



International Mounted Games Association Rules Committee

Rule Change Request Document

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Country:	Ireland
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Summary of Change Requested:

Three pot flag proposed rule change. At the moment the three pot flag race is unclear whether the 5th poles should be in place or not. At world individuals this year we agreed to not include the 5th poles as they are potentially restricting a pony when turning around the pole in line with the 5th pole mark.

In practice some referees currently include the 5th poles and others do not. The set up rule for the game is clear and says that the cones go inline with each of bending pole rows 1, 3 and 5 (but does not say poles). But the rule at the end says that there must be 2 flags in each cone in line with poles 1 and 5.

Current Rule Book Wording:

Three Pot Flag Race

1 cone in line with each of bending pole rows 1, 3, and 5, offset between the bending pole lines. 4 flags in the centre cone.

The rider rides to the cone in the centre and collects a flag and places it in either of the other two cones. The other three flags are collected individually in the same way and placed in the other cones. The rider, then rides to cross the Start/Finish line. At the end of the game there must be two flags in each of the cones in line with poles 1 and 5. If a flag cone is knocked over, the rider must replace it on its mark so that it contains the correct number of flags. The rider may then continue the game carrying any flag, not necessarily the one originally selected.

Suggested New Rule Book Wording:

Three Pot Flag Race

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If a flag cone is knocked over, the rider must replace it on its mark so that it contains the correct number of flags. The rider may then continue the game carrying any flag, not necessarily the one originally selected.

Reason for Change Request:

To improve a badly worded rule so that there is clarity around the set up for the game.

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Reference:	2021 – 06
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Submission Date:	21/12/2021
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Decision Date:	21/12/2021
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Votes	
Jens Martin	In Favour
Mark Crowe	In Favour
Robin Donnay	In Favour
Warwick Slade	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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If a flag cone is knocked over, the rider must replace it on its mark so that it contains the correct number of flags. The rider may then continue the game carrying any flag, not necessarily the one originally selected.

Reason for Decision:

Brings clarity to the fact that the 5th pole is NOT needed in this race.

Implementation Date:	1 st January 2022
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