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To: UIPM Member National Federations

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Modern Pentathlon and the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games

Dear National Federations of UIPM, dear friends!

We are thrilled to bring you news of exciting developments in relation to the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games (LA28).

Yesterday, October 16, the 141st IOC Session in Mumbai (IND) voted to approve the IOC Executive Board's recommendation that Modern Pentathlon be included in the LA28 sport programme, previously [announced](#) on 13 October.

It's official: our sport is alive within the Olympic movement!

By clicking [here](#) you can find a press release with statements from the UIPM President, 1st Vice President, Secretary General and Chair of the UIPM Athletes Committee. In addition, we write to you, the National Federations that form the backbone of our sport, directly today to make some very important points:

- **Without your support, we would not be here today.** By acknowledging that our sport was under threat and by participating in the New 5th Discipline consultation and then voting for change at the UIPM 2021 and 2022 Congresses, you enabled us to take the steps required to reform and rescue Modern Pentathlon. It was a **critical mission** and now that its success has been confirmed by the IOC Session, you should all be very proud of the role you played in this democratic process.
- Outside of those discussion forums, by **your actions on the ground** you have also demonstrated that you share our determination and passion to make sure Modern Pentathlon remains on the Olympic programme for the sake of future generations. Every contribution you have made towards the integration of Obstacle in national and international competitions in 2023 helped us to build a platform that showed clearly how this change can transform our sport and **attract more participants, viewers and fans**. For this we are grateful to all members of the Pentathlon community in your country – to all the athletes, coaches, administrators, partners and supporters whose passion fuels our movement.
- **So what now?** This is an important question, and we will be in touch very soon after fully digesting the feedback received from the IOC in respect of LA28.



- We can already assure you that we will remain fully focused on delivering the best possible Olympic Games event in Paris next year, especially for those athletes who have trained to ride for many years and who deserve their chance to have one more opportunity to demonstrate their athleticism in the *traditional* Modern Pentathlon.
- In the meantime, we will continue to develop the *new* Modern Pentathlon (**Fencing > Obstacle > Swimming > Laser Run**) so that the Obstacle discipline is ready for full implementation at senior level starting in 2025, and athletes can immerse themselves in the challenge of training and competing across a full four-year Olympic cycle.
- You may have read or heard the IOC state today that Modern Pentathlon's inclusion in LA28 is based on certain conditions, including adherence to a new **one-venue hosting model**. We can confirm that neither the IOC nor LA28 is willing to host a Fencing Ranking Round in a dedicated venue in Los Angeles. We appreciate this will require imaginative thinking, flexibility and more work regarding the fencing rules by a **dedicated fencing working group that will be discussed and appointed by UIPM Executive Board in soon future**, but once again, from all members of our community – we have always found solutions before and we will do so again.
- We appreciate that the transition has already created challenges and will continue to do so, but we are devoted to providing you with the best possible service at all levels.

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With our best personal greetings in this historic moment of celebration!

Sincerely yours,

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