



International Mounted Games Association Rules Committee

Rule Change Request Document

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Country: **Chairman**

Summary of Change Requested:

To clarify the wording of rules relating to crossing the changeover line

Current Rule Book Wording:

CR4.1 All riders and ponies must cross the Changeover line in all races except Run and Ride, Speed Weavers, Three Mug and Three Pot Flag Race.

Suggested New Rule Book Wording:

CR4.1 All riders and ponies must cross the Changeover line in all races except Run and Ride, Speed Weavers, Three Mug and Three Pot Flag Race. If a race involves collecting or placing equipment behind the changeover line then the pony and rider must cross the changeover line for each piece of equipment .

Reason for Change Request:

We have inconsistency in game rules relating to crossing the changeover line, and, nothing about when a rider has to cross the changeover line several times.

For example, Hoop La has "If a quoit is knocked over the changeover line into the playing area, then the rider collecting it must cross the changeover line either before or after collecting the quoit", Sock and Buckets has no such statement.

The question is, in Individual Sock, does the rider have to cross the changeowver line to collect each sock or is it OK if they cross the line just once. How about in individual Carton?

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Reference:	2020 – 01
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Submission Date:	12/01/2020
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Decision Date:	03/02/2020
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Votes	
Jens Martin	In Favour
Iain Hopkins	In Favour
Brian Kennedy	In Favour
Davy Quinn	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:

Change to wording as suggested:

"All riders and ponies must cross the Changeover line in all races except Run and Ride, Speed Weavers, Three Mug and Three Pot Flag Race. If a race involves collecting or placing equipment behind the changeover line then the pony and rider must cross the changeover line for each piece of equipment ."

In addition:

- Remove additional wording from Hoopla for consistency
- Move equipment behind the changeover line from 2 to 3 metres to avoid accidental faults due to long ponies or inside turns

Reason for Decision:

The change request sparked additional debate about the topic resulting in the decision to move equipment back an additional metre as above. This will bring consistency to the rules and avoid unnecessary eliminations.

Implementation Date:	January 1 st 2021
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