

UNION INTERNATIONALE DE PENTATHLON MODERNE - UIPM



To UIPM National Federations

Cc: UIPM Executive Board / UIPM Technical Committee

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The aim of the Technical Newsletter is:

- 1) To inform all the NF's regarding the changes of the rules approved by the 2008 UIPM Antigua Congress
- 2) To inform Nations, Judges, Organisers, Coaches and Athletes regarding Technical aspects;
- 3) To clarify some aspects of the rules in order to the competition rules to be applied in all competitions the same way.
- 4) Create an easy communication system that underlines the important arguments to improve the technical aspects of our sport

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Since it is the first Newsletter of the new Olympic Cycle, and the combined event is official, this news letter is essential because it provides additional information as well as explanations of the new rules and on the 2010 Youth Olympic Games .

We encourage the Nations to distribute it to their Clubs, Judges and Coaches.

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Summary of the most important rule changes approved by 2008 UIPM Antigua Congress.

1. GENERAL ASPECTS main changes:

A: Two new A category competitions have been introduced:

1.7.1 i) Youth Olympic Games

A special section refers to this important competition

1.7.1. v) Champion of Champion

The Competition is created to have one more possibility to promote our high level athletes.

Competitors:

Eighteen (18) pentathletes per gender will be invited by the UIPM to compete in the Champion of Champions competition and they will be as follows:

- The 6 Continental Champions,
- The 3 medallists from the current year's World Senior Championships
- The top 3 pentathletes from the current year's World Cup Final
- The current Olympic Champion
- All the Senior World Champions of the Olympic period
- The current Junior World Champion
- 1 or 2 pentathletes from the host Nation if not already qualified
- If it is still necessary to reach the quota of 18 pentathletes, the best pentathletes from the PWR list dated 30 days before the competition will be invited. The "Champion of Champions" will conclude the 2009 competition season.

Organisers:

- Portugal has requested to organise this top level competition.

B: Europe Cup Circuit

The initiatives to start this circuit are:

- To motivate especially these athletes that end the junior category and still are not top athletes or members of their national team.
- To improve the Junior competitions calendar.

The **Europe Cup Circuit** is a **B category** circuit:

Three competitions need to be organised annually, for both:

1. Junior
2. under-23 year old

The Circuit will produce two sets of results:

1. Over all categories
2. Junior category

Organisers:

- Portugal at the moment is the only Nation that requested to organise this competition.
- Two (2) more organisers are needed to form the circuit

C: A new competition formula has been introduced:

1. Relay with 2 athletes
2. Mixed Relay

1.10.3 World Championships Relay with 2 competitors

- allows 20 teams to compete in a one-day format in each category (Senior, Junior, Youth A and B)
- The Relay competition is organised the day after the Individual World Championships.
- The teams include one male pentathlete and one female pentathlete from the same nation.
- Qualification is based on the results from the respective Individual World Championships.

The introduction of this new competition is important because:

- gives to the Nations that do not have no 3 strong athletes in each gender the chance to compete in a world and/or continental championship relay and also the chance to win a medal
- to provide one more medal in competitions
- to add more medals at the Olympic Games

This proposal was presented for the first time in 2006 UIPM Kyoto Congress

- The IOC doesn't want to increase the number of athletes that take part in the Olympic Games, therefore, a relay competition can be organised with a team of two athletes: Two man - two women or a team of one man and one woman. The athletes that will form the teams are the athletes participating in the individual competitions, this way the number of athletes will not increase just the number of Medals and the competition days
- By observing the list of participating nations in the Beijing Olympic Games we can observe that such a proposal could be implemented. In the Beijing Olympic Games we had:
 - 14 nations that qualified 2 men,
 - 13 nations that qualified 2 women, and
 - 17 nations that qualified one man and one woman
- To have the chance to include the relay at the Olympic Games Modern Pentathlon Competition Schedule, the organisers of the Continental, Regional and World Championships need to organise this formula starting from this year

D: World Championships for Youth A**Change in Fencing:**

When the total number of pentathletes exceeds 51 the athletes will be divided in two groups (not more than two pentathletes from the same nation in the same group is allowed). This proposal provides to all the athletes the possibility to compete in all events (the old rule included only the top 66)

1.13.2: the minimum of 3.500 point in order to take part in the Junior women world Championship, is introduced

1.15.3: to help the Competition Organisers some financial argument has been clarified:

- If on arrival for the competition, the team has fewer athletes and/or officials than listed on their Final Entry Form and without informing the Organising Nation/LOC at least 7 days prior to their arrival, the NF will pay a fine to the Organising Nation/LOC of 200 Euros for each person less.

