



International Mounted Games Association Rules Committee

Rule Change Request Document

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Summary of Change Requested:

To provide a definition of the "end of a race"

Current Rule Book Wording:

AO3.3. In the event of an infringement of the rules that is not corrected, an assistant referee raises his/her flag at the end of the race to attract the attention of the Referee. He/she then conveys to the Referee the error of the relevant rider(s) and the Referee then decides what action should be taken.

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CR11.3. The referee may declare a race to be over by blowing the whistle.

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CR23.6. In order to save time, a referee may, exceptionally and at their own discretion, blow the whistle to end a race before all participants have finished. In this case, the teams, pairs or individuals remaining are each awarded an equal share of the remaining points.

Suggested New Rule Book Wording:

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Reason for Change Request:

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

A team has completed their race when they cross the start/finish line having successfully completed the actions required in the race rules.

The race is not over until the referee blows the whistle (and usually wave their flag)

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Submission Date:	05/11/2018
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Decision Date:	08/11/2018
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Votes	
Jens Martin	In Favour
Nikki Carter	In Favour
Iain Hopkins	In Favour
Dafydd Leach	In Favour
Valentin Vieilledent	No Response
Margaret Welsby	In Favour
Total In Favour:	5
Total Not In Favour:	0

Result:	Change Accepted
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Actual Adopted New Rule Book Wording:

CR11.3. The referee **will** declare a race to be over by blowing the whistle.

Reason for Decision:

After some discussion it was agreed to change just one word in CR11.3 from “May” to “will”, this means that the referee will always indicate a race to be over by blowing the whistle but riders finishing at the changeover end in a race will still need to await the referees instruction to return to the start/finish end.

Implementation Date:	1 st January 2018
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