



**Clarifications 2018/1**

# Technical Newsletter

## Dear Member Federations, Coaches and Athletes

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**In addition to updated UIPM competition Rules & Regulations 2018, we would like to give clarification and more detailed information about amendments on certain topics and respective rules. All clarifications and amendments have been discussed and approved by the UIPM Congress and recent Technical Committee meeting.**

## 1

### Rules & Regulation 2018, major changes and updates

Existing Rules & Regulations have been clarified in several areas with some changes or additions for the following paragraphs:

- 1.18.5 Team Classification in an Individual Competition
- 1.20 World Records validation
- 1.21.6/7 Coaching Zone
- 1.22. and 5.7 Clothing
- 1.23.7 Elimination and Disqualification (EL, DNF, DNS, DSQ, DQB)
- 4.4.2 and 4.4.8 termination/ elimination of riding
- Swimming pool sizes official UIPM competitions
- Biathle/ Triathle Rule changes

Please visit UIPM website for exact wording of respective paragraphs  
<http://www.uipmworld.org/uipm-rules-and-regulations>

## 2

### Fencing

#### Safety Regulations, Masks

Masks: On several occasions masks have fallen off athletes' heads during bouts. Technical solutions and specifications have been established. FIE is going to introduce the new system, where the mask must contain two different safety systems at the rear of the mask, with the two ends of the straps of the systems firmly affixed to the two sides of the mask during 2018.

**The schedule for the replacement process for UIPM competitions will be proposed in detail at the 2018 congress for adopting UIPM regulations 2019.**

## 3

### Riding

#### Riding ability of athletes

Following the announcement in 2017 UIPM Technical Delegates have stopped athletes with non-satisfying riding abilities or those who put themselves and/ or their horse in dangerous situations. As a result, UIPM issued warning letters and suspension if reoccurring.

In order to improve the situation, further measurements and decisions were taken. **Based on the new Rules an athlete can be stopped at any time during the warm up or during the course.** The Technical Committee decided to enforce those rules very strictly at all level of competitions in 2018.

#### 4.4.2

A pentathlete can be eliminated by the Technical Delegate or Riding Director with agreement of Technical Delegate if the pentathlete is unable to control the horse, shows dangerous riding or non-sufficient riding ability.

#### 4.4.8

The Jury and the Technical Delegate acting together have the right to eliminate the pentathlete, if he (and/or the horse) is unable to perform the course, is unable to control the horse, shows dangerous riding or non-sufficient riding ability.

Further the already started processes will continue to address main concerns, such as:

- Riding ability of certain athletes not being good enough
- Level/ suitability of provided and selected horses
- Increase level of course design to test riders
- Public perception of MP Riding regarding animal welfare

Athletes with showing non-sufficient riding abilities will be reported.

NFs have to:

- Upload riding certificate mandatory if applying for UIPM license incl. riding
- Providing video footage and proof of ability for athletes having received a warning or faced temporary suspension. A revalidation can be considered after period of training and showing necessary progress.

**National Federations and coaches are reminded to take their responsibility serious. It is necessary to invest sufficiently in athletes riding education and training. Further it is important that nations only have athletes competing at higher level competitions with the necessary riding ability and not to put their athletes at risk at any point.**

## 4

### Laser-Run

The below rules clarification regarding starting the running leg too early has been written into the rules, after being introduced during 2017 season.

#### Reminder starting too early

Starting the running leg before the shooting time has expired without having successfully completed the shooting series ("5 green lights") will be penalised as following (Rule 5.6.2 and 5.6.3):

- 4 green lights → **Elimination** (amendment to current rule, UIPM TC decision)
- 3 (or less) green lights → **Disqualification** (considered as blatant attempt to start too early)

#### Reminder Pistol/ Equipment

By using UIPM homologated targets (standard 2016 for LPT or HTM) and new pistol models (or updated older versions) the overall situation improved again. Main issues occasionally faced: Service management of products. **Athletes are reminded to have not only a laser pistol of good quality, but a pistol in good condition and well serviced/ updated (laser power, beam size and intensity profile)** – in close contact with providers - and according to current rules. **Any pistol not having been updated since 2015 should be checked by the respective provider.**

## 5

### Clothing

Athletes and teams should pay attention to the following rules:

#### General clothing (Rule 1.22.2)

- Pentathletes must wear clothing and equipment as specified in the Rules for each event.
- Officials must be dressed properly, at a minimum by the National Federation's tracksuit.
- No pentathlete is allowed to compete with dirty clothing or with a mark, flag, emblem, country or city name that belongs to a NF other than the NF of the pentathlete.
- Pentathletes or officials dressed incorrectly are liable to a penalty or disciplinary measures.
- NFs shall submit details, including a picture, of their kit (National Uniform) for the forthcoming year to the UIPM before the first World Cup in each year and commit to use their team uniform (for athletes and coaches) accordingly throughout the FOP and in any Zone for Coaches.

## Running clothing (Rule 5.7.i)

*A pentathlete must wear athletic clothing. In category A competitions, pentathletes from the same country must wear matching uniform.*

This means, the clothing must be of same brand, type and color. Running shorts/ tights must be of same color, but can differ slightly in style (e.g. women's/ men's).

## 6

### Introduction of new competition formats and categories

Based on UIPM Executive Board and Congress decision the following events will be introduced and held together:

- 2019 UIPM Senior WCH and Laser-Run WCH
- 2019 UIPM U19 and U17 WCH – but separate competitions for each category
- 2018 ECH U19 and U17
- U17 competitions will offer fencing in addition to swimming and Laser-Run in the future 2018 is a transition year and organisers are free to offer what they can.

## 7

### 2018 YOG Buenos Aires, ARG

Currently the YOG 2018 is going into its final stage, with U19 WCH, Continental Championships and YOGPWR qualification competitions. In 2018 U19 WCH and YOGPWR qualification competitions are “open” to all athletes. Continental Championships for U19 are “closed” competitions, meaning only athletes from the respective continents are allowed to compete. The qualification period will end on June 30, 2018. All relevant information can be found on the UIPM website <http://www.uipmworld.org/youth-olympic-games>

## 8

### Technical Officials

#### UIPM Judges Certification Programme (JCP)

UIPM successfully launched the new Judges Certification Program (JCP). The first courses have been conducted according to the new system and including the e-learning platform prior to the courses.

Currently UIPM is in a transition phase to certify not only new judges, but also to re-validate and migrate existing international judges to the new system. Along with this an assessment process of international judges will be introduced. The introduction of JCP and standardization will contribute to increased quality level of Technical Officials. More information is available on the UIPM website <http://education.uipmworld.org/dashboard/judges>

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### Coaches zone

#### Zone for Coaches

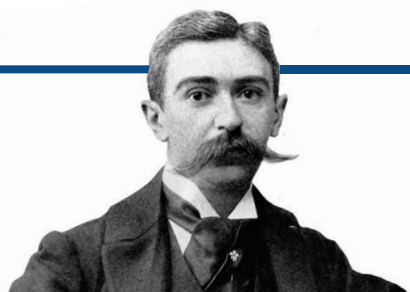
Based on UIPM Congress decision new regulations for coaches' zones and clothing have been added to the UIPM Rules.

#### 1.21.7 Zones for Coaches (ZFC)

- The Organising Committee may set up a ZFC or ZFCs, clearly marked as such, for any discipline adjacent to the FOP, and in the tribune.
- All coaches in the ZFC must wear national uniform according to Article 1.22.2:
- The number of coaches from any NF within a ZFC must not exceed the number pentathletes from that NF competing in the discipline in question.

Additional information is circulated in separate communication to NFs and coaches.

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