

World Obstacle 11th Congress: UIPM Integration Vote

The World Obstacle Congress recognises the importance of a transparent and collaborative integration process between UIPM and World Obstacle. As part of this effort, World Obstacle proposes the establishment of standing committees within UIPM (Figure 1 illustrates the organisational structure) to represent and manage the various sports under its governance, ensuring that each sport retains its autonomy while working within the UIPM structure.

The standing committees would include, but not be limited to:

1. Obstacle Course Racing (OCR) Standing Committee
2. Ninja Standing Committee
3. Additional Standing Committees for other sports that meet established criteria for global representation. For example inclusion on all sports continents and at least 50 national associations governing and running the sport.

Each standing committee will be governed by terms of reference formally embedded in the UIPM statutes. There may also be other emerging sports (e.g. adventuring racing and calisthenics), these will be represented by Committees, rather than Standing Committees until they meet the established criteria for global representation.

World Obstacle further proposes that this structure be directly linked to Executive Board representation, implemented in two stages:

- Stage 1: Immediate inclusion of one person to represent obstacle sports on the UIPM Executive Board, ensuring direct input from non-pentathlon disciplines from the outset of integration.
- Stage 2: Once the agreed statutes for global representation and governance are met, each sporting discipline will have the right to nominate a representative to the appropriate body within UIPM. This will ensure that the interests and needs of each sport are effectively communicated at the highest level of governance within UIPM, with decisions shaped by input from their respective standing committees.

The World Obstacle Congress therefore proposes to vote on the phased approach to establish this standing committee structure, alongside

Executive Board and independent sport representation, as the foundational step in the integration process. This vote will not confirm the full integration of World Obstacle into UIPM, but rather, if UIPM moves towards this model, it will represent a significant step toward integration.

National Federations will support integration if an agreed structure is implemented alongside other requirements, with a final vote on dissolution to be taken by World Obstacle once these conditions are met.

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