

The sport of Mounted Games was founded by Norman Patrick. His aim was to extend the sport, previously restricted to those under the age of 14 through the Pony Club, for wider participation.

For this reason, in 1984, he established the Mounted Games Association of Great Britain. In the years that followed this landmark his continued support and patronage ensured that the sport spread across Great Britain and beyond. At the time of his sad passing in 2002, the sport which he had established was being enjoyed by countless numbers on four continents across the world.

Today the vision of Norman Patrick lives on as Mounted Games continues to grow, always staying true to its goal to promote friendship between individuals of different nations.

### Teams

Teams will consist of a minimum of four riders and ponies and a maximum of five riders and ponies. Once a competition has begun, the five riders and ponies stated on the declaration form may not be substituted. Ponies must not exceed 15.0hh (152.4cm), excluding shoes, if worn. Team Trainers and Representatives are asked to pay special attention to the safety and weight of riders in relation to the size of their pony. If the Referee deems a rider to be overweight or unsafe, that rider will be eliminated from the competition.

(N.B. A team is allowed to bring six ponies to the World Team Championships. The sixth pony must be clearly identified and its details stated on the declaration form. The sixth pony may only be used in case of injury to or illness of one of the main team ponies.

If one of the declared five ponies becomes ill or is injured it must be withdrawn from the competition. The sixth pony may then be used and the team must continue the competition with that sixth pony.

If a team does not bring a sixth pony they may borrow one in the case of injury of one of their own existing five ponies.

In all other International competitions a pony may only be replaced if a team loses a pony by accident or unsoundness and has less than four ponies.)

### Saddlery

Ponies must have leather or synthetic saddles with trees, complete with stirrups and a girth with two buckles on each side. The following bits are permitted: - Single ring jointed snaffle, Fulmer snaffle, Hanging cheek snaffle (the length of the cheek bar of the Hanging cheek snaffle shall not exceed 3½ in (89mm)). The Referee may inspect any pony/team and its tack at any time. His/her ruling as to safety and/or severity will be final. The use of blinkers is not permitted.

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