



## International Mounted Games Association Rules Committee

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### *Rule Change Request Document*

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#### Summary of Change Requested:

To try to make matters when a race is stopped and re-run.

Rules are inconsistent In some, teams that have finished when the referee blows the whistle retain their finishing places, but in some cases this is some time after the incident occurred, in others it is when the incident happens

Additionally, since there is no specific rule regarding wind blowing away equipment, it must be considered that this situation is covered under the broken equipment rules, which do NOT allow for teams that have finished retaining their places

#### Current Rule Book Wording:

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##### **OBSTRUCTION**

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#### VIDEO CAMERA

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#### Suggested New Rule Book Wording:

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If there has been a delay between the time the incident occurs and when the race is stopped, the referee may make use of the official video images to determine when the incident occurred

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#### Reason for Change Request:

This matter has been discussed by referees at a meeting held on 10 March 2018.

The aim is to allow OFFICIAL videos to be used to determine when an incident occurred

It is also a rewrite of the rules on race reruns to ensure consistency.

#### For Internal Use Only:

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Reference:	2018 – 09
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Submission Date:	31/10/2018
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Decision Date:	02/11/2018
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Votes	
Jens Martin	<b>In Favour</b>
Nikki Carter	<b>In Favour</b>
Iain Hopkins	<b>In Favour</b>
Dafydd Leach	<b>In Favour</b>
Valentin Vieilledent	<b>No Response</b>
Margaret Welsby	<b>In Favour</b>
Total In Favour:	<b>5</b>
Total Not In Favour:	<b>0</b>

Result:	Change Accepted
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Actual Adopted New Rule Book Wording:

### **Broken Equipment**

CR2.1. Equipment is considered broken if it is damaged in any way which means that it no longer conforms to equipment specifications and standards.

The damage may be minor, allowing the rider concerned to continue the race. The damage may be major, making it impossible for the rider concerned to continue the race. The damage may be dangerous, posing a threat to the safety of ponies, riders, officials, or spectators.

CR2.2. The referee decides the cause of the damage and who is responsible.

Damage attributable to badly constructed or maintained equipment IS NOT the responsibility of the rider. Damage caused by the rider with deliberate intent IS the responsibility of the rider. Damage caused in any other way, whether with deliberate intent or not, IS the responsibility of the rider.

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### **Upset Equipment**

CR8.1. If a rider upsets or takes away the equipment of another, the offending rider will return to their own lane immediately and make no attempt to correct their mistake. The offending team,

pair or individual will be eliminated from the race unless the offence happened as a direct result of an obstruction by another rider.

CR8.2. In the event of equipment being upset as per CR8.1., assistant referees will alert the referee by raising their flags. The race may be stopped and rerun at the discretion of the referee.

CR8.3. When the race is rerun any teams, pairs or individuals judged 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.

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## **Obstruction**

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.

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## Adverse weather

CR16.1. The Referee will decide if cones, bins, buckets etc. should be weighted in blustery conditions. Should this be necessary, then all subsequent heats in the session should be the same.

CR16.2. If weights are added to a piece of equipment due to adverse weather conditions, then the weights become a part of the equipment for that race.

CR16.3. In the event of equipment being upset due to weather conditions, assistant referees will alert the referee by raising their flags. The race may be stopped and rerun at the discretion of the referee.

CR16.4. If the race is re-run after a stoppage any 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 no points. Any teams, pairs or individuals who had already completed the race at the time of the incident, as determined by official video images, or, if these are unavailable or unclear, at the time the race was stopped, will not take part and their original finishing positions will stand. Any teams, pairs or individuals who have been sent back to the Penalty line by the referee must still start from the Penalty line.

CR16.5. In the event of extreme weather conditions or any other major unforeseen event, the referee may at his/her discretion interrupt a competition if he/she feels that the conditions present a risk to riders or ponies or otherwise prevent the safe running of the competition. Should the problem be severe enough to cause a delay of more than 30 minutes, the referee and Ground Jury may postpone or cancel or alter the programme of the competition.

Reason for Decision:

Brings consistency to the rules

Implementation Date:	January 1 <sup>st</sup> 2019
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