



## International Mounted Games Association Rules Committee

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### *Rule Change Request Document*

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Country:	<b>England</b>
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#### Summary of Change Requested:

Clarification of rules for the start and action if a pony is sent back to the penalty line

#### Current Rule Book Wording:

- CR21.4. Any pony which crosses the Start line before the flag is dropped is sent back behind the Penalty line by the Referee.
- CR8.3. When the race is rerun any teams, pairs or individuals to have already completed the race at the time it was stopped, will not take part and their original finishing positions will stand. The team, pair or individual committing the offence will not take part in the rerun and will be awarded zero points unless the offence happened as a direct result of an obstruction by another rider. Any other teams, pairs or individuals who have committed elimination offences at the time the race was stopped will also not take part in the rerun and will score no points.
- CR2.3.(part) The race is re-run after a stoppage but without any rider who has been eliminated.

#### Suggested New Rule Book Wording:

- CR21.4. Any pony whose front feet cross the Start line before the flag is dropped is sent back behind the Penalty line by the Referee.
- CR8.3. When the race is rerun any teams, pairs or individuals to have already completed the race at the time it was stopped, will not take part and their original finishing positions will stand. The team, pair or individual committing the offence will not take part in the rerun and will be awarded zero points unless the offence happened as a direct result of an obstruction by another rider. Any other teams, pairs or individuals who have committed elimination offences at the time the race was stopped will also not take part in the rerun and will score no points. Any teams, pairs or individuals who have been sent back to the Penalty line by the referee must still start from the Penalty line.
- CR2.3.(part) The race is re-run after a stoppage but without any rider who has been eliminated. Any teams, pairs or individuals who have been sent back to the Penalty line by the referee must still start from the Penalty line.

Reason for Change Request:

These changes have been requested by Dee Tordoff and I am bringing them forward on her behalf.

The first part of the change (21.4) reflects the fact that some rider have been sent back to the Penalty line whilst they turning their pony away from the start line whilst waiting another pony to come up to the line. The pony's front feet have not crossed the start line but its back feet have during the turn, There is no intention to benefit from the action, the aim is to control an unruly pony.

The second part (8.3, part of 2.3 and any other occasion when a race is re-run) is to clarify action if a pony has been sent back to the Penalty line and the race is re-run.

There are two possible options ~ the competitor still starts from the Penalty line or they can start from the Start line. It seems that some referees go with one option, others with the other and some with either depending on the weather! To provide conformity with the rulings over elimination etc, it is proposed that the competitor (team, pair or individual) still start on the Penalty line.

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Decision Date:	19/01/2017
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Votes	
Jens Martin	<b>Partially in Favour</b>
Valentin Vieilledent	<b>Partially In Favour</b>
Nikki Carter	<b>Partially In Favour</b>
Margaret Welsby	<b>Partially In Favour</b>
Lois Hamilton	<b>Partially In Favour</b>
Iain Hopkins	<b>Partially 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:

CR2.3. The only situation in which the referee takes no action is when the damage is minor; allowing the rider to continue with the game, and the damage is not the responsibility of the rider.

Otherwise, the referee decides whether or not to stop the race, whether or not to eliminate the rider concerned, and whether or not to re-run the race.

The race is stopped if the breakage is dangerous or if there is major damage which is not the responsibility of the rider concerned, but nevertheless prevents that rider from continuing.

The Individual, Pair or Team concerned is eliminated if the damage is the responsibility of the rider.

The race is re-run after a stoppage but without any rider who has been eliminated. Any teams, pairs or individuals who have been sent back to the Penalty line by the referee must still start from the Penalty line.

CR8.3. When the race is rerun any teams, pairs or individuals to have already completed the race at the time it was stopped, will not take part and their original finishing positions will stand. The team, pair or individual committing the offence will not take part in the rerun and will be awarded zero points unless the offence happened as a direct result of an obstruction by another rider. Any other teams, pairs or individuals who have committed elimination offences at the time the race was stopped will also not take part in the rerun and will score no points. Any teams, pairs or individuals who have been sent back to the Penalty line by the referee must still start from the Penalty line.

CR22.3. All riders and ponies must be behind the Penalty line for the start of the race. The Referee blows the whistle to let riders know that the arena is prepared for the start. The Referee raises the flag. The riders are called forward, STAND behind the Start line and the race is started by the drop of the flag.

CR22.7. If the Referee orders a pony to be sent back for causing a false start, the Team Trainer has the opportunity to replace that pony with another member of the team or pair. However, the rider must still start from the Penalty line. If a race is re-run or restarted any teams, pairs or individuals who have been sent back to the Penalty line by the referee must still start from the Penalty line.

Reason for Decision:

The first part of the change request regarding limiting CR21.4 was rejected as it was deemed to be introducing a potential grey area. The current rule being far more black and white is therefore retained.

The second part of the request regarding restarts for riders previously sent back to the penalty line is accepted and all relevant parts of the rules have been updated. This was considered to be fair.

A further (unrelated) small change has been introduced whilst discussing this change. The referee will now blow the whistle before raising the flag to indicate that the arena is ready for the next race and that riders should come to the penalty line.

Implementation Date:	1 <sup>st</sup> January 2018
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