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# MODERN PENTATHLON NEW ZEALAND PRAISED FOR UIPM PARA SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

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New Zealand has been praised internationally for its success in limiting the spread of the COVID-19 Coronavirus, and this has enabled Modern Pentathlon New Zealand (MPNZ) to continue much of its planned development work in 2020.

MPNZ has demonstrated a commitment to inclusion in its activities, with an 84-year-old taking part in a recent Laser Run event – and scoring five green lights in 14sec. The Federation has also been praised for its contribution to the UIPM Para Sports movement, providing opportunities especially for athletes with a visual impairment.

Having set a goal of enabling access for all to the sport of Modern Pentathlon, MPNZ has created a partnership with the New Zealand branch of [Achilles International](#) to ensure para athletes have guides and support.

Para athlete and advisor Shannon Cleave, who is visually impaired and competes internationally in triathlon, said: “The defining moment in any sport’s growth is when it draws and supports athletes

from all sectors of the community.

