

Athletes Committee Meeting Agenda

Nice, 31 January to 2 February 2025



ATHLETES COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

1. Opening & Welcome

- Sam welcomes all athletes, explaining how the meeting and the AC will work

2. Maxime introduction and 'helpful information'

- Max explained that as a coordinator, duty is to make sure the coordination between the AC and UIPM is efficient, to give the right information regarding budget, what is doable etc ...

3. Athlete Presentations

- Alida:
Coming from a country with little exposure to MP, athletes are reluctant to continuous changes, create a safe space for athletes, athletes/coaches relations, more awareness to safeguarding is needed (athletes, parents, different sex coaches)
Have top athletes promoting athletes' rights
Have an athlete's certification
- Danilo:
BRA programme to train & study in ITA. Also, ITA train swimmers from 6 to 9 years old and after they can choose if they go to MP.
Have continent movement for WCH organization (UIPM challengers circuit) and more events
Reduce the cost of competitions (mainly accommodation)
- Genevieve:
Improve UIPM / athletes' relationship, competitions have improved a lot, good coaching's needed in developing nations, mentoring programmes
- Ilia:
We don't have enough affordable competitions around the world, so it's complicated for NFs with financial issues, also a lack of coaches
proposes Group A WCH, Group B WCH (for developing nations)

4. Planning and Outlook for 2025-2028

- Sam made a presentation introducing the priorities, the timeline

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5. Establish Intent & Priorities of the Committee



6. Red-teaming planning

- Implementation of agreed priorities have been split by short term (2025/2026 in white) and long term (2027/2028 in black) as well as the impact on budget from low or not existent (green) to medium (orange) and high (red)

Competitions		
Reduce Cost	Support from President & EB to hold LOC's accountable	Hotel options
Different Locations	Increase local UIPM Challengers	Collaborate with Confederations
Improve Quality	Conduct Surveys (start in Cairo)	Incentive to fill in form
Quality Athletes	Continue investing in exchange programmes	Incentivise stronger nations

Health		
Safeguarding	Improve awareness of education of athlete rights	Education platforms and access
Injuries	Gather data to understand and inform	Data software
Empower medical team	Allow them to work with safe weather and concussion	
Basic rights	Adequate food, water and rest areas	Ensure LOC's provide them

Communication		
Athlete Network	Gather point of contacts	
Social Media	Enhance outreach and collaboration (OCR)	Some contracting cost
Change Website	Move and improve Athlete Committee website	Work with existing platform
Digital Congress	Yearly before EB & Townhalls	Digital

Celebrate Community		
Recognise Athletes	Retirement, performances & ID personalities	
Commissions	Include athlete subject knowledge in commissions	Travel
Athlete of the Month	Athletes vote for performances each month	Sponsors (Absolute Fencing)
Fair Play	Award more often	Sponsors

Financial		
Improve prize money	Given recent increase, wait and demonstrate commercial success	

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7. Establish Projects

a) Focus on committees to collaborate with

- Mainly the coaches, medical and technical committees

8. Action Plan

- It has been agreed that what could be already implemented (QR code for surveys for example) could be already implemented
- Other priorities will be implemented after a more complete study to achieve the different timelines described in point 6 in each main priority

9. Event Planning and Allocation

- Sam coordinated the action plan in terms of timeline but also who would be leading each measure, whom to contact or involve etc.

10. AOB

• UIPM President briefing, Yasser advice & Slava discussion

- Rob mentioned the possibilities and gave the advice to analyze the cost implication of the measures on the UIPM budget
- Yasser mentioned what had been accomplished during the past cycle by the AC, how the AC worked in junction with UIPM regarding crisis management for the new discipline
- Slava proposed a couple measures he has been already carrying with past cycle's AC