1.17.9: to help the Competition Organisers to prepare all the start lists before the Technical Meeting it has been decided:

- A team unable to be present at the Technical Meeting must:
 - inform the LOC at least 24 hours in advance with the necessary data (name of the pentathlete, License ID number, results in swimming, start position in team, etc.)
 - organise that a delegate or an other nation or official to represent them
- Teams not represented at the TM will not be allowed to start the competition.

1.20.2 : has simplified the tie rules:

- If there is a tie in the total score or it is impossible to determine who crossed the finish line first, the winner is the pentathlete or team who has gained more first places in the five events.
- If there is still a tie, the pentathletes team with the fastest time, in the Combined event will be declared the winner.

World school Biathle:

Two changes has been introduced:

- a simple competition system
- a different system to create and manage the results.

2. FENCING main changes:

Changes are marked with bold:

2.5. In the Relay competition, the number of the bouts depends on the number of the teams.

See in the competition rules the appendix 2A part of the relay with 2 teams of 3 and 2 athletes

2.10.9 Crossing the limits of the piste

Stopping the bout :

When a pentathlete crosses one of the lateral boundaries of the piste with **one** or both feet, the Referee on the piste must immediately call "Halte" ("Stop").

2.12.3

A pentathlete while fencing, may be eliminated or disqualified from the competition according to Rule 2.14.4. if she/he commits:

- certain violent or vindictive actions against his/her Opponent, **Referee or Judge**
- or does not fence to his/her utmost ability
- profits from a fraudulent agreement with his/her opponent,

2.14: The following offences were part of the first group and are moved to the second group:

- Use a non-sword hand / arm
- Deliberate hit not on opponent

Proposal discussed:

The fencing ladder tournaments. The next Technical Newsletter will include a complete explanation of this proposal

3. SWIMMING main changes

3.4.3 clarification of specific rules:

- ii) The pentathlete is not allowed to leave the swimming line before the Referee's command.
- iii) As soon as the last heat is over, the Referee blows the whistle and the pentathletes must exit the pool. The Referee can then confirm that the competition is finished and gives permission for the pool to open to all pentathletes.

3.5.2 i) The point tables for men and women has been merged based on the point table for men

3.5.2 ii) iii) same rules are applied for Youth C, D, and E in this case the value of point for each 0,33 sec have been modified based on the specific competition distances: +/- 8 for 100 meters; +/- 12 for 50 meters

4. RIDING main changes

Changes and explanations are marked with bold:

The aim of the new rules is:

- 1) To assist the competition organisers on renting private horses**
- 2) To be transparent on the organisation of the event**
- 3) To simplify the rules and use a simple system to calculate the final riding point**
- 4) To reduce the dead times**

1) Assist the organisers to rent private horses:

4.2.14

- Give more tasks to the veterinary
- Elimination of the water Jump

The following two arguments are strongly supported by the Technical Committee and will be discussed on the next Executive Board meeting, comments on these proposal are welcomed:

- **Give the authority to the riding main Judge and Technical Delegate to stop the competition if the pentathlete or the horse are unable to perform the course**
- **Apply the riding termination after 6 global refusals**

2) Be transparent on the organisation of the event

4.1.3 the height of the course obstacles must be accordance to the level of the horses

4.3.4 iv) Introduction of the horse passport:

At the Olympic Games and the World Championships the UIPM TDs must receive the passports or blue books of all the horses presented at the jumping test.

4.2.15 have a designated and clear mounting area and a reserve horse area near the warming up arena

i) A special horse distribution area must be organised by the LOC from which the athletes have to collect the prepared and ready to be mounted horses

ii) At least the first 3 horses to be mounted must be present.

