



## 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:

The object of this request is to cover obstructions that can (and have) occurred whilst a rider remains in their own lane but hinders another rider .

In some cases a team is severely obstructed they will lose several places which means that it could be fairer for the race to be re-run

#### Current Rule Book Wording:

CR12.1. If a rider and/or their pony strays from his/her lane and obstructs an opponent, the team, pair or individual causing the obstruction is eliminated. An obstruction is deemed to have occurred when a rider or pony inhibits the intended progress of another rider.

#### Suggested New Rule Book Wording:

CR12.1. An obstruction is deemed to have occurred when the intended progress of a rider or pony is inhibited.

CR12.2. If a rider and/or their pony strays from his/her lane and obstructs an opponent, the team, pair or individual causing the obstruction is eliminated. The Referee may choose to stop the race and rerun.

CR12.3. If a rider and/or their pony knocks equipment from his/her lane which obstructs an opponent, the team, pair or individual causing the obstruction is eliminated. The Referee may choose to stop the race and rerun.

CR12.4. If a rider and/or their pony is obstructed by something that is outside their control or that of any team, pair or individual rider, the Referee may choose to stop the race and rerun.

CR 12.5 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 suffering the injury will also not take part in the rerun and will be awarded the lowest points available for

that race unless the injury was a result of an obstruction by a rider from another team, pair or individual. Any teams, pairs or individuals to have committed elimination offences at the time the race was stopped will 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.

Reason for Change Request:

Obstructions need not necessarily be caused by a pony or rider outside their lane. I have watched a rider be obstructed by a bucket being knocked from one lane to another. This could also happen with a bin that rolls into another lane.

A rider can be obstructed by something that is outside their control (not necessarily another rider) such as a dog or child running into the ring.

In some cases a team is severely obstructed they will lose several places which means that it could be fairer for the race to be re-run

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Reference:	2017-12
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Submission Date:	14/03/2017
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Decision Date:	05/04/2017
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Votes	
Jens Martin	<b>Not in Favour</b>
Margaret Welsby	<b>In Favour</b>
Nikki Carter	<b>In Favour</b>
Valentin Vieilledent	<b>In Favour</b>
Dafydd Leach	<b>In Favour</b>
Iain Hopkins	<b>In Favour</b>
Total In Favour:	<b>5</b>
Total Not In Favour:	<b>1</b>

Result:	Change Accepted
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Actual Adopted New Rule Book Wording:

- CR12.1. An obstruction is deemed to have occurred when the intended progress of a rider or pony is inhibited.
- CR12.2. If a rider and/or their pony strays from his/her lane and obstructs an opponent, the team, pair or individual causing the obstruction is eliminated.
- CR12.3. If a rider and/or their pony knocks equipment from his/her lane which obstructs an opponent, the team, pair or individual causing the obstruction is eliminated.
- CR12.4. If a rider and/or their pony is obstructed by something that is outside their control or that of any team, pair or individual rider, the Referee decides whether or not to stop the race and whether or not to re-run the race.
- CR12.5. If an obstruction results in the obstructed rider falling to the ground, the referee will stop the race and the obstructing team, pair or individual will be eliminated.
- CR 12.6. If the referee decides that a team, pair or individual has been severely hindered by an obstruction the referee will decide whether to rerun the race. If a race is rerun any teams, pairs or individuals who had already completed the race at the time the incident occurred will not take part and their original finishing positions will stand.
- Any team, pair or individual responsible for an obstruction offence will not take part in the rerun and will be awarded zero points unless they committed the offence whilst attempting to avoid an obstruction caused by another team, pair or individual.
- Any team, pair or individual suffering an injury will also not take part in the rerun and will be awarded the lowest points available for that race unless the injury was a result of an obstruction by a rider from another team, pair or individual. Any other teams, pairs or individuals who have committed elimination offences at the time the race was stopped will not take part in the rerun and will score zero points.

Reason for Decision:

Removes any negative effect of an obstruction from the overall result of the race.

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