



International Mounted Games Association Rules Committee

Rule Change Request Document

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Summary of Change Requested:

The pairs founders race (PAIR) is unclear on two points. 1. Whether rider 1 needs to make a pass of the second letter they pick up to rider 2 (in fact this is not specified in the rule). 2. As currently worded rider 2 may collect the remaining letters without actually dismounting and remounting their pony. ie they could lift the letter from pony back.

This rule should be re-worded to ensure the rule is consistent with the team version.

Current Rule Book Wording:

Rider 1 rides to the pole and drops the letter over it, rides to the changeover end, dismounts to collect the next letter, remounts and rides back to the pole and drops the next letter over it. The remaining two letters are collected individually and dropped over the pole by either rider, providing that the second rider collects and drops the remaining letter(s) (at least one) before riding to cross the Start/Finish line. During the game, the letters already dropped on the pole must conform to the sequence R, I, A, P from bottom to top at all times. The letters must not be placed on the pole inverted.

Suggested New Rule Book Wording:

Rider 1 rides to the pole and drops the letter (R) over it, rides to the changeover end, dismounts to collect the next letter, remounts and rides back to the pole and drops the next letter over it, rides again to the changeover end to collect the next letter in the same way, and rides to hand it over to rider 2. Rider 2 repeats the actions of Rider 1 dropping the letter (A) on the pole, rides to the changeover end, dismounts to collect the last letter, remounts and rides back to the pole and drops the last letter over it and rides to cross the Start/Finish line. During the game, the letters already dropped on the pole must conform to the sequence R, I, A, P from bottom to top at all times. The letters must not be placed on the pole inverted.

Reason for Change Request:

There was confusion with the rule book wording as to what was allowed and what was not allowed at world pairs 2019. This ambiguity needs to be removed.

If there is genuinely a reason to let riders 1 and 2 play differing numbers of letters than that stated above then further rewording would be required. But the proposed text makes the game consistent with the team version where rider 1 does two vaults and the last rider just does one vault. Plus it will include a handover.

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Reference:	2019 – 18
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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:

Rider 1 rides to the pole and drops the letter over it, rides to the changeover end, dismounts to collect the next letter, remounts and rides back to the pole and drops the next letter over it. Rider 1 then returns to the changeover end again, dismounts to collect the next letter, remounts and rides back to hand the letter over to Rider 2.

Rider 2 rides to the pole and drops the letter over it, rides to the changeover end, dismounts to collect the final letter, remounts and rides back to the pole, drops the letter over it and rides to cross the Start/Finish line.

During the game, the letters already dropped on the pole must conform to the sequence R, I, A, P from bottom to top at all times. The letters must not be placed on the pole inverted.

Reason for Decision:

There was an error in the previous version. This had already been picked up and corrected earlier in the year and will be in the 2020 version of the rules

Implementation Date:	1 st January 2020
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