4.2.16 have a designated area for the reserve horses:

The reserve horses must be available in a prescribed area ready to be mounted by the athletes

4.4.2 The horse equipment during competition must be of the same kind with the equipment used in the jumping test, especially the martingale and mouth piece. Fix martingales are forbidden in all cases

4.6.5 i) ii) Introduction of the saluting area

A Saluting Area must be clearly marked in the arena, by flowers, plants, flags, barriers or other marking system. The pentathlete enters the arena and must go immediately and directly to the Saluting Area and greet the Referee. **If not 40 penalty points will be given**

3) Simplify the rules and use a simple system to follow the competition and to calculate the riding points

4.8.5 Timing in Individual and Relay competitions,

The time limit is **the double of the time allowed** (see Rule article 4.8.3)
(The time that used was time allowed + 75)

4.9 Infringement and penalties

In the Individual competition, as well as in Relay of 2 athletes with 2 horses per team and Relay of 3 athletes with one horse per team, pentathletes will be penalised by deduction of

ii) 20 points for each obstacle (element) knocked down while jumping; (used to be 28 points)

iii) 40 points for each time of disobedience, for each forbidden attempt of jumping the same obstacle, and **in the case of not going immediately and directly to the saluting area;**

iv) **60 points for the fall of the athlete** (used to be 40 points) if the horse or both, the athlete and the horse fall, for each disobedience leading to the knocking down of an obstacle (single, double, triple), a flag defining an obstacle, the limits of the starting line or of a compulsory turning point.

4.9.7 vi) a new case of 100-point deduction is added:

Exiting the arena dismounted, this rule does not apply in cases where the pentathlete or horse is injured.

4.9.7 iv) is better specified: “the unauthorised assistance is written: “all unauthorised assistance **including physical help and verbal guidance**”

4.9.8 ii) iii) A deduction of 200 points will be made for:

- Starting before the signal is given and/or jumping an obstacle before the start of the round
- Jumping the first obstacle of a competition without having crossed the starting line. When doing this mistake the riding referee must apply the following procedure: The Referee must ring the bell to stop the pentathlete, the pentathlete must return to the start, the bell will be rung again and the pentathlete is allowed to restart. (with 200 penalty points)
- In case of a mistake (knock down, refusal, refusal and knock down) on a jumped obstacle, this mistake does not count.
- In case of a fall of the pentathlete or the horse, the fall will be counted as a mistake and will be penalised.

4.9.9 Riding termination is also applied when:

- i) a pentathlete and/or horse leave the arena before the end of the round
- ii) a pentathlete or horse are unable to continue the course
- iii) a second fall from the horse
- iv) retiring from the competition during the ride
- v) exceeding the time limit.

vi) not following the plan of the course; not jumping in prescribed order or

omitting to jump an obstacle;

vii) Jumping an obstacle outside the course;

viii) jumping an obstacle in the wrong direction;

ix) after a refusal, run-out or fall not attempting to jump an obstacle or all the elements of a combination the second time before attempting the next one;

x) not crossing the finish line mounted before leaving the arena.

4.10 An easy system to calculate riding termination has been formatted for scoring:

- In case the Riding Event is terminated, the pentathlete will earn 1200 points less:
 - deduction all of the previous mistakes on the course
 - deduction of the time penalties, if any
 - deduction of 100 point for each obstacle that was not jumped

4) Reduce the dead time and give more interest to the competition

4.5.5 Top athletes participating in the second round:

With a competition of 2 rounds the top 50% pentathletes after two events will ride on the second round, with 3 rounds the top 33% in the third round, with 4 rounds the top 25% in the fourth round.

4.3.4 xi) In “A” Category competitions there will not be any “walking through the course” immediately before the drawing (save 20 minutes) but

ix) Pentathletes and team representatives are shown the course on foot before the competition. The course will be open 45mins at the time of the inspection of the horses after the TD/NTO approval of the course.

x) In addition, pentathletes and team representatives are given 20mins to inspect the course at any time during the competition programme according to the organiser’s schedule.

4.5.6 New system on horses drawing (save 20 minutes)

After Fencing and Swimming pentathlete N°1, the leader after two events, will draw his/her horse. All horses are numbered and on the basis of this draw all the horses will be automatically distributed to all the other pentathletes.

For example: the leading pentathlete draws horse number 6 then the second ranked pentathlete will ride horse number 7 and so on.

Using this system it is possible to start the competition with the last placed pentathlete and finish the riding competition with the pentathlete in first place after two events. Instead of the complete drawing in the riding arena there will be a presentation to the spectators of the pentathletes and horses.

As soon as the first pair has been presented, pentathletes rank 1-19, the second pair to be presented must be 36-18 after that, the athlete in last place (first athlete to the start) goes immediately to the warming up arena for the 20 minutes warming up.

In the meantime the presentation of the pentathletes and horses continues and as soon as the presentation of all the pentathletes and the horses is finished the first rider is ready to start the riding course.

