

12 JAN 2026

UIPM / WORLD OBSTACLE JOINT STATEMENT



Ever since the UIPM Obstacle Task Force (OTF) released its most recent statement on 25 October 2025, integration talks have taken place on a regular basis between representatives of UIPM and FISO (World Obstacle).

Both Federations remain fully committed to the proposed integration of FISO within UIPM, following the approval in principle provided by FISO's member federations at the 2025 World Obstacle Congress in Sweden. Subsequent meetings have reinforced the two organisations' shared commitment to concluding this integration for the mutual benefit of all member federations and their communities.

All National Federations of UIPM and FISO received a written update on the integration process today. On March 15, the Obstacle NFs will gather in Nice, France, for the 12th FISO and World Obstacle General Assembly, where they will vote on the dissolution of FISO. The General Assembly will be preceded by a meeting of the OTF, also in Nice, on March 14.

Additionally, you can find below the contact of your regional representative within the OTF.

For any questions or to share feedback, please email:

At UIPM at uipm@pentathlon.org

At FISO at contact@worldobstacle.org

Africa

Frans van Nieckert (RSA) – President of integrated South Africa Modern Pentathlon Association; business owner and former pentathlete

Americas

Bob Clark (USA) – CEO of Ultimate Ninja Athlete Association, Central Board member of World Obstacle, CPSI Certified, UNAA Ninja Coach Certification Level 1 and 2, gym owner

Ian Adamson (USA/AUS) – President of World Obstacle, USA Pentathlon executive board member, 3x Games medalist and former professional multisport athlete, BS Engineering, MS Sports Medicine, legal forensic expert

Jen Miller (USA) – Co-Chair of the World Obstacle Ninja Standing Committee, Co-Owner of Federation of International Ninja Athletics

Rodolfo Villalobos (CRC) – President of OCR Costa Rica; organiser of UIPM World Obstacle 2024 OCR World Championships

Asia

Al Agra (PHI) – President of Obstacle Sports Federation Asia Pacific and Pilipinas Obstacle Sports Federation; law professor

Cassandra Choh (SGP) – President of Singapore Modern Pentathlon Association; Vice President of Asian Modern Pentathlon Confederation; fitness business owner

Europe

James Burton (GBR) – British Obstacle Sports President, Pentathlon GB Board Member, and active OCR athlete

Marco Tomasini (MLT) – CEO of International Dart Federation; Secretary General of Malta Modern Pentathlon Association; President of Malta Sport For All; insurance and governance specialist

Nayibe Statia (NED) – OCR Chair of World Obstacle Officials Committee; neuroscientist and psychologist

Stefano Zappa (ITA) – President of the European Obstacle Sports Federation, Italian OCR Federation Board Member, Chair of World Obstacle OCR Standing Committee

Oceania

Andrew Collings (NZL) – President of the Oceania Modern Pentathlon Confederation and

Secretary General of Modern Pentathlon New Zealand; Para sport expert; international social impact consultant