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UIPM 2022 PENTATHLON JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: FRANCE STRIKE FIRST WITH WOMEN'S RELAY GOLD

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France enjoyed the opening day of the UIPM 2022 Pentathlon Junior World Championships with success in the Women's Relay in Zielona Gora (POL).

Rebecca Castaudi (FRA), who will be aiming to defend her individual junior world title later in the week, teamed up with **Jessye Gomesse** (FRA) to secure the gold medal with a 10sec cushion.

Host nation **Poland** celebrated silver thanks to **Adrianna Kapala** and **Malgorzata Karbownik**, while **Italy** duo **Elisa Sala** and **Teresa Gioia** completed the podium, with **Tully Watt** and **Zara Temesi** of **Australia** finishing 4th.

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Winners' reaction

Castaudi (FRA) said: "We had a very positive start today, we were confident and most importantly very well trained because we were lucky to have various training camps in recent months.

"We have a cohesive and great team, for sure it helped a lot for us to gain advantage against other competitors today. This week the [individual] objective is top five. It would be nice."

Asked if she had ambitions in respect of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, taking place in her home country, the reigning junior world champion said: "We push senior athletes going to Paris 2024. We believe in them and support them. For the two girls going to Paris it matters that we are behind them."

Gomesse (FRA) added: "It's the strength of having a collective behind. We won today, but this medal is for all the team here, all the French national team, coaches, it's an 'individual medal' but for all of us.

"Being rational, top 10 [in the Women's Final] would be logical. But of course we are thinking about the podium. Rebecca is champion, we all think about winning. Everything can happen."

Fencing

Sisters **Charlotte Ahaus** and **Viktoria Ahaus** of **United States**, competing in unison for the first time at world level, enjoyed spectacular success in the Fencing discipline.

The Americans were untouchable in the Fencing Ranking Round, scoring 29 victories for a 254-point bounty that they topped up to 258 with victory in the final bout of the Bonus Round. Their nearest adversaries were some distance behind, as France (Gomesse/Castaudi) and Australia

(Watt/Temesi) each managed 22 victories.

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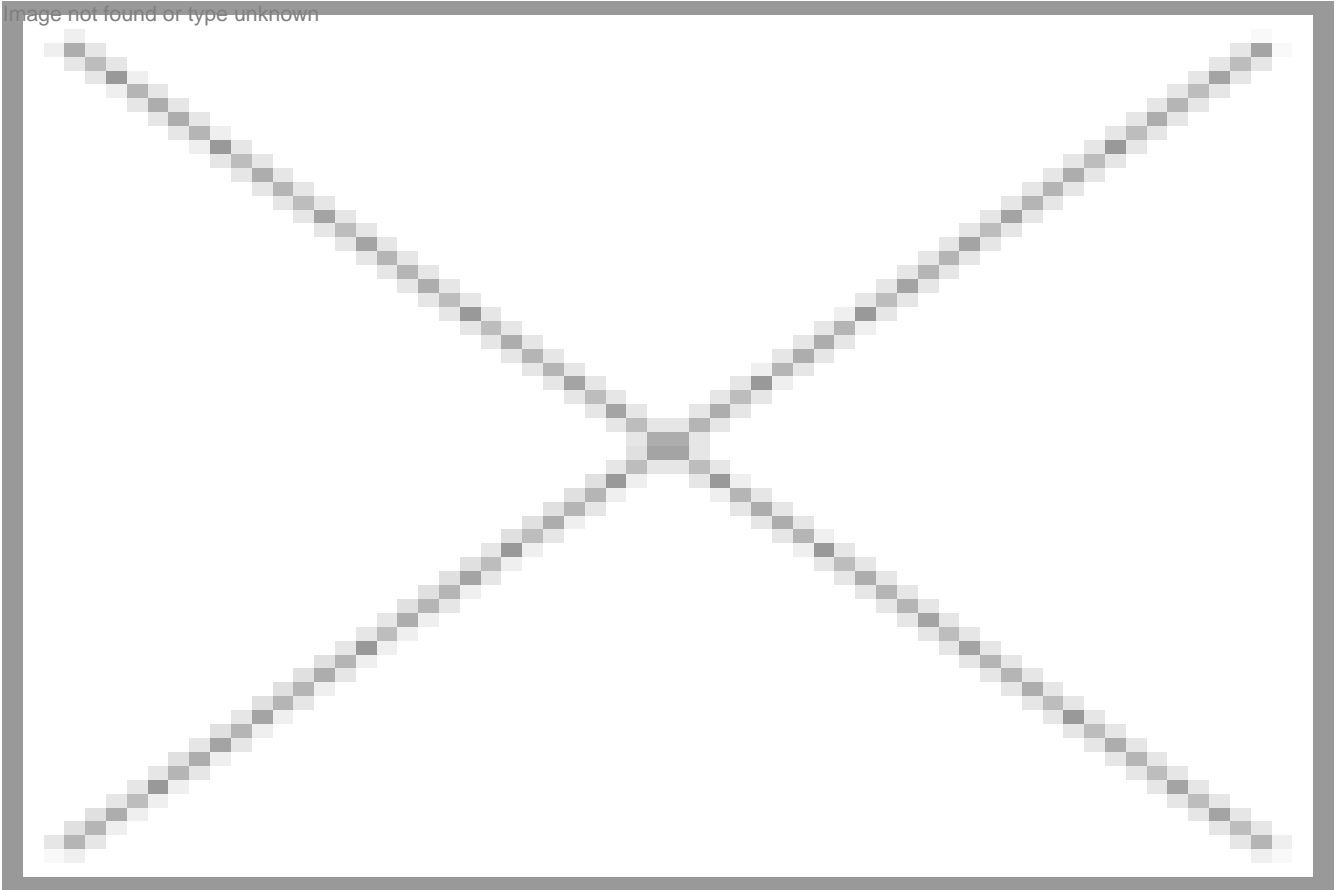


