

World Obstacle
Fédération Internationale de Sports d'Obstacles

21 April 2023

Mr Ian Adamson and Mr Michel Cutait,

Adventure Racing community votes to not accept World Obstacle's invitation

Following the World Obstacle meeting on 18 February 2023, a consultation group was formed at the behest of World Obstacle to consult with Adventure Racing countries on the matter of World Obstacle's invitation to bring the sport of Adventure Racing under World Obstacle's umbrella.

After eight weeks, which involved tracing country representatives and communicating with national bodies and communities, national votes submitted by 23 countries, including two World Obstacle members with no adventure racing activities, have voted to not accept World Obstacle's invitation to join its federation.

World Obstacle / Fédération Internationale de Sports d'Obstacles (FISO) is respectfully requested to:

- remove all references of adventure racing from the World Obstacle website and literature,
- halt the formation of any Technical and Other committees for Adventure Racing,
- stop presenting World Obstacle / FISO as the official and/or governing body of Adventure Racing, and
- have no further involvement in the governance, codifying and representation of the sport of Adventure Racing.

As per the Meeting Minutes from the FISO meeting held on 18 February 2023, we trust that the decision taken by the Adventure Racing countries will be respected.

Note #7 A. Key Points

"FISO's position is that only the Adventure Racing community can govern itself, free from commercial and vested interests. Whether or not the community decides to work with FISO, it will support the decision unconditionally."

We have attached the following files for your reference:

- The slides from the Survey Results Presentation by the AR Working Group on Sat, 15 April 2023
- Notes from the presentation
- The survey results as received from the country poll using Google Forms, which created a spreadsheet of results. Graphs included.

We are still available to meet with you on Wednesday, 26 April 2023 at 20h00 CET as discussed on email.

Respectfully,

AR Countries Working Group

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