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UIPM 2019 GLOBAL LASER RUN CITY TOUR: BURSTING ON TO THE SCENE IN BELARUS

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The Global Laser Run City Tour has gained another new host country after Belarus staged its first two instalments of the urban sports phenomenon.

Athletes of all ages flocked to regional capitals Brest and Grodno, on May 11/12 and June 23 respectively, to get their first taste of UIPM's fast-growing development sport.

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Brest made history with the first GLRCT in Belarus in a central park venue. Participants came from inside and outside the city, as well as Ukraine and the neighbouring Russian city of Smolensk.

The youngest participant was six-year-old Klim Gnedchik, whose brother has enjoyed success at European and world level in Biathle/Triathle.

On International Olympic Day, Grodno welcomed another large and diverse group of participants to the historical Zhiliber Park.

A spokesperson for the local organising committee said: "People greeted the idea of Laser Run with great enthusiasm and this competitions is one of the first steps to establishing Modern Pentathlon in Grodno region."

Two more GLRCTs will take place in Belarus after the summer - in Vitebsk on September 8 and the capital Minsk on September 14, on City Day.

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

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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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