



International Mounted Games Association Rules Committee

Rule Change Request Document

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Summary of Change Requested:

Rules relating to positioning of equipment should specifically state whether:

1. It applies to the position at the start of the race
2. The rider cannot continue until the positioning has been corrected
3. The fault can not be rectified

It is up to interpretation as to whether the positioning must be maintained throughout the race.

The four flag race specifies that the white face the start/finish line,
The bank race specifies that the one should face the start/finish line and red should be facing out.

CR 1.5 does not state that the correction must be made before continuing the race.
Compare this with CR6.4, CR9.1, CR10.2 which all include "before continuing". Rule CR1.5 would be better suited to be located in CR19.

Current Rule Book Wording:

Affected sections CR1.5 CR19.3, CR19.4, CR19.5

Suggested New Rule Book Wording:

CR19.3

At the commencement of the race the centre of all bins, cones, and poles should be placed as close as possible to the centre of the mark. Where this is not possible they must not be placed in such a way as to shorten the race distance. Poles must be vertical whilst the tops of Bins and cones must be horizontal to the ground. The centre of boards (jousting and balloon) must be placed as close as possible to the centre of the mark with the long sides at 90° to the changeover line. Balloon boards must also be flat on the ground.

CR19.4

At the commencement of the race loose equipment should be placed flat on the floor on or behind the centre of the mark parallel to the changeover line unless games rule specifies otherwise. Where not specified for the game, orientation is optional and equipment should be separated equally and not touching.

CR19.5

At the commencement of the race all equipment within a cone can be orientated in any direction as long as one end of each item is touching the ground within the cone.

CR19.6

The orientation of any equipment specified by a game only applies at the commencement of the race unless specified by the game.

(Note: can we infer placement in the centre of the bin as orientation or do we need the following)

CR19.7

At the commencement of the race all equipment placed on a bin must be placed in the middle unless otherwise stated by the specific game.

(Similar applies to Hug-a-Mug)

Move CR1.5 to **CR19.8**

Any equipment knocked over or moved beyond its mark by a rider or a pony, which needs to be replaced, needs to be done so inside or touching the marking **before continuing the race**. Any infringement incurs elimination.

BANK RACE

Requires a determination of whether displaced numbers from the cone need to be replaced with the red showing and whether the 1 needs to face the start/finish line before continuing the race. Then update the wording.

Reason for Change Request:

It is currently not clear in various rules as whether the positioning must be maintained for the entire race and whether or not the rider cannot continue until it is rectified or whether it is purely to ensure all equipment is setup the same.
As a result there is inconsistencies in refereeing decisions.

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Submission Date:	22/05/2020
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Decision Date:	17/12/2020
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Votes	
Jens Martin	Abstain
Iain Hopkins	Abstain
Brian Kennedy	Abstain
Davy Quinn	Abstain
Margaret Welsby	Partly in Favour
Alun Whitney	Abstain
Total In Favour:	0
Total Not In Favour:	0

Result:	Change Not Accepted
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Actual Adopted New Rule Book Wording:

N/A

Reason for Decision:

With nothing else in the queue for the rules committee to consider after this one, it spent a very long time on the table. The general opinion was that it wasn't really needed although maybe there would be no harm in it. In general the committee was quite indifferent either way in regard to this change request.

Implementation Date:	N/A
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