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UIPM 2022 YOUTH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: LITHUANIA WIN U19 MEN'S RELAY GOLD



Lithuania took the honours on the opening day of the UIPM 2022 Youth World Championships with success in the Under 19 Men's Relay in Lignano Sabbiadoro (ITA).

The day also featured qualification for the Under 17 Women's Semi-final, with 36 athletes moving forward to the second phase.

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Under 19 Day 1

The first world champions of the combined 2022 competition are **Nojus Chmieliauskas** and **Ugnius Kabelinskas** (LTU), whose impressive Fencing score of 24V/8D was the foundation of an impressive success.

The global distribution of talent at this age group was demonstrated by the presence of countries from five different continents in the top seven.

France took the silver medal thanks to **Diego Lavillat** and **Etienne Clergeau**, while Korea claimed bronze through **Jeongwook Son** and **Dohoon Kang**. Competitors from **Egypt**, **Mexico**, **Italy** and **Brazil** made up the rest of the top seven.

Lithuania (Chmieliauskas / Kabelinskas) stood out in the Fencing Ranking Round with two more victories than closest rivals Korea (Son/Kang) and Italy (**Giloli Edoardo & Diego Montecchia**), who added six points in the Bonus Round to put pressure on the leaders.

Host nation Italy (Edoardo/Montecchia) then set the fastest time of 1min 56.03sec in Swimming, giving themselves a 13-point overall lead. Sadly for local spectators they couldn't withstand the pressure in Laser Run and were overtaken by multiple rivals, finally finishing 6th.

At the front end, Lithuania (Chmieliauskas / Kabelinskas) finished a professional performance with a 10sec margin over France (Lavillat / Clergeau), while the fastest Laser Run time of 12min was set by Mexico (**Jorge Hernandez & Angel Martinez**).

Under 17 Day 1

The first qualification heat of the Women's Individual U17 saw two athletes cross the line together with a big margin over the rest of the field – **Emma Meszaros** of **Hungary** and **Sumin Shin** (KOR) each scored 792 points.

In the second heat, **Zora Zeman** (HUN) took the top spot with 773 points, finishing 1sec ahead of **Miu Nozaki** of **Japan** and **Egypt** duo **Sarah Mohamed** and **Ganah Elgindy**.

The full list of 36 qualifiers for the Women's U17 Semi-finals is as follows:

Rank	Name	Nation	MP Points
1	MESZAROS Emma	HUN	792
2	SHIN Sumin	KOR	792
3	RAMADAN Ritage	EGY	776
4	TREIB Amelie	GER	770
5	ÖZRODOP Eda	TUR	767
6	HARASZIN Linda	HUN	765
7	KHALIL Farida	EGY	761
8	RIAND Nina	FRA	758
9	ALLARA ANNA CHIARA	ITA	758
10	DEBSKA Katarzyna	POL	754
11	FARES Naya	URT	754
12	GUDELYTE-GUDELEVICIUTE Giedre	LTU	753
13	CASTRO Isela Karely	MEX	752
14	SINTES Alana	FRA	751
15	TAVIRA Daira	MEX	750
16	ZEMAN Zora	HUN	773
17	MOHAMED Sarah	EGY	772

18	NOZAKI MIU	JPN	772
19	ELGINDY Ganah	EGY	772
20	KISS Csenge	HUN	765
21	JAKUBOWSKA Hanna	POL	758
22	HATFIELD Lucy	GBR	756
23	LECHUGA FROUIN Enya	ESP	753
24	RYAN Elizabeth	GBR	753
25	RAMIREZ Shanty Gabriela	MEX	749
26	FLORES Paula Zabine	MEX	748
27	LEONIE AUGÉ	FRA	747
28	FARMAND Nadja	GER	746
29	EL-MASRI Amaya	GER	739
30	DENINA Kristina	BUL	737
31	SIMAKOVA Amina	KAZ	750
32	CUNHA Luisa	POR	750
33	MELNYK ANASTASIIA	UKR	747
34	DUDKA ANNA	UKR	741
35	DOROŠEVAIT? Neda	LTU	739
36	MEYER Vivienne	SUI	735

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Competition schedule

UIPM 2022 Youth World Championships (U19/U17)

September 5: (U19) Women's Relay; (U17) Men's Qualification

September 6: (U19) Mixed Relay; (U17) Women's Semi-finals

September 7: (U19) Women's Qualification; (U17) Men's Semi-finals

September 8: (U19) Men's Qualification; (U17) Women's Final, Men's Final

September 9: (U19) Women's Semi-finals; (U17) Women's Relay

September 10: (U19) Men's Semi-finals; (U17) Men's Relay

September 11: (U19) Women's Final; Men's Final; (U17) Mixed Relay