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INTERVIEW: KIAN O'BOYLE (USA), OBSTACLE SPECIALIST AND JUNIOR PENTATHLETE



All journeys have to start somewhere – and the experience of **Kian O'Boyle** of **United States** at the UIPM 2023 Junior World Championships underlined the possibilities and challenges created by the integration of Obstacle into Modern Pentathlon.

Competing in a Pentathlon for only the second time, the 19-year-old Ninja specialist demonstrated his athleticism and speed with a remarkable Obstacle time of exactly 25sec in the second Qualification round.

Could he possibly make the Final? O'Boyle (USA) certainly did his best to do so, having already gained eight wins in the Fencing Ranking Round. A time of 2min 26.25 in Swimming kept him on the verge, but Laser Run proved too much of a challenge for the inexperienced competitor and he finally finished 28th overall, 10 places short of a Final berth.

UIPM News caught up with O'Boyle (USA) immediately after his competition to find out more about his journey from a Ninja gym to the Olympic Games' most challenging multi-sport – a journey that

will be shared by many other athletes from around the world in the years to come.