Riding

There was plenty for local spectators to cheer when the action moved to the Riding arena, as **Pola Wolska** and **Michalina Wierzba** (POL) became the only duo to notch a clear round and the maximum score of 300.

France (Gomesse/Castaudi) remained very much in the hunt with only eight points conceded, while Italy (Sala/Gioia) and Australia (Watt/Temesi) stayed in touch with scores of 286 and 285 respectively. But the Riding round was an unforgiving experience for the Fencing champions, as USA (Ahaus/Ahaus) conceded 65 penalties and slipped back to 4th overall.

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Swimming

The top three in the overall standings remained neck and neck during Swimming, as France (Gomesse/Castaudi), Australia (Watt/Temesi) and Italy (Sala/Gioia) were 6th, 7th and 5th fastest in the pool respectively.

The top swimmers were from the host nation, as Kapala & Karbownik (POL) timed 2min 05.95sec.

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Laser Run

France (Gomesse/Castaudi) started with a 4sec advantage over Australia (Watt/Temesi), with Italy (Sala/Gioia) only 2sec further behind, and the leaders controlled the race well to secure gold.

The big movers of the Laser Run were Poland (Kapala/Karbownik), whose time of 14min 14sec was 10sec quicker than the champions' 14:24 and enabled them to snatch silver with a 7sec margin over Italy (Sala/Gioia).

The second string of Poland (Wolska / Wierzba) and Italy (**Giorgia Agazotti** and **Agnese Petricca**) finished 5th and 6th respectively, with United States (Ahaus/Ahaus) achieving 7th.

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The UIPM 2022 Pentathlon Junior World Championships runs from October 2-9, continuing on Monday, October 3 with the Men's Relay.

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Competition schedule

UIPM 2022 Pentathlon Junior World Championships

October 2: Women's Relay

October 3: Men's Relay

October 4: Women's Qualification

October 5: Men's Qualification

October 6: Women's Semi-finals

October 7: Men's Semi-finals

October 8: Women's Final; Men's Final

October 9: Mixed Relay

| Rank | Team | Nation | MP Points |
|------|----------------------|--------|-----------|
| | FRA | | |
| 1 | CASTAUDI Rebecca | FRA | 1236 |
| | GOMESSE Jessye | | |
| | POL 1 | | |
| 2 | KARBOWNIK Malgorzata | POL | 1226 |
| | KAPALA Adrianna | | |
| | ITA 1 | | |
| 3 | SALA Elisa | ITA | 1219 |
| | GIOIA Teresa | | |
| | AUS | | |
| 4 | TEMESI Zara | AUS | 1199 |
| | WATT Tully | | |
| | POL 2 | | |
| 5 | WIERZBA Michalina | POL | 1176 |
| | WOLSKA Pola | | |
| | ITA 2 | | |
| 6 | PETRICCA Agnese | ITA | 1132 |
| | AGAZZOTTI Giorgia | | |
| | USA | | |
| 7 | AHAUS Charlotte | USA | 1128 |
| | AHAUS Viktoria | | |
| | HUN | | |
| 8 | MESZAROS Emma | HUN | 911 |
| | BASA Lili | | |

KAZ

9 PONER Yaroslavna KAZ 799

RYABOVA Kristina
EGY

10 KANDIL Amira EGY 0

ISMAIL Malak
GER

11 WALSER Julie GER 0

WALTERMANN Anna
GUA

12 VALENCIA FRANCO Paula Sophia GUA 0

PONDAVEN Isabela