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UIPM 2019 PENTATHLON AND LASER RUN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: MEXICO STRIKE FIRST IN WOMEN'S RELAY



Last year **Mexico** hosted the UIPM Pentathlon World Championships in the capital Mexico City and the positive vibes seem to have been reverberating ever since.

In April Manuel Padilla (MEX) won a breakthrough gold at UIPM Pentathlon World Cup Sofia, and in July **Mariana Arceo** (MEX) became Pan American champion in Lima (PER) and qualified for the Tokyo Olympics.

Today, Arceo (MEX) savoured that golden feeling once again as she joined **Mayan Oliver** in winning the Women's Relay on day one of the UIPM Pentathlon and Laser Run World Championships.

The Mexican duo started the Laser Run in third place but pushed **Kim Unju** and **Jeong Mina** of **Korea** back into bronze and then overtook hosts **Hungary**, consigning **Luca Barta** and **Kamilla Reti** to silver.

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MEDALLISTS' REACTION

Arceo (MEX) said: "I think every discipline was fine, it was good, and I am very happy because the competition all around us was very hard and strong.

"The Pan American Games was successful for me because of the Olympic qualification, and I am very happy to be here competing at the World Championships."

Her team-mate Oliver (MEX) added: "I am really happy with the work we've done with our coaches and with my team-mates. I'm very excited."

The two Hungary teams benefited from the backing of a home crowd inside the specially constructed Pentathlon Arena at Kencsem Park.

Barta (HUN) said: "I think we are really happy. We didn't expect the silver medal and I think we gave our best today. It was incredible.

"It's very important that we are at home, and the crowd was very supportive in every discipline, especially the Laser Run."

Reti (HUN) added: "All our events were good today, especially Fencing. Now I'm looking forward to taking part in the Laser Run World Championships later in the week."

SWIMMING

The 2019 World Championships began with an incredibly intense swimming battle in the temporary pool installed in the field of play at Kincsem Park, where nine teams scored between 300 and 304 points.

Zhang Mingyu and **Gu Yewen** of **China** managed the fastest time (2:03.07), narrowly quicker than the world junior champions, **Adelina Ibatullina** and **Kseniia Fraltsova** of **Russia** (2:03.19) and the **Ireland** duo of **Kate Coleman Lenehan** and **Eilidh Prise** (2:03.66).

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FENCING

The Fencing Ranking Round was dominated by three nations, with Korea (Kim/Jeong) emerging on top with 32V/16D and another two points added in the Bonus Round.

Hungary (Barta/Reti) and Mexico (Oliver/Arceo) each managed 30V/18D, with the home team inspiring hope of a medal among the home supporters.

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RIDING

There was euphoria in the stands as Hungary (Barta/Reti) scored the best round of the day, an exceptional 297 points with only three time penalties conceded.

Mexico (Oliver/Arceo) also stayed in contention for the world title with an excellent 291 and Ireland (Coleman Lenehan/Prise) moved up four places from 8th to 4th overall with 288.

Korea (Kim/Jeong) also ensured their good Fencing work would not go to waste as they scored 283 alongside the **Czech Republic** duo of **Barbora Ciprova** and **Karolina Krenkova**.

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LASER RUN

Hungary (Barta/Reti) started first but with only a 2secs advantage over Korea (Kim/Jeong), with Mexico (Oliver/Arceo) a further 11secs behind.

Mexico (Oliver/Arceo) seized the day with an excellent 12:58.23 that saw them home in first place with a 9sec margin over Hungary (Barta/Reti), while Korea (Kim/Jeong) made sure nobody could deny them bronze.

Ireland (Coleman Lenehan/Prise), who won European silver in 2018, finished 4th after holding off a strong bid by the second-string Hungary duo **Sarolta Simon** and **Blanka Guzi**, whose time of 12:54.92 was the fastest of the day.

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PRESIDENT'S REACTION

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann said: "It is wonderful to be in beautiful capital city of Budapest for one of the most important competitions in the long history of our sporting movement.

"On the first day of competition we saw a very competitive Women's Relay with excellent performances from many countries. It is always very pleasing to see three continents represented on the podium as it proves that we are a global sport.

"We are looking forward to another high-quality day of Pentathlon tomorrow with the Men's Relay, before the individual competitions begin on Wednesday. We are also very excited about the Laser Run racing which will begin on Friday, having been incorporated into the Pentathlon World Championships for the first time in the history of our Union."

WATCH AND FOLLOW

The Pentathlon World Championships is being televised live or 'as live' in 144 countries, with a total of 133 hours of coverage secured by TV networks. This amounts to a total potential reach of 431 million homes.

Check out which TV network is showing the UIPM 2019 Pentathlon World Championships in your country!

On each finals day you can watch a live stream of the Fencing Bonus Round, Riding, Laser Run and the medal ceremony on UIPM TV and YouTube, with no geographical restrictions. The Laser

Run and medal ceremony can also be watched live on Facebook.

Follow World Pentathlon on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for additional content, and visit the UIPM website or download the “UIPM Central” app to keep track of results.

COMPETITION SCHEDULE

The UIPM 2019 Pentathlon World Championships continue on Tuesday, September 3 with the Men's Relay and conclude on Sunday, September 8 with the Mixed Relay.

Spectators attending on the three finals days (September 6-8) will have the bonus of seeing the UIPM Laser Run World Championships during the early part of the day.

Tickets can be bought at the official event website.

UIPM 2019 Pentathlon World Championships schedule

(* live stream on UIPM TV)

September 2: Women's Relay

September 3: Men's Relay

September 4: Women's Qualification

September 5: Men's Qualification | Women's Final Fencing Ranking Round

September 6: Women's Final* | Men's Final Fencing Ranking Round

September 7: Men's Final*

September 8: Mixed Relay*

UIPM 2019 Laser Run World Championships schedule

September 6: Women's Final

September 7: Men's Final

September 8: Mixed Relay

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Rank	Team	Nation	MP Points
1	ARCEO Mariana OLIVER Mayan	MEX	1338
	RETI Kamilla BARTA Luca	HUN	1329
	KIM Unju JEONG Mina	KOR	1326

COLEMAN LENEHAN Kate	IRL	1305
PRISE Eilidh		
GUZI Blanka	HUN	1303
SIMON Sarolta		
CIPROVA Barbora	CZE	1285
KRENKOVA Karolina		
IBATULLINA Adelina	RUS	1281
FRALTSOVA Kseniia		
ZHANG Mingyu	CHN	1271
GU Yewen		
MORSY Haydy	EGY	1253
ABDELMAKSoud Salma		
FOLLETT Charlie	GBR	1191
GREEN Olivia		
HENDRICK Heidi	USA	1177
ACHTERBERG Samantha		
SCHLEU Annika	GER	979
LANGREHR Rebecca		
TOGNETTI Francesca	ITA	519
RINAUDO ALICE		