



## Pentathlon Canada Officiating Pathway

The following document presents the officiating pathway for Pentathlon Canada officiating. Pentathlon is composed of 5 disciplines: running, swimming, shooting, fencing and horseback riding (jumping). Because of the many disciplines, competitions often have several different officials that are certified in one or more discipline.

All levels of Pentathlon competition (from club to Olympic level) use the Union Internationale de Pentathlon Moderne (UIPM) Rulebook. The UIPM has a Technical Committee that oversees revisions to the rulebook and brings rule changes forward for approval by National Federations at the Yearly AGM Congress. Canada participates in this process through Pentathlon Canada.

In 2014 in preparation for the 2015 PanAm Games, a UIPM Certified Master Trainer was brought to Canada to train 15 Officials. Two officials were trained as Overseeing Officials (trained to oversee all 5 disciplines) and the remaining 13 were trained in specific disciplines. These officials are now trained to train officials provincially.

As the discipline of fencing is more technical, Pentathlon works closely with the Canadian Fencing Federation to use their trained officials. It is common to use officials trained with other sports such as Swimming Canada or Equestrian Canada where needed. These officials are then trained on Pentathlon specific rules by the Overseeing Officials of the competition. Typically Pentathlon trained UIPM officials oversee the riding, shooting and running competitions as well as swimming if a Swimming Canada official is not present.

