



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:

Over the years there have been a number of serious accidents during the course of playing the "Pony Express" game. These have come about as a result of collisions caused by riders concentrating too much on getting the letter in the sack and not enough on where they are going.

With the ever increased speed of the sport, this game has to be considered as extremely high risk and the rules need to be changed to minimise the risk of injury to both ponies and riders.

Current Rule Book Wording:

... The letter must be in the bag and the riders hand out of the bag before a rider crosses the finish line.

Suggested New Rule Book Wording:

There are a couple of options:

1. The letter must be in the bag and the riders hand out of the bag before a rider crosses the centre line.
2. The letter must be in the bag and the riders hand out of the bag before a rider crosses the changeover line.

However it could be argued that with either one of these (particularly the second), it doesn't leave much of a game so there should also be a third option considered which would be to remove this game altogether.

Reason for Change Request:

Current rule wording creates a significant risk to riders and ponies as has been demonstrated by numerous very bad accidents over the years, including this season.

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Reference:	2016 – 09
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Submission Date:	24/04/16
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Decision Date:	05/05/16
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Votes	
Jens Martin	In Favour
Younes Ahlbom	In Favour
Nikki Carter	Not In Favour
Philippe Gargallo	Not In Favour
Lois Hamilton	Not In Favour
Iain Hopkins	In Favour
Total In Favour:	3
Total Not In Favour:	3

Result:	Change Rejected
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Actual Adopted New Rule Book Wording:

N/A

Reason for Decision:

Not sufficient interest in making such a change

Implementation Date:	N/A
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