



International Mounted Games Association Rules Committee

Rule Change Request Document

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Summary of Change Requested:

To cover an anomaly in when a race is deemed to start"

Current Rule Book Wording:

- . GR1.4. Once a competition has started (i.e. the flag has dropped to signal the start of the first race of the first heat of the first session for the relevant age group), the riders and ponies stated on the declaration form of that entry can only be substituted as specified under rule GR1.6.
- . CR22.1. The signal to start in all races is the drop of a flag, or by other signal notified by the Referee at the briefing.

Suggested New Rule Book Wording:

- . GR1.4. Once a competition has started (i.e. the flag has **been raised** to signal the start of the first race of the first heat of the first session for the relevant age group), the riders and ponies stated on the declaration form of that entry can only be substituted as specified under rule GR1.6.
- . CR22.1. Can be removed completely and the rest f the section renumbered – probably with CR33.2 coming first

Reason for Change Request:

A previous request (RCRD-15) stated that the first rider becomes active when the flag is raised at the start of a game.

However, in the rule book we have the game starting at the drop of the referee's flag.

The anomaly arises in the following scenario.

At the start of a game the referee has the flag raised and riders are walking towards the start line. A trainer tells his rider to stop the race as they have the hatband on the wrong rider, so rider puts his hand up and circles away from the start so the trainer can change the hat band

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Reference:	2019 – 07
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Submission Date:	10/11/2019
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Decision Date:	19/11/2019
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Votes	
Jens Martin	In Favour
Davy Quinn	In Favour
Iain Hopkins	In Favour
Brian Kennedy	In Favour
Margaret Welsby	In Favour
Alun Whitney	In Favour
Total In Favour:	6
Total Not In Favour:	0

Result:	Change Accepted
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Actual Adopted New Rule Book Wording:

- . GR1.4. Once a competition has started (i.e. the flag has **been raised** to signal the start of the first race of the first heat of the first session for the relevant age group), the riders and ponies stated on the declaration form of that entry can only be substituted as specified under rule GR1.6.
- . CR22.1. Can be removed completely and the rest of the section renumbered – probably with CR33.2 coming first

Reason for Decision:

Logical change to make.

Implementation Date:	1 st January 2020
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