



## International Mounted Games Association Rules Committee

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### *Rule Change Request Document*

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### *Type of Change*

Clarify understanding of existing rule		Major change to existing rule	<b>X</b>
Minor enhancement		Major new concept	
Minor change to existing rule			

### *Effective Date*

Immediate		Next calendar year	<b>X</b>
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Summary of Change Requested:

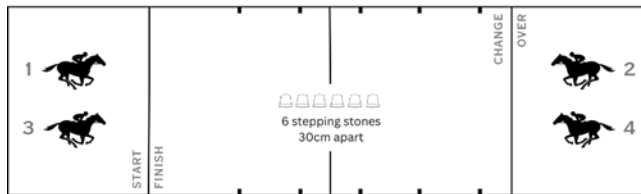
Short arena rules for Agility Aces, teams and pairs.

Current Rule Book Wording:

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### Agility Aces Teams

6 stepping stones in a straight line across the centre line, offset between the bending pole lines. 30cm between stone rims.



Rider 1 rides towards the stepping stones, dismounts, and leading the pony by the rein(s) only (and not leaning on or against the pony as assistance or support of their bodyweight), steps on each consecutive stone in turn, followed by at least one step on the ground before remounting and riding to cross the line at the changeover end.

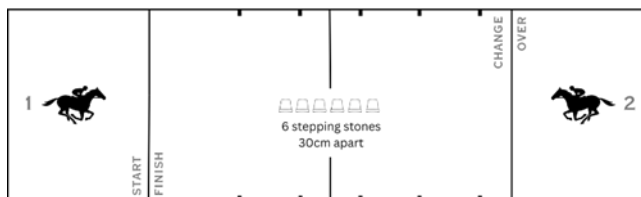
Rider 2 follows the same sequence of actions in the opposite direction. Rider 3 repeats the actions of Rider 1, and Rider 4 repeats the actions of Rider 2.

Any rider can cross the stones in either direction.

If any rider or pony knocks over a stepping stone, the rider's feet touch the ground while stepping along the line of stepping stones, or the rider misses stepping on one of the stones, then the rider must replace any upset equipment and then cross all the stepping stones in either direction stepping on each consecutive stone in turn.

### Agility Aces Pairs

6 stepping stones in a straight line across the centre line, offset between the bending pole lines. 30cm between stone rims.



Rider 1 rides towards the stepping stones, dismounts, and leading the pony by the rein(s) only (and not leaning on or against the pony as assistance or support of their bodyweight), steps on each consecutive stone in turn, followed by at least one step on the ground before remounting and riding to cross the line at the changeover end.

Rider 2 follows the same sequence of actions in the opposite direction.

Any rider can cross the stones in either direction.

If any rider or pony knocks over a stepping stone, the rider's feet touch the ground while stepping along the line of stepping stones, or the rider misses stepping on one of the stones, then the rider must replace any upset equipment and then cross all the stepping stones in either direction stepping on each consecutive stone in turn.

Suggested New Rule Book Wording:

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**Agility Aces Teams (short arena)**

6 stepping stones in a straight line across the centre line, offset between the bending pole lines. 30cm between stone rims. 1 bending pole on 3 metre mark beyond changeover in line with the stepping stones

All riders start behind the start/finish line. Rider 1 rides towards the stepping stones, dismounts, and leading the pony by the rein(s) only (and not leaning on or against the pony as assistance or support of their bodyweight), steps on each consecutive stone in turn, followed by at least one step on the ground before remounting and riding to turn round the pole at the changeover end. They then repeat the same action over the stones on the way back to cross the start/finish line.

Riders 2, 3 & 4 consecutively follow the same sequence of actions

Any rider can cross the stones in either direction. provided they go over all 6 stones on their way up the arena to the changeover line and on their way back down the arena to the finish line

If any rider or pony knocks over a stepping stone, the rider's feet touch the ground while stepping along the line of stepping stones, or the rider misses stepping on one of the stones, then the rider must replace any upset equipment and then cross all the stepping stones in either direction stepping on each consecutive stone in turn.

The bending pole at the changeover end is part of the equipment and must be put back up on its mark if knocked down.

**Agility Aces Pairs (short arena)**

6 stepping stones in a straight line across the centre line, offset between the bending pole lines. 30cm between stone rims. 1 bending pole on 3 metre mark beyond changeover in line with the stepping stones

Both riders start behind the start/finish line. Rider 1 rides towards the stepping stones, dismounts, and leading the pony by the rein(s) only (and not leaning on or against the pony as assistance or support of their bodyweight), steps on each consecutive stone in turn, followed by at least one step on the ground before remounting and riding to turn round the pole at the changeover end. They then repeat the same action over the stones on the way back to cross the start/finish line.

Riders 2 repeats the same sequence of actions.

Either rider can cross the stones in either direction. provided they go over all 6 stones on their way up the arena to the changeover line and on their way back down the arena to the finish line

If either rider or pony knocks over a stepping stone, the rider's feet touch the ground while stepping along the line of stepping stones, or the rider misses stepping on one of the stones, then the rider must replace any upset equipment and then cross all the stepping stones in either direction stepping on each consecutive stone in turn.

The bending pole at the changeover end is part of the equipment and must be put back up on its mark if knocked down.

Reason for Change Request:

Increase the number of races which can be played in a short arena

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Actual Adopted New Rule Book Wording:

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Reason for Decision:

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Implementation Date:	
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