

## **1<sup>ST</sup> JOINT SESSION**

### **1. Welcome and report by the UIPM President**

President Schormann welcomed the Committee Members, highlighting the importance of the meeting for the future of Modern Pentathlon and thanking them for their presence.

Dr Schormann pointed out the need to give answers to the Russian and Belarusian athletes about the possibility to compete without a flag, condemned the war and emphasised that the IOC philosophy will be followed. However, he stated that many countries in Europe do not grant visas to these countries and, if allowed to participate, qualification for the Paris 2024 Olympics must be fair for all.

The UIPM President expressed his satisfaction for the approval of the Obstacle Discipline with 86% of the votes, indicating that it will join the Olympic programme after Paris 2024 and thanking all the work of the working group and the test event organisers. He stresses that it is a springboard to new opportunities of growth and development with more NFs, more Clubs, and more athletes.

Furthermore, Dr Schormann appreciates the great work carried out by the WC and WCH organisers and adds that this year the great achievement of being part of the European Games 2023 has been accomplished.

Finally, he emphasised the importance of media presence and pointed to social media as a key element.

### **2. Activity and operations updates from UIPM Secretary General**

Secretary General Ms. Shiny Fang welcomes the presence of all Committee Members and presents the objectives and key deliverables ahead with the return to the 2028 Los Angeles Olympic Games programme as the main objective. She also stressed the importance of the Obstacle Discipline being fully adopted by 2024 and pointed out that this will help to increase the number of new NFs.

AF took the floor to make a presentation about the new Obstacle Discipline. He showed the publications already launched and those to be launched soon and gave a technical analysis of the test events conducted last season.

SF continued its presentation by showing the new competition formats after the inclusion of Obstacle Discipline.

It was agreed, following a suggestion from a previous suggestion from SM, that a new Youth League will be launched from the 2024 season to introduce UIPM Obstacle Laser Run, which will also be the new University format proposed for the FISU 2024 Pentathlon World University Championships. Obstacle Laser Run is one of the many multi-sport combinations featured in the new UIPM Sports Pyramid.

UIPM's Obstacle implementation strategy for 2023 and 2024 was presented to the Committees in detail, with suggestions and input collected to be taken as improvement opportunities during the process.

Finally, SF presents the new structure of the HQ.

President Schormann gives the floor to JH and VM, and opens the floor to the Committee Members, who made their comments as follows:

**John Helmick**

- The Obstacle Discipline will attract spectators and participants.

**Viacheslav Malyshev**

- Obstacle discipline is an important development opportunity.
- It is an important impulse for the African continent.

**Ali Assem**

- Raises the organisation of the U17 World Championships in Egypt.
- Question about Obstacles providers.
- Question if there is a media and broadcasting plan.

**Dr. Klaus Schormann**

- Invites Assem to contact the UIPM office.
- TV is interested in the new discipline; it is important that LOCs work closely with local TV.

**Shiny Fang**

- Add that the Obstacle Discipline is very recent and the broadcast needs to be prepared.

**Christian Roudaut**

- Continuous feedback from experienced countries is crucial in order to adjust and improve the current competition guidelines for the Obstacle Discipline.

### 3. Each committee presents their meeting plan, objectives to reach.

**Yasser Hefny**

- The most important thing for this year is the full implementation of the Obstacle Discipline.

- The athletes invest a lot in their preparation so an increase in prize money is important.
- Athletes need to be more involved in social media.
- The federations that are starting with the Obstacle Discipline are very happy and we should think about including athletes coming from the Obstacles.
- Concerns about the level of riding in the last competitions.

## Janusz Peciak

- It will be a challenging year for the TDs, both in terms of the implementation of the Obstacle Discipline and the Olympic qualification.
- The most important thing this year for the TDs are the Continental Championships and they must be prepared for them.

## Christian Roudaut

- The JM is a great opportunity for listening and sharing.
- We need to get more women coaches involved.
- Encourage people to share as much information about the Obstacle Discipline as they can.

## 4. Open floor for Q and A

President Dr. Schormann opens the floor to the Committee Members, who made their comments as follows:

## Ana Ruth Orellana

- Raises need to improve relationship between coaches and TDs

## Christian Roudaut

- Believes that the key to improving the relationship is for TDs to be firm and apply the rules.

## Yasser Hefny

- What are the proposals educating Obstacle coaches?

KS invites those present to discuss these issues in depth in each committee's own meetings and to present their conclusions at the last joint session.

The UIPM President closed the session at 19:15 h.

## Athletes Committee Session

The UIPM President opens the session by thanking the AC for being so active and acknowledges the high academic level of the athletes.

Mr. Yasser Hefny talks about the improvement of communication between athletes and representatives. He proposes the implementation of a recognisable Jersey for the World Champion and the Olympic Champion as well as the winners of each discipline.

The increase of prize money is discussed and proposed:

- Ask sponsors that would be more willing to support athletes than organization.
- Sell packages (LR tryouts, invite Olympians) to increase it.

It is intended to activate and involve more athletes from all UIPM sports.

## Technical Committee Session

Mr Janusz Peciak opens the meeting emphasising the importance of this year due to the Olympic qualification and thanking all TDs for the passion they bring to their work. He highlights the correct implementation of the new format and acknowledges the great work of the TDs and LOCs. Points out the importance of the correct functioning of the Riding Review Panel and stresses the importance of continuing along this road in riding in order to achieve a safer event.

