



Dear Athletes,

As your Athletes Committee we would like to give you a short and simple review of issues and topics which are discussed at UIPM level, that we believe are of importance to you. An athlete's representative has been present at all meetings held at board level (executive, technical and business affairs). If you would like to receive more detailed information or address further issues please contact us. The Athletes Committee's role is to present your interests and to address **your** concerns so your feedback is essential.

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MEDIA

Redesign of www.pentathlon.org – the current webpage has been redesigned and is suppose to be online by the end of March. One feature is the presentation of athletes' profiles consisting of pictures and short video streams. These profiles are supposed to be produced during the next competitions and it is essential that you try to support the UIPM office in the process of this production to help the future presentation of our sport.

UIPM will have TV production and internet live broadcast for all world cups, world cup final, world championships and additional selected competitions

UIPM will produce a media guide the same as last year's edition (presentation of rules and short profiles of top 20 athletes)

COMPETITIONS

- UIPM plans at least **one more world cup** to substitute Palm Springs and Moscow
- **World Championships** – it is planned that London will only host the mixed relay competition (1 female + 1 male athletes) , however this has not been confirmed by the UIPM Executive Board
- **new competition schedule for 2010** proposed by the UIPM business affairs committee (supported by athletes committee) to the executive board;
 - World cup series consisting of 4-5 world cups starting in March
 - All competitions in a one to two weeks rhythm
 - World cup final follows directly two weeks after the last WC
 - 4-6 weeks break for national and continental competition
 - Season finish with World Championships in August
 - Promotion competition in November / December

Reason for this – competition calendar does not work at the moment. TV coverage needs a short series of events to broadcast. Athletes lose interest in the world cup final at the end of the year, which should be a big competition



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PRIZE MONEY

Supported by the athletes committee the UIPM Executive Board decided to change the policy of prize money – World Championships will not be rewarded with prize money anymore, instead the prize money for the world cup final and PWR will be increased by the equal amount.

- **WORLD CUPS** (\$5,000 USD per gender)
(1.800, 1.200, 800, 500, 400, 300)
- **WORLD CUP FINAL** (\$25,000 USD per gender)
(6.500, 3.800, 2.500, 1.500, 1.300, 1.100, 1.000, 1.000, 900, 900, 800, 800, 700, 600, 400, 400, 400, 400)
- **PWR** (\$20,000 USD per gender)
(7.000, 5.000, 3.500, 2.500, 1.500)

EQUIPMENT

According to the last season the top 50 athletes of the PWR are eligible to receive six pair of new balance shoes. Only point of distribution for these in 2009 will be at World Championships in London.

NEW FORMAT

Based on your input the athletes committee has identified possible improvements to the technical commission:

- indication of shooting position (line, box,...) to prevent confusion of “early leaving”
- sidewalls as a protection for wind and to prevent interference between athletes
- clear definition of `loading`
- penalties for missed targets based on five shots (upgrade of shooting and better presentation to spectators). Penalties taken at position on range.
- permission of clips or magazines to reduce current situation of it just being a loading competition

RIDING

The athletes committee is investigating the possibility of international riding training camps. It is the hope that UIPM will be able to support this in some way. Riding facilities are being identified that will be ideal for pentathlon training. Good coaching and good horses are the priority. Once these have been identified the information will be available for where these facilities are and how much it will cost to use them.

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