



International Mounted Games Association Rules Committee

Rule Change Request Document

Name:	Alun Whitney
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Country:	IMGA Rules Committee
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Summary of Change Requested:

Change start rule to insist on moving forward at a walking pace.
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Current Rule Book Wording:

CR22.2. All riders and ponies must be behind the Penalty line for the start of the race. The Referee blows the whistle to let riders know that the arena is prepared for the start. The Referee raises the flag. The riders are called forward, they will then pause and be prepared to stand behind the Start line and the race is started by the drop of the flag.
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Suggested New Rule Book Wording:

CR23.2. All riders and ponies must be behind the Penalty line for the start of the race. The Referee blows the whistle to let riders know that the arena is prepared for the start. The Referee raises the flag. The riders then move forward at no faster than a walking pace , they will then pause and be prepared to stand behind the Start line and the race is started by the drop of the flag.
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Reason for Change Request:

Makes the rule clearer and easier to implement
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Reference:	2021 – 10
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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
Margaret Welsby	In Favour
Warwick Slade	In Favour
Alun Whitney	In Favour
Robin Donnay	In Favour
Total In Favour:	6
Total Not In Favour:	0

Result:	Change Accepted
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Actual Adopted New Rule Book Wording:

CR23.2. All riders and ponies must be behind the Penalty line for the start of the race. The Referee blows the whistle to let riders know that the arena is prepared for the start. The Referee raises the flag. The riders **then move** forward **at no faster than a walking pace**, they will pause and be prepared to stand behind the Start line and the race is started by the drop of the flag.

Reason for Decision:

Should improve the start

Implementation Date:	1 st January 2022
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