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## **UIPM 2019 GLOBAL LASER RUN CITY TOUR: EYE-OPENER FOR ATHLETES IN DNIPRO (UKR)**



The universal appeal of Laser Run was underlined in Dnipro, Ukraine, on May 31 when a host of athletes from different sports experienced the sport for the first time.

The second Global Laser Run City Tour in Dnipro was attended by more than 200 participants from eight regions of Ukraine – as well as well-known onlookers from triathlon, athletics, fencing and marine multisports who left the Meteor sport complex with a new awareness of one of the world's fastest-growing urban sports.

A spokesperson for the local organising committee said: "After extremely weather last year, this time the weather conditions were excellent. Sunny weather and the good mood of the athletes, their parents, coaches and visitors created an unbelievable atmosphere at the venue.

"The event was well organized and attracted many athletes from different sports. Many of them admitted that Modern Pentathlon is one of the best and fun sports they ever heard about."

Sergei Timarev, President of the regional Dnipro Modern Pentathlon Federation, said at the opening ceremony: “Thanks to the strong support of UIPM, the Ukraine Modern Pentathlon Federation and the social program “Dnipro-sport capital”, this competition is a good opportunity for young athletes to check their sport performance and open the road for the next disciplines.

“The Laser Run format is the first small step for our big sport – Modern Pentathlon. I am also happy that this competition brought here many athletes from the elite division who are planning to compete at the European and World Championships this year.”

The GLRCT was created in 2017 to provide an entry point to UIPM Sports for people of all ages in urban communities around the world.

Another 100 cities have been selected in 2019 as hosts of the GLRCT or the Biathle/Triathle National Tour. The full calendar can be viewed at the UIPM website, where you can also find more information on UIPM’s various multi-discipline sports.

In September, the UIPM Laser Run World Championships will be incorporated into the Pentathlon World Championships for the first time in Budapest (HUN), where Laser Run is also on the programme for the 1st World Urban Games.

In December, Laser Run and Triathle will both feature for the first time in the 30th Southeast Asian (SEA) Games in the Philippines.

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