



International Mounted Games Association Rules Committee

Rule Change Request Document

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Summary of Change Requested:

Carton Race (Individuals version).

Currently, individual carton is played with the cartons on poles 1, 2, and 3. In terms of distance and when no mistakes are made it is the race that covers the most distance (meters) of all MGA games. The proposal is to move the second and third cartons onto poles 3 and 4 which will shorten the total race distance by 36 m for the ponies. In discussions with open riders, they would prefer to keep the dynamic of the first carton pick up the same (i.e., leave on pole 1). This is probably also preferable for referees as it means that riders still have to complete a task at pole 1 rather than pole 2 which will help keep riders from trying to race / push the start (which is important as Carton is a fast race anyway).

Current Rule Book Wording:

Carton Race (Individuals version only).

3 bending poles in the first 3 positions with 1 carton on each pole, and 1 bucket on the 3 metre mark at the changeover end, in line with the bending poles.

The rider collects a carton from any pole, rides to the changeover end, puts the carton into the bucket, rides to individually collect and put the other two cartons into the bucket, and rides to cross the Start/Finish line.

Poles knocked over must be put back up on their mark unless advised otherwise in advance by the referee.

Suggested New Rule Book Wording:

Carton Race (Individuals version only).

4 bending poles in position in the field of play. 3 cartons placed on each of poles 1, 3 and 4, and 1 bucket on the 3 metre mark at the changeover end, in line with the bending poles.

The rider collects a carton from any pole, rides to the changeover end, puts the carton into the bucket, rides to individually collect and put the other two cartons into the bucket, and rides to cross the Start/Finish line.

Poles knocked over must be put back up on their mark unless advised otherwise in advance by the referee, all 4 poles are considered as part of the equipment for this race..

Reason for Change Request:

This shortens the total race length for ponies by 36m. While at the same time not changing the dynamics of the race, and in particular the first pick up.

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Reference:	2022 – 03
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Submission Date:	15/10/2022
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Decision Date:	29/10/2022
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Votes	
Jens Martin	In Favour
Mark Crowe	In Favour
Robin Donnay	Not In Favour
Warwick Slade	In Favour
Margaret Welsby	In Favour
Alun Whitney	In Favour
Total In Favour:	5
Total Not In Favour:	1

Result:	Change Accepted
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Actual Adopted New Rule Book Wording:

<p>4 bending poles in the first 4 positions with 1 carton on poles 1, 3 and 4, and 1 bucket on the 3 metre mark at the changeover end, in line with the bending poles.</p>
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Reason for Decision:

<p>Shortens the race without changing the nature of the race</p>
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Implementation Date:	1 st January 2023
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