



# International Mounted Games Association Rules Committee

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## Rule Change Request Document

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Country:	<b>ENG</b>
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### Summary of Change Requested:

Any equipment broken in a legitimate changeover that is hand to hand is not an elimination and therefore due to unfit equipment
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### Current Rule Book Wording:

#### **Broken Equipment**

CR2.1. Equipment is considered broken if it is damaged in any way which means that it no longer conforms to equipment specifications and standards.

The damage may be *minor*, allowing the rider concerned to continue the race.

The damage may be *major*, making it impossible for the rider concerned to continue the race.

The damage may be *dangerous*, posing a threat to the safety of ponies, riders, officials, or spectators.

CR2.2. The referee decides the cause of the damage and who is responsible.

Damage attributable to badly constructed or maintained equipment IS NOT the responsibility of the rider.

**Damage caused by the rider with deliberate intent IS the responsibility of the rider.**

Damage caused in any other way, whether with deliberate intent or not, IS the responsibility of the rider.

CR2.3. The only situation in which the referee takes no action is when the damage is minor; allowing the rider to continue with the game unhindered, and the damage is not the responsibility of the rider.

Otherwise, the referee decides whether or not to stop the race, whether or not to eliminate the rider concerned, and whether or not to re-run the race.

The race is stopped if the breakage is dangerous or if there is major damage which is not the responsibility of the rider concerned, but nevertheless prevents that rider from continuing.

The Individual, Pair or Team concerned is eliminated if the damage is the responsibility of the rider.

If the race is re-run after a stoppage any teams, pairs or individuals who have committed elimination offences at the time the race was stopped will not take part in the rerun and will score no points. Any teams, pairs or individuals who had already completed the race at the time of the incident, as determined by official video images, or, if these are unavailable or unclear, at the time the race was stopped, will not take part and their original finishing positions will stand. Any teams, pairs or individuals who have been sent back to the Penalty line by the referee must still start from the Penalty line.

### Suggested New Rule Book Wording:

To add in after the bold section above in CR2.2
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However, any equipment broken in a legitimate handover that is hand to hand is not an elimination and therefore due to badly constructed or poorly maintained equipment.
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### Reason for Change Request:

At World Teams 2021, a team was eliminated in Sword lancers as the Sword handle broke in a handover.
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At Intercounties 2021, a team wasn't eliminated in Bottle Shuttle when the bottle exploded in a handover: it was deemed faulty equipment.
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2 of our very best referees having to interpret this ruling and choosing a different interpretation.
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I think if the handover is done legitimately hand to hand and the equipment breaks, this should be due to faulty equipment. It will also remove the ensuing debate of whether this particular equipment is poorly maintained, looking for minute cracks etc.
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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	<b>In Favour</b>
Mark Crowe	<b>In Favour</b>
Margaret Welsby	<b>In Favour</b>
Warwick Slade	<b>In Favour</b>
Alun Whitney	<b>In Favour</b>
Robin Donnay	<b>In Favour</b>
Total In Favour:	<b>6</b>
Total Not In Favour:	<b>0</b>

Result:	Change Accepted
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**Actual Adopted New Rule Book Wording:**

<b><u>Broken Equipment</u></b>	
CR2.1.	<p>Equipment is considered broken if it is damaged in any way which means that it no longer conforms to equipment specifications and standards.</p> <p>The damage may be <i>minor</i>, allowing the rider concerned to continue the race. The damage may be <i>major</i>, making it impossible for the rider concerned to continue the race. The damage may be <i>dangerous</i>, posing a threat to the safety of ponies, riders, officials, or spectators.</p>
CR2.2.	<p>The referee decides the cause of the damage and who is responsible.</p> <p>Damage attributable to badly constructed or maintained equipment <b>which is not fit for purpose</b>, IS NOT the responsibility of the rider. Damage caused by the rider with deliberate intent IS the responsibility of the rider. <b>Damage occurring whilst equipment is used for the intended purpose is NOT the responsibility of the rider.</b> Damage caused in any other way, whether with deliberate intent or not, IS the responsibility of the rider.</p>
CR2.3.	<p>The only situation in which the referee takes no action is when the damage is minor; allowing the rider to continue with the game unhindered, and the damage is not the responsibility of the rider.</p> <p>Otherwise, the referee decides whether or not to stop the race, whether or not to eliminate the rider concerned, and whether or not to re-run the race.</p> <p>The race is stopped if the breakage is dangerous or if there is major damage which is not the responsibility of the rider concerned, but nevertheless prevents that rider from continuing.</p> <p>The Individual, Pair or Team concerned is eliminated if the damage is the responsibility of the rider.</p> <p>If the race is re-run after a stoppage any teams, pairs or individuals who have committed elimination offences at the time the race was stopped will not take part in the rerun and will score no points. Any teams, pairs or individuals who had already completed the race at the time of the incident, as determined by official video images, or, if these are unavailable or unclear, at the time the race was stopped, will not take part and their original finishing positions will stand. Any teams, pairs or individuals who have been sent back to the Penalty</p>

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Reason for Decision:

Slightly different from the original request but the committee feels that this will have the same effect.

Implementation Date:	1 <sup>st</sup> January 2022
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