



International Mounted Games Association Rules Committee

Rule Change Request Document

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Summary of Change Requested:

In 2022, with the introduction of the short arena games, particular focus came onto correction of errors in races where a rider goes around a pole placed over the changeover line. This specifically applies to the short arena games and some individual games. The determination was made that where a rider made an error in bottle exchange, bottle swap, two-mug or two-flag and had gone around the pole before fixing that they then had to return around the pole to completely unwind that part of the race before fixing the equipment error. Some change to the rules would be welcome to remove this requirement to revert around the pole in these games. It is confusing for the riders, often resulted in eliminations at IMGA competitions in 2022. The riders are already penalised as they have to return to make the fix and in the normal course of events are not going to score at the top end of any race.

It is probably best dealt with by rule CR11.2

Current Rule Book Wording:

CR11.2
Errors must be undone and then corrected in the right sequence before proceeding.

Suggested New Rule Book Wording:

CR11.2
Errors must be undone and then corrected in the right sequence before proceeding. This is except in the case of games where riders round a pole / cone over the changeover line. In these games (e.g., bottle exchange / swap, individual or short arena versions of mug shuffle, 2-flag, bang-a-balloon, sword lancers, jousting, litter scoop), if a rider has to correct an error made before rounding the pole / cone, but round the pole / cone they may proceed immediately to correct the equipment error.

Alternatively, it could be addressed by leaving CR 11.2 as is and then add into the specific games rules that "Rule CR 11.2 does not apply to reverting around the changeover end pole / cone where a correction is required".

Reason for Change Request:

To get away from the determination where it is required to go back around the pole / cone when fixing an error made in the outfield leg of these individual / short arena games.

It may be possible to achieve this end in a better way by addressing it through a change to a rule elsewhere.

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Reference:	2022 – 04
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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	N/A
Mark Crowe	N/A
Robin Donnay	N/A
Warwick Slade	N/A
Margaret Welsby	N/A
Alun Whitney	N/A
Total In Favour:	-
Total Not In Favour:	-

Result:	Change Deferred
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Actual Adopted New Rule Book Wording:

N/A

Reason for Decision:

There is general agreement that something needs to be done here but there was no agreement on exactly what or what the wording should be. Following some good discussion on the topic, Mark Crowe will take this away, work on a new wording and resubmit the change when ready.

Implementation Date:	N/A
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