Other specifications:

In case of an uneven number of athletes registered to compete, for example 35 athletes, the first series will be with one more athlete, as stated in the old rules

1st 35
2nd 34 + 17.....
17th 20 + 2
18th 18 + 1

Issues to be discussed, please, feel free to make comments on:

- Creating a common system between the Nations to provide the riding permission to the athletes.
- Creating specific riding training camps in order to give the athletes the possibility to improve their riding and combined event abilities (All the Nations who wish to collaborate on this project are welcomed)

5. COMBINED EVENT

The combined event rules, along with the others event rules, have been published on the UIPM web site since January 2009

In this newsletter the global concept of the new competition formula is presented and below the frequently asked questions by the Nations are answered.

The global concept of the new competition formula

The new global formula is not only the combined event.

- In A category competitions it is necessary to create a "Pentathlon Stadium" (a specific Competition area) where the spectators can watch the last 3 pentathlon events (riding and Combined event) without moving, and the Media and T.V. broadcasters can follow the 3 events more successfully.
- With the new approved riding rules having the Top 18 athletes in the 2nd round, it will be possible to show 3 superb pentathlon events in 1 hour and 35 minutes.
- Reducing the competition time and grouping more events in one field of play, opens the possibility to have more TV interest and get more Sponsors. Media expert explain that 1 hour and half is the maximal time to show a single event

without losing the TV viewer (and 1 hour and half is the exactly time of the last 3 pentathlon events in the Pentathlon Stadium)

To complete the global concept:

- Electronic targets with visible lamps are compulsory. With the new shooting system spectators and media can follow the shooting competition, and enjoy in real time each positive shot
- To guarantee a high technical level, shooting ranges must be constructed in to be able to protect the athletes from any adverse weather conditions
- A professional Commentator is compulsory. Only by explaining what is happening on the field of play the right atmosphere and interest to the event can be created
- The maximum effort to promote the competitions: for spectators, sponsors, media, T.V., Web, must be provided by the Organizers and the UIPM

With this new global concept:

- We create a more exiting and interesting competition
- During the Combined Event (Running/Shooting) the final result can change at any moment
- The qualification competition for the final becomes very interesting,
- The competition time is reduced without interfering with the athletes' preparation and warm up.
- A real possibility to watch and simultaneously understand what is happening is provided to Spectators (falling targets or lights on electronic targets allow those who are not experts to understand immediately if the shot was good or not).
- "Combined Handicap Start" means that every one can follow the leader
- With the new format spectators of any age, that are not directly involved with the sport, will be able to follow the competition and are able to understand the progress at any time and of course share the excitement of the final and follow the winner!
- Spectators are able to understand the fantastic and different but integrated capacity of the Pentathletes.
- The rules are simplified
- A possibility is given to young athletes (especially girls) to get involved with Modern Pentathlon

Information:

We inform you that that the new **Competitions Rulebook** is printed. All National Federations will receive a free copy. To order a copy please, contact the UIPM Headquarters
uipm@pentathlon.org

16. QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Since the Combined Event is official and new rules are applied, many questions arise. Following the most frequent questions are answered:

1. The combined event rule 5.1.1:

5.1.1 Individual competition

The Men and Women competition for Senior, Junior and Youth A consists of:

Handicap start, approx. 20m run, 5 Targets down (time limit 1'10"); 1000m run; 5 Targets down (time limit 1'10"); 1000m run, 5 Targets down (time limit 1'10"); 1000m run.

