



International Mounted Games Association Rules Committee

Rule Change Request Document

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Summary of Change Requested:

To specify that riders must burst the balloon(s) whilst mounted

Current Rule Book Wording:

TEAM BANG A BALLOON

Rider 1 rides to the balloon board, bursts a balloon using either the point of the spear or by striking the balloon with the spear, rides on to the changeover end, and hands the spear over to the next rider.

Rider 2 follows the same sequence of actions in the opposite direction.

Rider 3 repeats the actions of Rider 1, and Rider 4 repeats the actions of Rider 2, finishing with the spear.

Each rider must burst at least one balloon. Any rider can burst the balloons in either direction.

Bent or broken points in the end of the spear are not considered as broken equipment. The whole of the balloon board must stay in the team lane and in between the second and third bending poles during the game. If it moves outside this area it must be replaced immediately. Consequently, these poles are considered as part of the equipment for this game and must be replaced if knocked down.

PAIRS BANG-A-BALLOON

Rider 1 rides to the balloon board, bursts 2 balloons using either the point of the spear or by striking the balloon with the spear, rides on to the changeover end, and hands the spear over to the next rider.

Rider 2 follows the same sequence of actions in the opposite direction, finishing with the spar.

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Suggested New Rule Book Wording:

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Discussions about and rule changes made about “genuine attempts” covered placing things on or in other equipment, not about bursting it.

There are really two options – we extend the genuine attempt definitions so that the balloon has to be touched by the stick, or, as was most popular during discussion, by making it necessary to do the game mounted.

NB CR6.3 is the re-numbered CR6.2

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Reference:	2019 – 14
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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:

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Reason for Decision:

Makes sense and in line with standard practice
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Implementation Date:	1 st January 2020
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