Following the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games the UIPM became aware that submitting its program proposal for the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games to the IOC (due on 24 November 2021) including riding as 5th discipline, would seriously endanger UIPM’s spot in the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Program. Therefore, the UIPM Executive Board met in an extraordinary meeting to analyse the situation.

The discussions within the Board highlighted that the place in the Olympic Program is of utmost importance for the UIPM and all future athletes also considering the history of Modern Pentathlon. To secure this spot and under the given circumstances of the IOC’s time limit, the UIPM EB had to deliberate taking the drastic decision to purpose to the IOC a format for the 2028 Olympic Games in which riding would be replaced by a discipline to be determined by the UIPM Congress in consultation with the IOC at a later stage.

The UIPM EB unanimously approved the submission of a competition format to the IOC for the 2028 Olympic Games without riding and a replacing discipline to be determined upon approval by the UIPM Congress in collaboration with all stakeholders at a later stage. In addition, the EB unanimously approved to open the consultation process regarding the 5th discipline. The UIPM EB further unanimously approved that the EB was exercising its power according to article 13.2 of the UIPM Statutes.