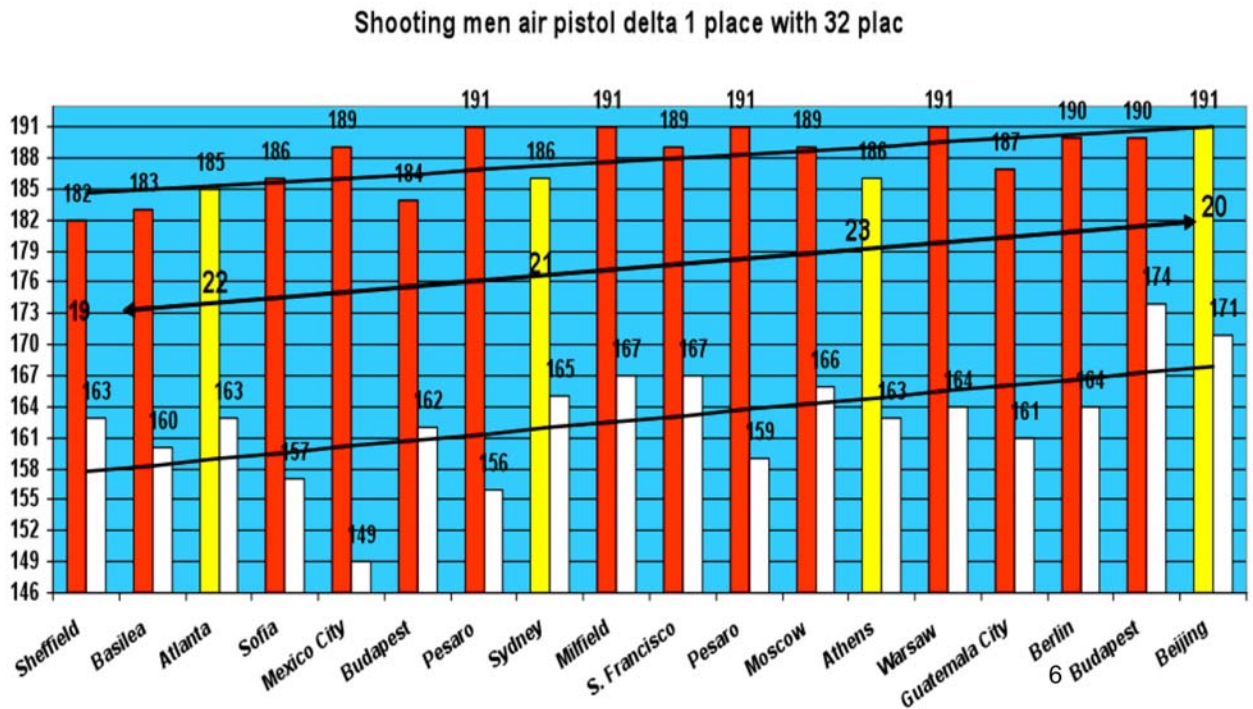
Youth B, Boys and Girls competition consists of:

Handicap start, approx 20m run, 5 Targets down (time limit 1'10"); 1000m run; 5 Targets down (time limit 1'10"); 1000m run.

- The same competition formula is applied for men, women, for Senior/Junior and Youth A
 - For Youth B, Boys and Girls competition consists of:
 - Handicap start, approx 20m run
 - 5 Targets down (time limit 1'10"); 1000m run
 - Targets down (time limit 1'10"); 1000m run.
 - The shooting main rule:
 - Shooting consists of hitting all five targets with an unlimited number of shots but in a time limit of 1 minute and 10 seconds for each series
- 2. Comment received on the combined event shooting competition:**
- a. Athletes that after 1'10" hit 4 targets and the athlete that in 1'10" hit, for example, only 2 targets cannot be considered same level athletes. This system doesn't help good shooters.

Answer on above comment: Following the UIPM Sport Director's study on balancing the new and the old formula, the below template describes:

The graphic show the men shooting results in all the world championship and Olympic games from 1994 Sheffield when the air pistol was used for the first time till the 2008 Olympic Games. In red the results of the competition winner in white the result of the last classified athletes, in yellow the Olympic games results. Is clearly demonstrate that the difference between the best and the worst shooters in all this 15 Years was 20 target points, that means 240 MP points, that means 1 minute in running



The graphic for the women competition show absolutely the same delta.

On the basis of our tests in competition and training sessions, a time of 30/35 seconds is a good time to hit all the five targets. That means that with the new rules a good shooter has more possibilities to win in respect with the worst shooters.

In practice:

Best shooters 30" worst shooters 1'10" difference 40 seconds each series, multiplied by 3 series means that the best shooters can win in respect to the worst shooters 2' minutes, exactly the double than before.

Proposal: If Nations wish, they can test at National and Youth B Competitions either of the following two(2) systems:

1. Apply a penalty time of 5" for each target missed after the 1. 10" time limit
2. Enlarge the shooting time to 1.30"

After having tested this system on the national and youth competitions, during the 2009 UIPM Congress a motion to change the rules for the youth categories could be presented, if necessary.

16. Comment:

- The Same Senior point table will be used also for youth B

Answer

- Please, find bellow the reasons this decision was based:
 - 1) Attention must be given to the beginner athletes in running and shooting
 - 2) It is more simple to use only one points table for all

3) More important is to count each second difference and not the to reach the time for the 2000 points

* This could be another motion for 2009 congress, for example 10.00 minute = 2000 points +/- 4

16. Great attention must be taken to the safety rules:

The following rule is important in order to protect the competitors, organisers and spectators. Please inform all coaches and athletes:

5.1.2 A pentathlete is **eliminated** for: Dry fire and aiming exercises with pistol during the preparation period

16. . Question: Why is a “Last penalty stop area” used?

