

Modern Pentathlon Event Protocol for Australian Domestic Events

This document was created to assist local organising committees to stage Modern Pentathlon and Tetrathlon events in Australia. While the rules of the UIPM remain the absolute governing parameters for all competitions and must be adhered to in the first instance, it is acknowledged that sometimes in Australian events, with small competitor numbers, mixed gender and age group fencing pools, some 'local rules' need to be applied out of common sense.

These 'local rules' are summarized here and are intended to provide guidance for modern pentathlon associations (national and state and clubs) staging an event. If a variance to the UIPM rules is justified, local organizing committees must adopt these rules exactly as they are, with no further amendments.

1. Category

- An athlete can only enter one category and be eligible to be awarded one award eg a Junior athlete must decide whether they enter Junior OR Senior category
- Due to small entry numbers in Australia, it is usually necessary to mix genders and age categories in the fencing event

2. Entries

Individual athlete entries must be ratified by their State Secretary to ensure the athlete complies with all of the following:

- is a financial member of their state association
- has observed experience in fencing to ensure safety
- has endorsed Riding Permission if electing to Ride (State events only)

3. Technical Director

A Technical Director should be appointed to oversee all technical aspects of the event are conducted in accordance with the Local &/or UIPM regulations.

4. Phase Directors

Phase Directors should be appointed to oversee the setup of the individual discipline competition areas as well as conducting the competition phase of their allocated discipline.



5. Officials

As far as it is practical, parents, siblings or coaches of any entered athlete should not be allocated official duties in any of the sports that require scoring, timekeeping or result-keeping; nor should they be appointed to the Jury of Appeal.

6. Jury of Appeal

- The Event Director must announce clearly to all competitors prior to the first event commencing, who the Jury of Appeal members are.
- The Jury of Appeal should consist of 3 people:
 - The Technical Director (holder of a current full UIPM License)
 - Plus 2 from the pool stipulated below:
 - The Event Director
 - The Competition Manager
 - The relevant Phase Directors (eg Swim Director, Ride Director etc)
 - A MPA member present who has a current UIPM Judges license
 - A member of the MPA High Performance Committee

7. Order of phases

- It may not be possible to stage all sports on one day. In Australian domestic events it is allowed to organize the event over two days and to have the Ride as the first phase on day one if required
- All events should always finish with the Laser Run, held under handicap conditions

8. Swimming

- Athletes will be placed according to their best swim time as advised in the Entry Form.
- Lanes will be allocated as per UIPM Heats 5.3.1vi) best time will swim in central lane of the pool, than next fastest on left, then alternating right and left in descending order by their swim times ie 8 lane pool central lane is 4.

9. Fencing

- As far as it is practical, novices and experienced fencers should be separated into two different fencing competitions
 - genders can be mixed within each of these competitions
- Fencers must fence as many one hit bouts as are required to reach the minimum number of bouts required by UIPM scoring system
 - if multiple hits are required, these should be done in immediate succession but each as a standard one minute one hit bout



10. Results

- Results must be visible to all competitors at the end of every phase
 - any appeal against an individual phase result must be lodged in writing to the event Technical Director prior to the next phase commencing (with a \$100 deposit that will be returned if the appeal is upheld)
- Final results should be visible to all competitors prior to the presentation
 - any appeal against the overall final results must be lodged in writing to the event Technical Director prior to the presentations commencing (with a \$100 deposit that will be returned if the appeal is upheld)

11. Awards

- National and State champion awards can only be made to athletes who complete all disciplines in their category
 - U15, U17, U19, Junior & Senior must compete in all disciplines to be awarded a placing
 - U13 are not required to fence to be awarded a placing

12. Events that Include Riding

- Riding – athlete competency
 - The main priority is the welfare of the horses and the safety of the riders
 - While there is a set height for UIPM standards, in Australia, the quality of the horses available will largely determine the height of the course
 - If an athlete wishes to enter the Junior, Senior or Masters category they must have riding permission. This riding permission consists of 'MPA Riding Competency Certification' and must be endorsed by a registered Level 2 EA Coach and the MPA High Performance Committee and is known as a 'Riding License. If an athlete has Riding License already endorsed on their UIPM license (in last 10 years) they do not need to provide a separate state endorsed permission.
 - The riding license must be signed off at the height of jump that the athlete is entering in the event
 - Athletes will NOT be permitted to draw for a horse, mount any horse in the warmup arena or start in the riding event without an endorsed riding license. There will be no exceptions to this rule.
- Riding – owner's round
 - In order to have quality horses it may be necessary for an entered athlete to ride their own horse/s in the owner's round. Under these circumstances the riders will not be penalised for riding their own horse.



- If this needs to occur, it must be announced clearly to all competitors prior to the start of the owner's round
- An athlete offering their horse as a pool horse, may ride their horse in the Owner's Round
- In the interest of fairness if multiple horses are being ridden by the athlete, only their first owner's round will count as their ride score
- Riding – Course Height
 - Based on quality of horses it may not be possible to have a full height (as per UIPM requirements) course
 - If the course is not full height, no athlete will be penalized
 - If an athlete elects to jump a course height lower than the UIPM standard and/or lower than the height approved for the particular competition (Note: athletes CANNOT elect to ride lower at a National event), that athlete will be penalized:
 - Rider will be penalised 10% (30 points) of the maximum score (300 points) for each 10 cm below the course height eg if the course is set at 1m. and an athlete elects to jump at 80cm maximum they have 60 points deducted from their ride score
 - If a Rider jumps a lower course this must be noted on the results sheet
- Riding – Score
 - Ride scores will be included in the final results for all age groups
 - Time Limit is the Time Allowed + 30 sec. For safety- Due to concerns with riding surface and/or conditions, the Time Limit may be extended to Time Allowed + 60 sec. If this needs to occur, it must be announced clearly to all competitors prior to the start of the owner's round.
- Riding – The Draw
 - The draw for pool horses should take place immediately after the Owner's Round with all Riding athletes present
 - As per UIPM rules only one rider draws with the Technical Director and Riding Phase Director allocating horses by a pre-determined method to other athletes. The method of allocating horses must be clearly explained to all athletes prior to the draw ie in the event of a rider drawing a horse that is obviously unsuitable with regard to size, the rider will be allocated the next horse listed.

