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## **3RD EUROPEAN GAMES: MODERN PENTATHLON ON PROVISIONAL LIST OF SPORTS FOR KRAKOW (POL) IN 2023**



The UIPM Sports community in Europe has a new competitive goal to work towards after Modern Pentathlon was named on the provisional sports programme for the 3rd European Games in Krakow-Malopolska (POL) in 2023.

A list of 23 sports were revealed during a meeting between the European Olympic Committees (EOC) and a delegation from Poland at the headquarters of the Italian Olympic Committee (CONI) in Rome (ITA).

According to a report on the EOC website, Acting President Niels Nygaard said: "It was a highly productive meeting and we were very happy to see such a strong commitment from the Polish delegation. It was a great start, we have worked as a team and reached concrete results, setting a precise roadmap for the future. We look forward to continuing ahead in the same spirit."

The report said that discussions centred on preparations for the Games, the proposed sports programme and the philosophy of the European Games, including potential opportunities for

Poland, Krakow and the Małopolska Region.

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The report said the preliminary list of 23 sports for the 2023 Games was subject to final negotiations with each of the European and International sports federations. A key criterium for selection was whether the sports will use the European Games as their continental championships and/or offer qualification for the Olympic Games Paris 2024.

The preliminary list is as follows:

- Archery
- Artistic swimming
- Badminton
- Basketball 3x3
- Beach handball
- Breaking
- Canoe (slalom; sprint)
- Cycling (mountain bike; road)
- Fencing
- Gymnastics
- Judo
- Karate
- Modern pentathlon
- Mountain running
- Rugby sevens
- Shooting
- Ski jumping (summer)
- Sport climbing
- Table tennis
- Triathlon
- Volleyball (beach volleyball; volleyball)
- Weightlifting
- Wrestling

Spyros Capralos, IOC Member and CoCom Chair both for the Baku 2015 and Minsk 2019 European Games, emphasised that the European Games are an integral part of the Olympic journey and “the inclusion of new sports in the programme will be an asset for the Games and for Poland”.