancers. There has been some discussion as to whether the rings need to be collected in a certain order or not. This amendment looks to address that issue.

The second concern is that we are saying that the rings have to be lanced from the poles and, in practice, we allow them to be lanced from the floor if they are knocked off the pole. In teams, pairs and individuals

### Current Rule Book Wording:

#### **Individual**

The rider rides to the changeover end, collects the sword from the cone, rides back holding the sword by the handle to lance all the sword rings from the poles, and then crosses the Start/Finish line.

#### **Team**

Rider 1 holds the sword by the handle to lance a ring from a pole, then rides to the changeover end to hand over the sword to the next rider.

#### **Pairs**

Rider 1 holds the sword by the handle to lance two rings from the pole, then rides to the changeover end to hand over the sword to Rider 2.

### Suggested New Rule Book Wording:

#### **Individual**

The rider rides to the changeover end, collects the sword from the cone, rides back holding the sword by the handle to lance all the sword rings in any order, and then crosses the Start/Finish line.

#### **Team**

Rider 1 holds the sword by the handle to lance a ring, then rides to the changeover end to hand over the sword to the next rider.

#### **Pairs**

Rider 1 holds the sword by the handle to lance two rings, then rides to the changeover end to hand over the sword to Rider 2.

Reason for Change Request:

Removes any element of doubt.

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Reference:	2016 – 08
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Submission Date:	01/04/16
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Decision Date:	24/01/16
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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:

**Individual**

The rider rides to the changeover end, collects the sword from the cone, rides back holding the sword by the handle to lance all the sword rings in any order, and then crosses the Start/Finish line.

If a ring falls to the ground the rider may retrieve at any time before finishing the race whilst holding the rings and sword in any way, either mounted or dismounted. Rule CR11.2 does not apply to the collection of rings in this game

When crossing the Start/Finish, the rider must be mounted, holding the sword by the handle with the rings free around the blade of the sword untouched.

Poles knocked down are not an infringement in this game.

**Team**

Rider 1 holds the sword by the handle to lance a ring, then rides to the changeover end

to hand over the sword to the next rider.

Rider 2 follows the same sequence of actions in the opposite direction to cross the Start/Finish line to hand over the sword to the next rider

Rider 3 repeats as rider 1, and Rider 4 repeats as rider 2, finishing with the sword and rings

All handovers must be made hand to hand by the handle of the sword.

If a ring falls to the ground the rider who caused it to fall must retrieve it whilst holding the rings and sword in any way, either mounted or dismounted.

When crossing the Start/Finish or changeover line, the rider must be mounted, holding the sword by the handle with the rings free around the blade of the sword untouched.

Poles knocked down are not an infringement in this game.

**Pairs**

Rider 1 holds the sword by the handle to lance two rings, then rides to the changeover end to hand over the sword to Rider 2.

Rider 2 follows the same sequence of actions in the opposite direction to cross the Start/Finish line.

The handover must be made hand to hand by the handle of the sword.

If a ring falls to the ground the rider who caused it to fall must retrieve it whilst holding the rings and sword in any way, either mounted or dismounted. Rule CR11.2 does not apply to the collection of rings in this game

When crossing the Start/Finish or changeover line, the rider must be mounted, holding the sword by the handle with the rings free around the blade of the sword untouched.

Poles knocked down are not an infringement in this game.

Reason for Decision:

Makes the rule clearer.

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