

Technical Committee Meeting Minutes

Nice, 1 February 2025



Present: UIPM President Rob Stull (RS)
UIPM Secretary General Shiny Fang (SF)
UIPM Technical Committee (TC) Chair Andrea Dell'Amore (AD)
UIPM Technical Committee Members : Changsik An (CA), Ali Assem (AA), Agnes Kulcsar (AK), Rui Lucena (RL), Ana Ruth Orellana (AO), Leonid Zimarev (LZ), Michele Di Berardino (MB), Corine Bouzou (CB), Edyta Maloszyc (EM), Sergio Salazar (SS), Rafael Acosta (RA), Zhenhua Qian (ZQ)

UIPM Staff: Tamas Varga (TV), Cristobal Rodriguez (CR), Tamer Samy (TS), Anfisa Kasyanova (AF)

The meeting started at 9:13 am

1. Opening by the TC Chairman (Chair)

The Chair welcomed all members, expressing his satisfaction with the formation of the committee. He emphasized his commitment to a participative leadership approach, prioritizing the best interests of the sport. Additionally, the Chair stressed the importance of team building and collaboration among all stakeholders, highlighting that a united effort is essential for the growth of the sport.

2. UIPM President's and/or Secretary's welcome

RS and SF welcomed the TC members and highlighted some priorities to be focused on like, 'athletes first', important preparations of the reformed MP for LA28, permanent contact within the TC, 'one for all, all for one'.

3. Introduction of the TC Members (All)

TC members introduced themselves and shared their vision for contributing to the committee.

4. Vision for LA28 cycle by the TC Chair

AD briefed the committee members about his vision to build up a well-collaborating group of international experts in the TC, creating a path for UIPM International Judges to become Elite UIPM IJs to perform in LA28. Key point for the TC members to act as independent professionals who teach and support the athletes rather than penalize them at the international events. Clear definition was presented by AD, what a TD must do before, during and after the competitions. AD emphasized, that more international judges are needed to raise the level of competitions, with better monitoring, which could then be filtered down to raise standards for national judges. They also spoke about TD behaviours, how to interact with all stakeholders, concluding that it was fundamental to achieve mutual respect.

5. TDs' reports from 2024 – presented by TC members

Returning members from the previous mandate provided an overview of the past year's activities and shared the annual report with the rest of the committee.

6. Rules update – presented by the TC Chair

AD delivered a comprehensive presentation outlining all the rule changes, with a particular focus on the Fencing, Swimming, and Laser Run disciplines. He provided detailed explanations of the key modifications, ensuring that all members fully understood their implications. Additionally, AD addressed potential challenges that might arise from these changes and encouraged an open discussion among the committee members to clarify any doubts and explore possible strategies for smooth implementation.

7. Obstacle Course outlook (Cristobal Rodriguez)

CR gave an extensive overview of the updated rules for the Obstacle, outlining the main adjustments for the upcoming season. He focused on key areas such as safety protocols, modifications in course layouts, and refined judging criteria to enhance fairness and consistency in competitions. Emphasizing the reasoning behind these updates, CR highlighted their expected impact.

8. Integration of obstacle discipline into Masters' Competitions/Rules (Anfisa Kasyanova)

AK provided a presentation on the rule proposals for the Obstacle in the Master's age groups. She outlined the key proposals put forward by the Masters Committee, explaining their objectives and the potential constraints for athletes in these categories. AK emphasized the importance of adapting the regulations to ensure accessibility, and competitiveness while considering the specific needs of Masters athletes. After presenting the suggested changes, she opened the floor for discussion, encouraging TC members to share their insights and explore the best approaches for implementing the updates effectively.

9. Timing & Scoring overview (Tamer Samy)

TS delivered a detailed presentation on the technology set to be implemented in the new cycle, with a particular focus on the Timing & Scoring systems and the result management flow. He provided an overview of the key technological advancements, highlighting how they aim to improve accuracy and efficiency in competition operations.

10. Obstacle Laser Run (Cristóbal Rodríguez)

CR introduced the new discipline, Obstacle Laser Run, providing a detailed explanation of its competition format, rules, and upcoming events. He outlined the structure of the discipline, emphasizing the key regulations, including courses design, scoring methods, and athlete requirements. Additionally, he highlighted the timeline of upcoming events where the new format will be implemented.

11. Calendar 2025 and TDs' & IJs' assignment – presented by the TC Chair

AD presented the UIPM 2025 Competition Calendar and introduced draft TDs' assignment plan. After some discussion based on personal requests some changes have been implemented the assignment plan has been finalized.

12. Any other business

Free talk about special cases happened at the different competitions in the past years and possible scenarios presented to solve the difficult, unprecedented cases.

Closing words of AD.

The meeting closed at 6:27 pm