

Pony Express

Teams

Equipment	4 bending poles (poles 1-4), 1 mail sack, 4 letters.
Position of the Equipment	Rider 1 starts carrying the sack. Rider 5 stands behind the changeover line, in line with the line of bending poles, carrying the four letters.
Position of the Riders	Riders 1-4 are at the Start/Finish end. Rider 5 (the postman), stands, dismounted, behind the changeover line.
The Game	Rider 1, carrying the mail sack, weaves in and out of the bending poles, collects the first letter from the postman, puts the letter in the sack and returns, weaving in and out of the bending poles to hand the sack to Rider 2. The letter must be in the sack before a rider crosses the finish line. Riders 2, 3, and 4 complete the course in the same way. Both rider and pony must cross the changeover line when collecting the letter from the postman. The postman may hold the pony while the letter is being put into the mail sack by the rider and he/she may pick up a dropped letter or mail sack, provided that it has not fallen over the changeover line. The postman must not put the letter in the mail sack. The postman must not cross over the changeover line whilst passing a letter, even if knocked over by a pony. Failure to correct this will incur elimination. The letter must be handed to the riders in the following order: 1 Red, 2 Blue, 3 Yellow, 4 Green. Any MGA member can be substituted for Rider 5 if a team has only 4 members. If the postman is a riding member, he/she must wear an approved, correctly fitted riding hat with the chin strap securely fastened. The top of the mail sack must not be rolled down.