



International Mounted Games Association Rules Committee

Rule Change Request Document

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Summary of Change Requested:

Rule definition for when a rider loses/ partially loses a shoe during race.

Current Rule Book Wording:

- GR5.2. Purpose-made ankle high riding boots with a rigid shank must be worn by all riders in the arena.

Suggested New Rule Book Wording:

Extension to rule GR5.2

When the shoe or shoes of a rider is not fully on/ removed during a race, the rider must immediately replace the shoe/ shoes and resume the race from the point where the shoe/ shoes originally became dislodged/ removed. Failure to comply incurs elimination.

Reason for Change Request:

Unclear in the rules.
Has happened a number of times, a shoe from the rider lost during a race. To make it more clear for riders and referees what to do in the situation.

Myself and Michele Spina had discussed this at the weekend as we had a rider lose a shoe during the race, it has also happened in other competitions and Michele had been telling me in Italy they have a specific rule for this situation.

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Reference:	2023 – 02
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Submission Date:	30/10/2023
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Decision Date:	14/11/2023
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Votes	
Alun whitney	In Favour
Jens Martin	In Favour
Margaret Welsby	In Favour
Robin Donnay	In Favour
Warwick Slade	In Favour
Mark Crowe	In Favour
Total In Favour:	6
Total Not In Favour:	0

Result:	Change Accepted
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Actual Adopted New Rule Book Wording:

GR5.2. Purpose-made ankle high riding boots with a rigid shank must be worn by all riders in the arena. If the boot of a rider becomes either partially or totally removed during a race, it must be put back on before continuing the race.

Reason for Decision:

Makes sense from a safety point of view and makes the rules clearer.

Implementation Date:	1 st January 2024
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