

Recently-elected UIPM President, Rob Stull, was joined by Secretary General Shiny Fang in chairing a collaborative Joint Committees Meeting in Nice (FRA) after four days of sessions including an Executive Board Meeting, an initial Joint Committees Meeting and individual Committee Meetings. Each Committee took to the floor to outline priorities for 2025–26.

The **Athletes Committee** presented clear short- and long-term goals focused on competition quality, athlete rights and welfare, improved communication and community recognition.

The **Coaches Committee** prioritised supporting the new rules, contributing to potential adjustments for 2026 Congress, expanding coach education and identifying training centres.

The **Technical Committee** emphasised clearer Technical Delegate guidelines, improved judging through technology, professionalised Obstacle draws and enhanced athlete identification on bibs.

The **Medical Committee** highlighted the need for structured injury data, improved reporting systems, injury-prevention education, anti-doping certification and stronger approaches to heat management and FOP access.

The **Business Affairs Committee** discussed branding, commercial strategy, athlete-focused media, esports development and a more robust event business model.

Open discussions covered appeals processes, VAR technology in Obstacle, safeguarding resources, Challenger-level events and ranking point considerations.

Key actions included developing MC/commentary talent, launching multilingual athlete surveys, refining athlete branding on clothing, reviewing medical protocols for extreme conditions, and initiating a formal investigation into glove use in Obstacle.

The meeting closed with consultation on the future frequency of Joint Meetings.