Answer: Using the handicap start, the first athlete to cross the finish line is the competition Winner. In order to avoid having wrong competition results a Last Penalty Stop Area is used, for athletes to pay penalties that cannot be paid on the shooting line.

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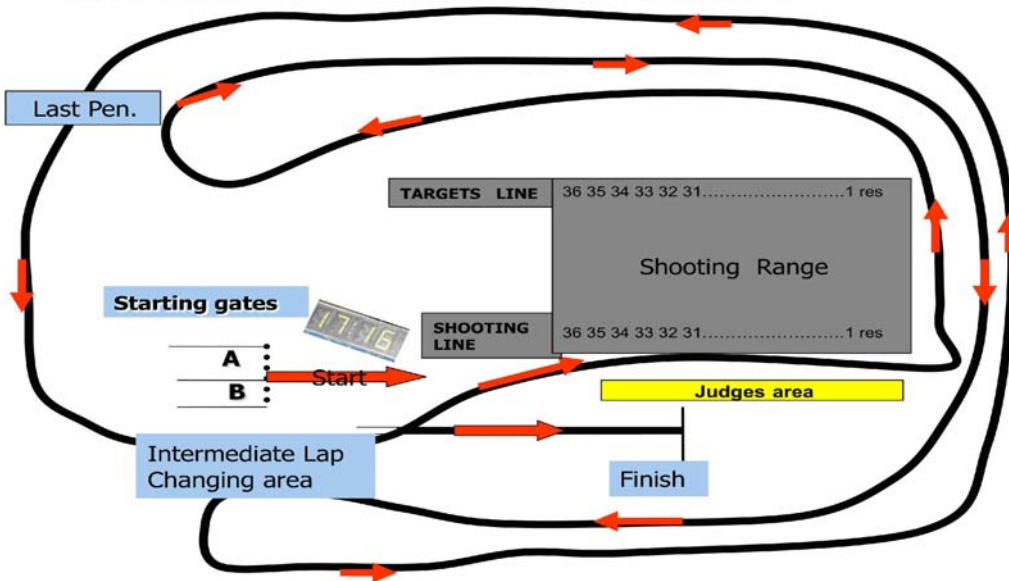
- o not placing the pistol safely on the table after the last series
- o to pay penalty accumulated before the start
- o Penalties for incorrect clothing
- o Not using correctly the start number (bib)
- o For a false start

Important notice: The Combined Event Authorities must inform the Pentathletes in case they have to use the Last Penalty Stop Area for any penalties

- A pentathlete is eliminated for not stopping at the last stop penalty area when instructed by an official

16. The combined event course – one example

COMBINED EVENT - The Course



Comments on the Combined Event Course:

It will be necessary to study an optimal combined event course in order:

- for the spectators and media to better follow the competition
- encourage the organiser to built part of the course outside the stadium
- avoid bend and zig zag course on the stadium try to use the example course (picture above)
- A standard combined event running course will be designed by the Technical Committee

16. Question: What happens with the team results in case of one lapped athlete?

Answer: It is very important to understand that the lapped rules must be used ONLY at the FINALS of Senior and at A category Competitions (The “lapped rules” MUST NOT be applied during qualifications)

In case of team results the lapped athletes receive the points from the 3 events results (fencing + swimming + riding) in the final.

Results cannot be carried over from the qualifications.

As stated in the old rule, the priority on preparing the team results for the Final, is given to the Nations which have 3 athletes qualified in the final.

16. Penalties given on the shooting line



9. Question: When is the best time to organise the Equipment Controls

5.6. The equipment inspections must be organised after the start of the riding event or after the second event in case of semi finals. Pistols can be controlled the day before. In this case the pistols will be kept by the organiser (LOC) or must remain sealed until warm-up.

16. . Question: If mechanical targets are used, when are the athletes allowed to reset the targets?

Answer: When they come back

16. Question: If mechanical targets are used when does the 1'10 start?

Answer: The answer is stated in the rule 5.2.5 vii) The Shooting Judge will Start the chronometer when the pentathlete touches the pistol, informing the pentathlete 10 seconds before the 1'10" time limit expires, and gives the signal to 'GO' to the pentathlete when the 1'10" time limit has expired in case the pentathlete has not hit all 5 targets.

