

2019 MGAA Rulebook Addendum - Amendment 1

Novice Division description

The MGAA Rulebook Committee is aware that there is a lack of options for Intermediate Riders and their green to games ponies with the current division set up. Because of this an amendment to the 2019 MGAA Rulebook Addendum was presented to the board.

The MGAA Board has unanimously approved this update to the 2019 MGAA Rulebook Addendum. Intermediate Riders are permitted to ride their green to games ponies in the Novice Division. This will be permitted in the same fashion that Open Riders are permitted to ride green to games ponies in the Intermediate Division. It should also be noted that rule MGAA GR15.1.8 which requires riders to compete at the pace the division describes will be enforced.

This change takes effect immediately, 03/20/2019.

New Wording:

MGAA GR15.1.2 Novice: The Novice Division is reserved for riders who are new to the sport of Mounted Games, or who are beginner riders. Riders compete at a walk and trot and may canter between skills. Riders may be assisted on the field of play. Riders should be able to safely navigate their pony without a leadline, but a leader/handler may provide assistance with a specific task or skill. Leg-ups and Mounting Blocks in accordance with MGAA GR19.4, are permitted. This Division is open to Riders of all ages.

The Novice Division is not for Open or O25 Riders. An Intermediate Rider is permitted on a scored Novice Team riding a 'green to games' pony only. One Intermediate Rider is permitted per scored Novice Team. An Intermediate Rider may ride only their 'green to games' pony entered in the Novice Division and no other pony on the Team. An Intermediate Rider is not permitted to ride for points in the Novice Division in Pairs or Individual competition. An Intermediate Rider may ride a 'green to games' pony in scored Novice Team competition up to seven times per year.

Original Wording:

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accordance with MGAA GR19.4, are permitted. This Division is open to Riders of all ages.

The Novice Division is not for Open, Over 25, or Intermediate riders. A Rider who is comfortable riding in the Open, Over 25, or Intermediate Division under any circumstance may not compete in the Novice Division. The schooling of a pony 'green to games' by an Open, Over 25, or Intermediate Rider is not permitted in the Novice Division. Novice Riders are permitted to ride ponies that are 'green to games'.

As a reminder:

MGAA GR15.1.8 In all cases, the Referee may remove a Rider or pony from any Team, Pair or Individual if they deem that the Rider or pony is not riding in a manner consistent with the description of that Division. This decision is at the sole decision of the Chief Referee and is not subject to the Appeals Process, CR21.1-CR21.4, or any additional challenge.

*The updated Addendum V2019.2 will be up on the website shortly. There will also be a replacement page you can print/cut and then glue/tape over the current printed addendum page if you have already received your addendum. Any addendums picked up after 3/21/19 will have this page inserted.