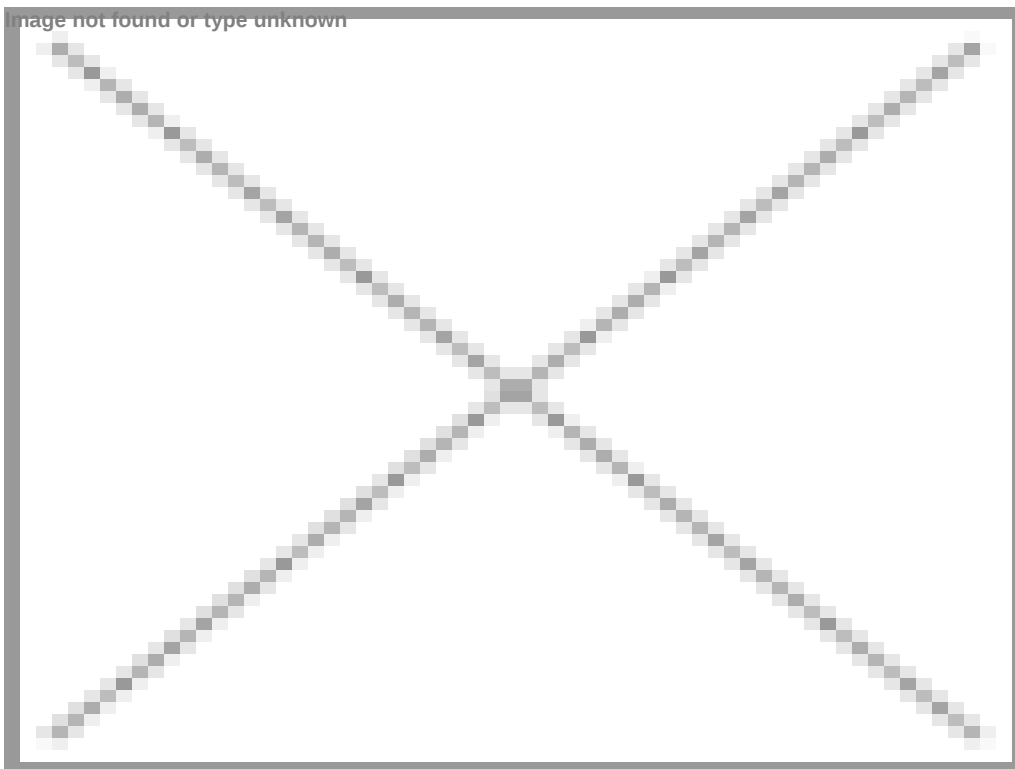


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A PASSION FOR PARIS: THE INSIDE STORY OF OLYMPIC YEAR IN MODERN PENTATHLON



- All six episodes of new docu-series available on UIPM YouTube
- Paris 2024 host nation athlete Clouvel (FRA) reveals deep personal struggle
- Elite athletes from Egypt, Great Britain, Italy, Korea, Mexico and Türkiye also star

On the day Paris 2024 is officially launched with a spectacular Opening Ceremony on the River Seine, a new series takes viewers behind the scenes of one of the Olympic Games' signature sports.

UIPM's new docu-series *A Passion For Paris* is now fully available to view and it charts the key moments of the 2024 competition season across three continents in the ever-eventful world of Modern Pentathlon.

Merging profile interviews with competition coverage, the six-part series follows some of the world's most versatile athletes through the extreme highs and lows of their experience in qualifying and preparing for this summer's Olympic Games.

One of the stars of the series is Rio 2016 silver medallist and Paris 2024 home athlete **Elodie Clouvel** of **France**, whose psychological struggle with shooting has been a dominant narrative of the 2024 season. In a series of moving interviews that reach a dramatic climax in Episode 4, Clouvel (FRA) bares her soul and reveals the sources of motivation propelling her to a fourth Games appearance in her home city.

Another host-nation athlete who features heavily is three-time UIPM Pentathlon World Cup Final winner **Valentin Prades** (FRA). At the other end of the experience scale, we meet first-time Olympian **Sophia Hernandez** of **Guatemala**, while the show profiles another six of the sport's more established stars.

Medals are won and lost, and morale rises and falls, as two-time world champion **Elena Micheli** of **Italy**, **Mohanad Shaban** of **Egypt**, **Kerenza Bryson** of **Great Britain**, **Changwan Seo** of **Korea**, **Emiliano Hernandez** of **Mexico** and **Ilke Ozyuksel** of **Türkiye** reveal what it takes to be a pentathlete.

Yasser Hefny OLY, Chair of the UIPM Athletes Committee, said: "The documentary series, 'A Passion For Paris', creates a new dimension for our sport as a TV product. For the first time we see a global view of Modern Pentathlon through the eyes of the athletes.

"I am grateful to all the pentathletes who took part in this show, because they have made a collective effort to raise the profile of the sport by revealing their motivations, the challenges they face and the joy of experiencing success. Thank you to everyone who was involved in the production of this groundbreaking show. And I wish everyone a successful and memorable Olympic Games in Paris."

A Passion For Paris: Episodes 1-6 have been released to TV networks worldwide and are available to watch free on UIPM's YouTube channel.

- Episode 1: Cairo (EGY)
- Episode 2: Ankara (TUR)
- Episode 3: Budapest (HUN)
- Episode 4: Sofia (BUL)
- Episode 5: World Cup Final – Ankara (TUR)
- Episode 6: World Championships – Zhengzhou (CHN)

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Modern Pentathlon at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games takes place from 8-11 August, with the Men's Final on 10 August and the Women's Final on 11 August. Check your national TV networks for coverage times or tune in online to the Olympic Channel.

News will be posted on the UIPM website throughout the competition, while UIPM / World Pentathlon social media channels will keep fans engaged and entertained on Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, X and YouTube throughout the Games.