16. Question: What happens if the pistol brakes down – does not work?

Answer: A reserve pistol can be used. The reserved pistol must be previously controlled and approved by the Equipment Control

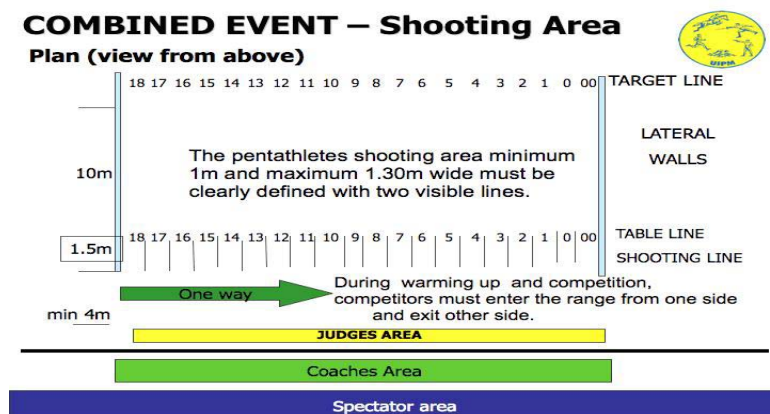
13. Question: Is there a trigger test after the combined event?

Answer: The trigger test is implemented only before the competition

16. Question: Can coaches assist their athletes during warming up?

Answer: Yes, but only on the special marked area. In the picture you can see the coaches area during the warm up (behind the judges position)

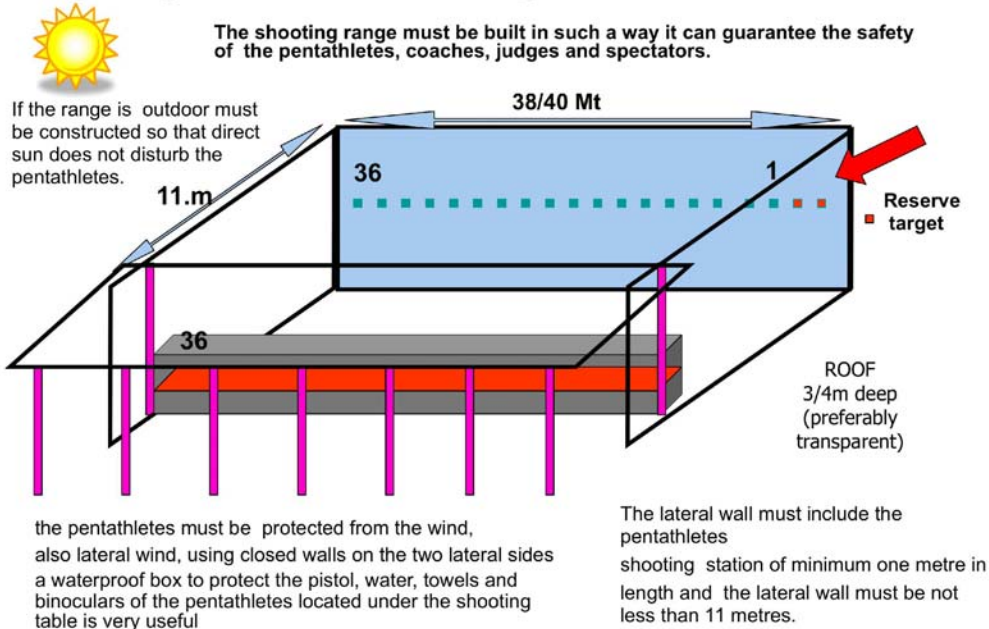
15 . Notice: The shooting range has a one way direction: There is one direction when walking in the shooting range (one entrance – one exit). This is a safety rule to avoid crashes between athletes during warm up. Please, see bellow the shooting range drawing:



16. Question: Are there guidelines how to build the shooting range?

Answer: The requirements are clearly indicated in the rule 5.16 which refers to the following Picture:

Range requirements – Shooting Stand



7. 2010 YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES

Singapore will host the First Youth Olympic Games that will take place from 15 to 26 August 2010. The competition dates for pentathlon are 22 -25 August.

