



International Mounted Games Association Rules Committee

Rule Change Request Document

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Summary of Change Requested:

Clarification of rule CR6.2 Definition of a genuine attempt at putting a flag into a cone.

Current Rule Book Wording:

CR6.2. A genuine attempt is defined to be one in which:

- If a piece of equipment is to be placed on to a container, holder or pole then there must be contact between the equipment in the rider's hand and where it is to be placed whilst the container, holder or pole is in the correct position
- If a piece of equipment is to be collected from a container, holder or pole then there must be contact between the equipment and the rider's hand whilst it is in/on the container, holder or pole in the correct position
- Equipment that is to be dropped into a container or holder may be released from the rider's hand without contact being made between the hand and the container or holder. However, the equipment must make contact with the container or be released over the container to be deemed a genuine attempt.

Suggested New Rule Book Wording:

Addition of the following paragraph

If equipment (e.g. flag) that is to be *put* or *placed* into a container (e.g. cone) falls to the ground outside the container it is only counted as a genuine attempt if the equipment has either been in the container or made contact with the container before falling to the ground.

Reason for Change Request:

The current wording does not specifically cover *putting* or *placing* equipment *into* a container.

Controversy has arisen when **riders** or **parents** have argued that a flag is not *put on* a cone so the contact between hand-equipment-container section of rule CR6.2 does not apply and that a flag can be *dropped into* a cone and fulfils the third bullet point in CR6.2 and it is a genuine attempt if it is *released over the container*, even if the momentum means it falls away from the container without either going in it or making any contact with it.

I have heard chief referees at competition briefings say that a genuine attempt at placing a flag into a cone must include 'the flag making contact with the cone' or even 'with the rim of the cone', but currently rule CR6.2 is not this specific.

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| Votes | |
| Jens Martin | In Favour |
| Mark Crowe | In Favour |
| Bridget Scott | In Favour |
| Jake O'Connor | In Favour |
| Warwick Slade | In Favour |
| Margaret Welsby | In Favour |
| Luigi Irollo | In Favour |
| Total In Favour: | 7 |
| Total Not In Favour: | 0 |

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

CR6.1 Any required action to put an item of equipment on/in or take it off/out of any bin, container, holder or pole must be attempted mounted. If, during the attempt, the item drops to the ground the rider may dismount and complete the action from the ground, unless the game specifically modifies the rules.

CR6.2 Regarding an "attempt"

- If a rider loses control of a piece of equipment and it falls to the ground before an attempt can be made then the rider has not made an attempt. As such they would need to pick up the equipment either mounted or*

dismounted and then remount to put/place or drop in mounted before continuing the race.

- *If a rider and/or horse collide with equipment they are about to use and need to rebuild (e.g. upright a bin) before they can attempt the action, they have not made an attempt and they must correct the error either mounted or dismounted and then complete the action mounted.*

Game specific rules

Ball and Cone

If whilst placing the ball on the cone, the ball drops to the ground then the ball must have made contact with the cone whilst the ball was in the hand of the rider for the rider to complete the action dismounted.

Reason for Decision:

A lot of discussion on this, not only within the committee but at the AGM and on Facebook. All opinions have been taken into account and the adopted wording will be in place for 2025. At the end of the season we will review and see if further changes are required.

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