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MODERN PENTATHLON

THE COURT OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT (CAS) DISMISSES THE APPEAL FILED BY THE DANISH MODERN PENTATHLON ASSOCIATION

THE PROCESS RELATING TO THE FORMAT OF THE MODERN PENTATHLON EVENT IN LOS ANGELES 2028 MAY RESUME

Lausanne, 7 July 2022 – The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) has dismissed the appeal filed by the Danish Modern Pentathlon Association (MPADK) against the award rendered by the UIPM Court of Arbitration on 1 February 2022 (the Challenged Decision). The Challenged Decision examined and confirmed the validity of the decision taken by the Executive Board (EB) of the Union Internationale de Pentathlon Moderne (UIPM) dated 31 October 2021 in which it resolved to submit to the International Olympic Committee (IOC) a proposal of a new format for modern pentathlon for the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games without an equestrian discipline, which could be replaced by another discipline to be determined after a consultation process. Such decision was ratified by the UIPM Congress on 27-28 November 2021.

In February 2022, the MPADK filed an appeal at the CAS seeking the annulment of the Challenged Decision on the grounds that the UIPM EB had no power to take the decision of 31 October 2021, and that the members of the UIPM EB who had made such decision had breached the Statutes and the UIPM Code of Ethics. The CAS Panel in charge of the matter held a hearing with the parties by video conference on 19 May 2022.

Having considered all the evidence put before it, the CAS Panel dismissed the appeal and confirmed the validity of the Challenged Decision. The decision was issued to the parties today.

The present CAS decision only means that a proposal may be submitted by the UIPM EB to the IOC in view of the possible replacement of the equestrian discipline at the 2028 Olympic Games. Any subsequent format change of the modern pentathlon event would have to be adopted by the competent bodies according to the procedures set by the UIPM Statutes.

The reasoned Arbitral Award, with the grounds for the Panel's decision, will be issued to the parties at a later stage.