1. Youth Olympic Games Competition Format:

- The Competition Schedule of Modern Pentathlon at the Youth Olympic Games will include the following three events:
 - Girls' Individual
 - Boys' Individual
 - Mixed Relay
- Each event consists of four Modern Pentathlon disciplines: fencing, swimming and combined (running/shooting)
- The events are organised all in one-day
- Modern Pentathlon in the Youth Olympic Games will have the following Schedule:
 - 22 August: Girls individual events
 - 23 August: Boys individual events
 - 24 August: Rest day – training Education activities
 - 25 August: Mixed Relay

2. Individual Events: All Modern Pentathlon events in the Youth Olympic Games will be implemented according to the UIPM rules. The Competition Venues are all located next to each other within a school complex.

- **Fencing:**
 - 6 pistes will be available (+ 1 reserve piste)
- **Swimming:**
 - A 50m outdoor swimming pool with 8 lanes will be used
 - Athletes will be seeded into one of three heats according to their personal best time (achieved in the last 12 months)
- **Combined Event (running - shooting):**
 - ❖ Laser pistols and electronic targets will be used in shooting.

3. Relay Event (team of 2 pentathletes):

- Relay with 2 competitors allows up to 24 relay teams to compete in a one-day format
- Athletes that will compete in the individual competition will take part also in the Relay Event.
- A relay team consists of one girl and one boy
- The teams will be set by a draw during the Relay Technical meeting. If there will be a different number of girls and boys, the number of girls or boys will be trimmed by pre-draw.
- Specifications for the events:

- ❖ **Fencing:**

- Each relay team will fence against all the other relay teams. In a match a girl will fence against the other girl and boy against the other boy
- Each athlete will fence with an opponent in two separate bouts
- All relay teams will be grouped in fencing pairs (2 relay teams in a pair)
- The draw of the fencing pairs and the assignment of the pistes for Mixed Relay will be made by the Event Delegate after the Technical Meeting for the relay event
- The fencing pairs will be placed on the six (6) pistes plus the one reserve piste.

- ❖ **Swimming:**

- The swimming event is freestyle 2 x 100 metres relay race
- The girls start first
- Teams will be seeded into one of three heats according to the sum of their two personal best times achieved by each athlete in the last 12 months in 100m freestyle.

- ❖ **Combined Event (running - shooting)**

- The course for each pentathletes is:
 - approx. 20m run;
 - 5 Targets down (time limit seventy (70) seconds)
 - 1000m run
 - 5 Targets down (time limit seventy (70) seconds)
 - 1000m run
- The girls start first
- Laser pistols and electronic targets will be used in the shooting event

4. Qualification System

- Athletes born between 1 January 1992 and the 31 December 1993 can participate
- 24 boys and 24 girls will take place in the individual competitions
- Maximum of one (1) male athlete and one (1) female athlete per NOC will be admitted.

- The 24 places will be distributed in this way: 17 places by Qualification Competitions:
 - **Continental Qualification Championships** that need to be organised in 2009, will give **9 places**:
The place between the Continents will be distributed as follows
Asia 2 first placed athletes coming from different NCOs
Africa 1st placed athlete
Europe 3 first placed athletes coming from different NCOs
Americas 2 first placed athletes coming from different NOCs
Oceania 1st placed athlete
 - **World Championships** that need to be organised in 2010 (as scheduled from 22 to 25 April in Uppsala - Sweden) will give **8 Places**
 - **NOC Universality places** will give **6 Places**
 - **Host country, 1 Place** for each gender

- **Important Notice on the Qualification System:**
 - It is obligatory for the Continental Confederations to organise within 2009, special Continental Qualification Competitions for athletes born in 92 and 93 (as stated in the IOC qualification system above). Therefore, the athletes that are in the first year of youth A and athletes in the last year of youth B, (according to our Rules) have the right to participate in the above mentioned Continental Qualification Competitions.
 - The 2010 Youth A World Championships in Uppsala, Sweden will be organised for Youth A according to UIPM rules
 - Continental Confederations (except Africa for which the competition is within the official calendar) need to decide on the dates and the Location of these Continental Qualification Competitions

5. Important Information

- **Reallocation of unused quota places**

CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Any quota positions allocated through Continental Championships are not taken up by the continent, will be allocated to the highest placed athlete/NOC at the respective event.

OTHER PLACES

Any other unused quota will be reallocated to the next placed athlete/NOC from the 2010 World Youth A Championships, not already qualified.

6. The next Technical News Letter will provide information on:

- the Combined event
- the reports after the three first international competitions
- testing the ladder Tournaments in Fencing,
- International Judges Licences
- the e learning - Judges seminar project

- Cooperation with coaches
- the Laser pistol

With my best personal regards, on behalf of all the Technical Committee Members

Yours Sincerely,

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