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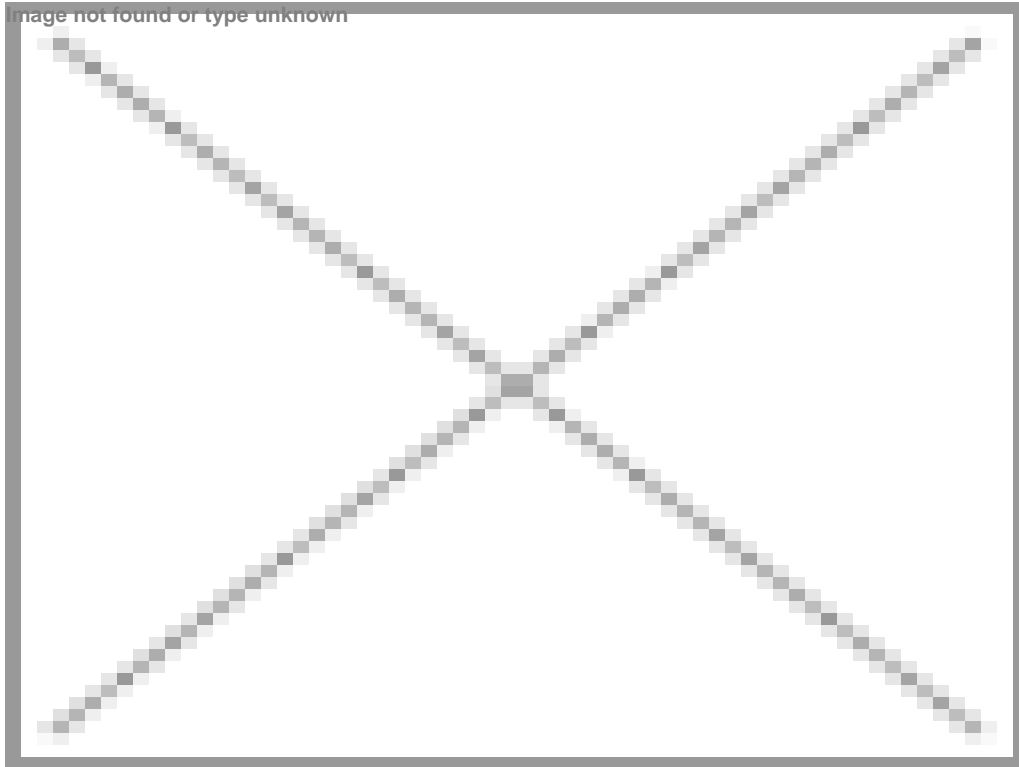


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Dear athletes, dear coaches and trainers, dear guests and officials!

Welcome to one of the showpiece competitions of the 2024 Modern Pentathlon season, as we approach the climax of an exciting Olympic cycle for our wonderful sport.

The UIPM 2024 Pentathlon World Cup Final promises to be a momentous occasion as it will be

like a dress rehearsal for the Olympic Games, with 36 female and 36 male athletes competing in Semi-finals, and half of them qualifying for the Final. The Olympic replica format enables athletes and coaches to precisely rehearse their actions and routines.

I know our athletes will be at their very best as they continue to build confidence for Paris 2024, and in many cases chase a qualification place. I am also certain that Ankara will put on a wonderful show for this prestigious event.

Türkiye has become a very dependable partner in our global sports movement and Ankara has already hosted a Pentathlon World Cup in the regular season, as well as this Final, for the second successive year. The fabulous Pentathlon Arena here enables spectators to watch all five disciplines in the same venue.

We can expect a high level of organisation and hospitality throughout these days, and I would like to thank the Turkish Modern Pentathlon Federation and for arranging this showpiece competition with the support of the Turkish Government and the National Olympic Committee, volunteers, sponsors and media representatives.

Within our movement we are always looking to the future and taking care of the next generations. Next time we return to Türkiye, our sport will have a different aspect with the new Obstacle discipline taking over from Riding at all levels. But for now, our top senior athletes are focusing on the current format which will enjoy its final outing in August in Paris, where many Olympic dreams will come true.

As always, I ask athletes to remember their responsibility to compete in a spirit of fair play, as our founder Pierre de Coubertin envisaged, and respect the Olympic values as we together enjoy the glory of our wonderful sport of Modern Pentathlon. Faster, Stronger, Higher ... Together.

Dr Klaus Schormann

UIPM President