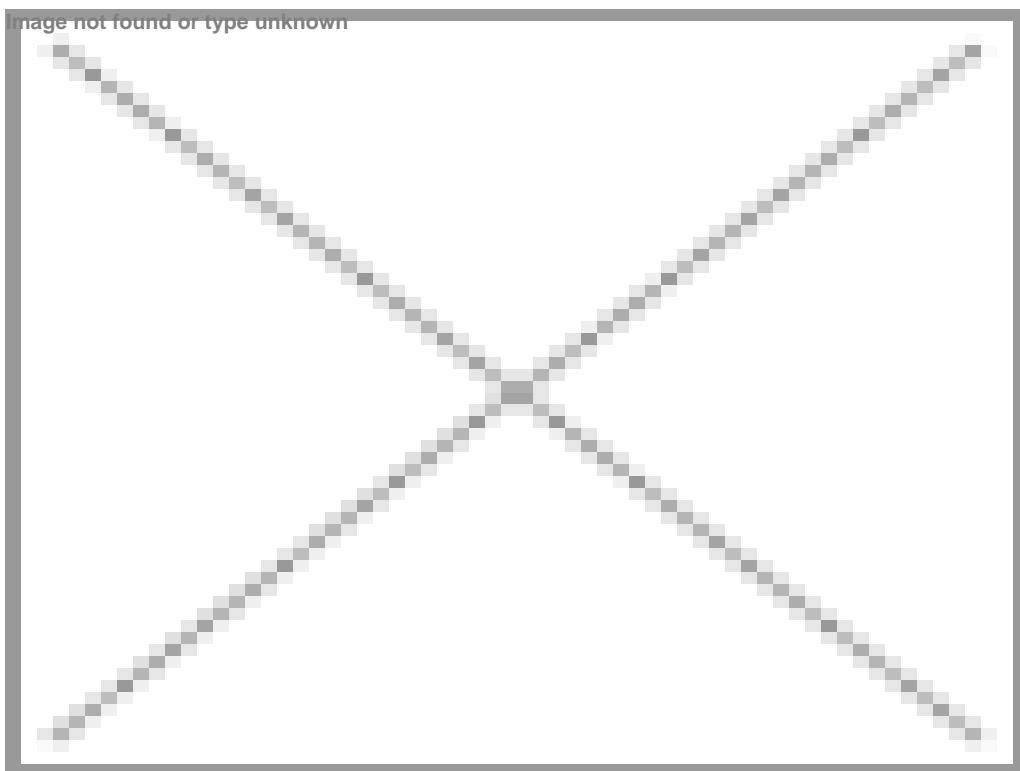


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UIPM COACHES CERTIFICATION PROGRAMME: JOURNEY BEGINS FOR 22 COACHES IN COCHABAMBA (BOL)



The city of Cochabamba has become an epicentre for Modern Pentathlon in Bolivia in recent years.

Having already hosted the 2017 South American Championships and 2018 ODESUR Games, the city recently opened its doors to a new generation of pentathletes as it staged the 2022 South & Pan American Youth Championships (U19/U17).

In the days running up to the competition, 22 coaches gained their first qualification as Modern Pentathlon coaches, completing a week-long Level 1 UIPM Coaches Certification Programme (CCP) course from November 12-16.

Ten female and 12 male coaches gained the qualification and UIPM Instructor Guillermo Filipi (ARG), who oversaw the course, said: "The UIPM courses generate an excellent opportunity for coaches to continue increasing their knowledge.

"In many countries they are motivated to continue advancing in the development of our sport in

America. I'm very happy and grateful to be able to provide these tools."

Jorge Salas OLY, President of the South American Modern Pentathlon Confederation, added: "It was very pleasing to see the Level 1 coaching seminar take place in Bolivia soon after the Level 2 course in Argentina.

"This development opportunity in Cochabamba not only provided 22 coaches with a new qualification, it also helped to focus minds ahead of the South & Pan American Youth Championships, helping Bolivia to do a great job of hosting.

"We look forward to seeing the continued development of Modern Pentathlon in Bolivia, where the sport can grow in profile with inclusion in competitions such as the Bolivarian Games."

UIPM Coaches Committee Chairman Christian Roudaut said: "It was very pleasing to hear about the success of the Level 1 course in Bolivia, which enabled 22 coaches to gain a qualification through expert tuition and to refine their coaching techniques in Modern Pentathlon.

"I would like to thank Guillermo and everybody involved in this successful introductory course, another sign of Bolivia's progress in our movement which can inspire other countries in South America and around the world."

Like all CCP courses, coaches will earn their Level 1 qualification when they conclude the syllabus by completing e-learning courses covering anti-doping and harassment prevention.

For more information on the CCP please visit the UIPM Educational Platform.