Finally, he mentions the importance of learning as much as possible this year about how to organise the Obstacle Discipline.

Each TD gives his annual report with the common factor that the past season went well and met the objectives set.

UIPM President Dr. Klaus Schormann, UIPM SG Mrs. Shiny Fang, and UIPM Treasurer Mr. John Helmick join the meeting at 11:30 am.

KS emphasizes the importance of TDs and working together with other departments to achieve fair and safe competitions.

SF appreciates the commitment of all TDs and raises the question of how their work can be facilitated as there will be more and more events in the coming years.

JH mentions the brilliant work done by all TDs in every event.

The TC makes a review of all the rules which have been updated for the current season. In conclusion there was a general commitment to focus on compliance with the riding rules in order to achieve a safer event.

AD makes a presentation on the Obstacle Discipline, mentioning competition guidelines and event organisation.

The calendar is reviewed.

Assignment and adjustment of appointments for each TD.

JP closed the session at 18:00 h.

## Coaches Committee Session

According to the Committee meeting agenda, the following topics are the outcome of the Coaches Committee Session:

- **Coaches Certification Program (CCP) current situation and proposal for future support actions**
  - Genadijus will be the point of support for reviewing the outline and presentations of all CCP course.
  - By the end of March, all documents related to the Level 1 Course will be sent to the whole Committee for potential amendments and suggestions.
- **Proposals for more educational opportunities for coaches**
  - Create “live talks” about interesting topics to coaches (e.g., once a month), placing the video file for further access in the Educational Platform library or specific section), as well as “Zoom Classes” involving coaches worldwide. Deadline for suggestions/plans: end of April.
  - Identify women who are coaching pentathlon clubs in order to encourage them to take part in upcoming CCP courses (especially Level 3) and other educational actions with the assistance of Florence. Deadline for a draft list: end of April.
  - UIPM to check the feasibility of a coaches course dedicated to and delivered by women in a selected Arab country. Deadline for the answer: end of May.

From this point, the suggestions presented are a result of a joint session with the Athletes Committee:

- **Support actions to the Riding Preparation for Paris 2024 in support to the Technical Committee (Plan / Proposal to ensure the best presentation in the Games)**
  - Create awareness in both Athletes and Coaches communities to respect and accept the decisions by Technical Delegates regarding eliminations in the riding warm up area. A letter will be drafted and suggested to be sent to all National Federations. A joint letter signed by the three Committees present in Frankfurt was already sent on March 1<sup>st</sup> to all NFs.
  - UIPM to issue a Technical Newsletter with specific explanations about the riding rules details that will be carefully observed during the Olympic Qualification. Deadline for a TNL plan (ask to the TC): end of April.
  - Use the reports of the UIPM Riding Review Panel to monitor individually all athletes taking part in the Olympic Qualification. This action will be adopted from UIPM 2023 Pentathlon World Cup Ankara and will cover the seasons 2023 and 2024.
  - UIPM to offer Riding Camps possibilities to NFs in order to guarantee riders performance quality standards in Paris 2024. Deadline for a plan to be presented: end of March.

- **Support actions to the implementation of the obstacle discipline (information and education for coaches / proposals for obstacle module in all CCP course / Feedback to the ad-hoc working group).**
  - Besides the suggestions already presented by the Committee and the publications already launched by the UIPM, all CCP course will count with an obstacle module from 2023. It was agreed that the Obstacle Module for the Level 1 Course will be available in the UIPM Library in the Educational Platform open to all public from the end of March.
- **Improvement of coaches' community communication/ New strategies for informing and consulting with coaches.**
  - The world WhatsApp group created in 2022 is working and start to improve the communication. However, the Committee will keep seeking simple and effective solutions to involve more coaches in its communication.
- **Suggestions for improvements in the current routines of UIPM competitions.**
  - During the season, the Committee will collect suggestions from the community that potentially could become motions drafts to be presented to the TC for the UIPM 2024 Congress.

## 2<sup>ND</sup> JOINT SESSION

President Schormann opens the session by thanking the participants for the work carried out during the weekend and stressing the importance of the Joint Meeting for the UIPM. KS opens the floor for the committees' conclusions.

### Yasser Hefny

- Agrees on the need to set priorities.
- Riding must be monitored and evaluated, it is necessary to be very strict with standards and to ensure an adequate level.
- Obstacle Discipline makes the development of NFs easier.
- Presents proposals to increase prize money.

### Janusz Peciak

- It is important for TDs to be strict in the application of riding rules.
- Highlights the difficulties for TDs in developing countries.
- Points out the importance of conducting seminars and educational courses to learn about the rules.
- TDs suggest more control of the FOP using accreditation in a firm way.
- Suggests increased monitoring of athletes in equestrians and the application of warnings and sanctions, if necessary.

### Christian Roudaut

- Remodelling of the CCP is underway.
- Need to create more online educational actions such as live chats or seminars.
- Involvement of women trainers should be done by identifying active women and encouraging them to do CCP education and through the continental confederations.
- Suggests strict monitoring of equestrianism during this season and conducting training camps for athletes qualified for Paris 2024.
- The Obstacle Discipline is a great opportunity for growth and encourages the use of existing educational material.

SF Secretary General asks for proposals to be sent in order to take action.

The UIPM President close the session at 12:50 h.