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# MALI BREAKS NEW GROUND WITH LASER RUN COMPETITION IN BAMAKO

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The African nation of Mali has given its people their first exposure to UIPM Sports with a Laser Run competition held in the capital city of Bamako.

The Malian Federation of Modern Pentathlon organised the Category B event in the grounds of Ibrahima Ly High School in the neighbourhood of Banankabougou.

A total of 250 young athletes from Mali took part, aged between nine and 19, as well as a delegation of 30 from neighbouring Burkina Faso.

The competition took place on September 8 and there was a celebration in recognition of the 1st Pierre De Coubertin #PentathlonDay on September 9.

Laser-Run is a development sport of UIPM but aspiring athletes of all ages also have the chance to compete for global titles at the UIPM Laser-Run World Championships, which are taking place in Dublin (IRL) on September 28-30, 2018. You can register for the open division [here](#) and view the invitation to National Federations [here](#).

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