Dear Member Federations, Coaches, Athletes and Technical Officials

Following the UIPM 2021 Joint Athletes, Coaches and Technical Committees Meeting, and based on the observation of competitions organized in recent months, UIPM would like to give some updates and important information on certain topics relating to the COVID-19 Coronavirus pandemic.
Until further notice, athletes must not shake hands at the end of each bout. However, athletes must show respect to their opponents by saluting before and after the bouts (Rules 2.6.1 l)

Wearing a face mask during the bout is not mandatory. However, it is mandatory to wear a face mask after each bout and between all matches in both the Fencing Ranking Round and, the Fencing Bonus Round.

UIPM will conduct laser regulations tests in all pistols of participating athletes at the UIPM 2021 Pentathlon World Championships in Cairo (EGY). Athletes who do not have already a homologation sticker on their pistol will receive a sticker once their pistols have been tested successfully.

For adjustments on the pistol’s balance, any modification which leads to a change of the dimensions of the original pistol is not allowed, even if the pistol fits the control box (see below an example of an unacceptable modification). Pistols can be subject to control when Technical Delegates find that a pistol does not meet UIPM Competition Rules and Regulations.

The UIPM 2021 Pentathlon World Cup consists of the following competitions, which will count towards the UIPM 2021 Pentathlon World Cup Ranking which will determine the athletes who qualify for the UIPM 2021 Pentathlon World Cup Final in Hungary:

- UIPM 2020 Pentathlon World Cup Cairo (EGY)
- UIPM 2021 Pentathlon World Cup Budapest (HUN)
- UIPM 2021 Pentathlon World Cup Sofia I (BUL)
- UIPM 2021 Pentathlon World Cup Sofia II (BUL)*

Each of these competitions (except *) will include a Mixed Relay in which up to 16 national teams can take part. The host nation is allowed to enter two teams. In case the number of participating teams is less than 16, other nations will be allowed to enter more than one team.
The Pentathlon World Ranking has been frozen since after the UIPM 2020 Pentathlon World Cup Cairo last year. For a better understanding of the calculation of the current PWR standings, please see the chart below which will inform the seeding of athletes in semi-finals at UIPM major events in 2021:

### Olympic Qualification System for Tokyo 2020

After the postponement of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games to 2021, the Olympic Qualification System document (which includes details about the OPWR - Olympic Pentathlon World Ranking) has been updated. You can find it on the UIPM webpage, [here](#).

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, two of the Olympic qualifier competitions were relocated. The UIPM 2021 Pentathlon World Cup Final will be organized in Székesfehérvár, Hungary and the UIPM 2021 Pentathlon World Championships will take place in Cairo, Egypt.
The UIPM is continuously monitoring the worldwide situation of the COVID-19 pandemic and this informs the Executive Board decisions. The UIPM in collaboration with the Local Organizing Committees (LOCs) of UIPM major events is committed to taking all preventive measures against COVID-19 infection during competition time, following all recommendations of the local government. The UIPM also approved the following documents:

- **COVID-19: UIPM EVENT ORGANIZERS INFECTION PREVENTION GUIDELINES**
- **COVID-19: OPERATIONAL VADE MECUM FOR UIPM EVENTS**

Both documents can be found on the UIPM website; [here](#).

The LOCs of UIPM major events in 2021 will issue a “COVID-19 info” document approximately a week before the start of each event. This document will contain the most updated governmental health rules and regulations, including info about testing needs to enter the country as well as all arrangements and procedures required for competition participation.
Baron Pierre de Coubertin

“The Modern Pentathlon event would test a man’s moral qualities as much as his physical resources and skills, producing thereby the ideal, complete athlete.”