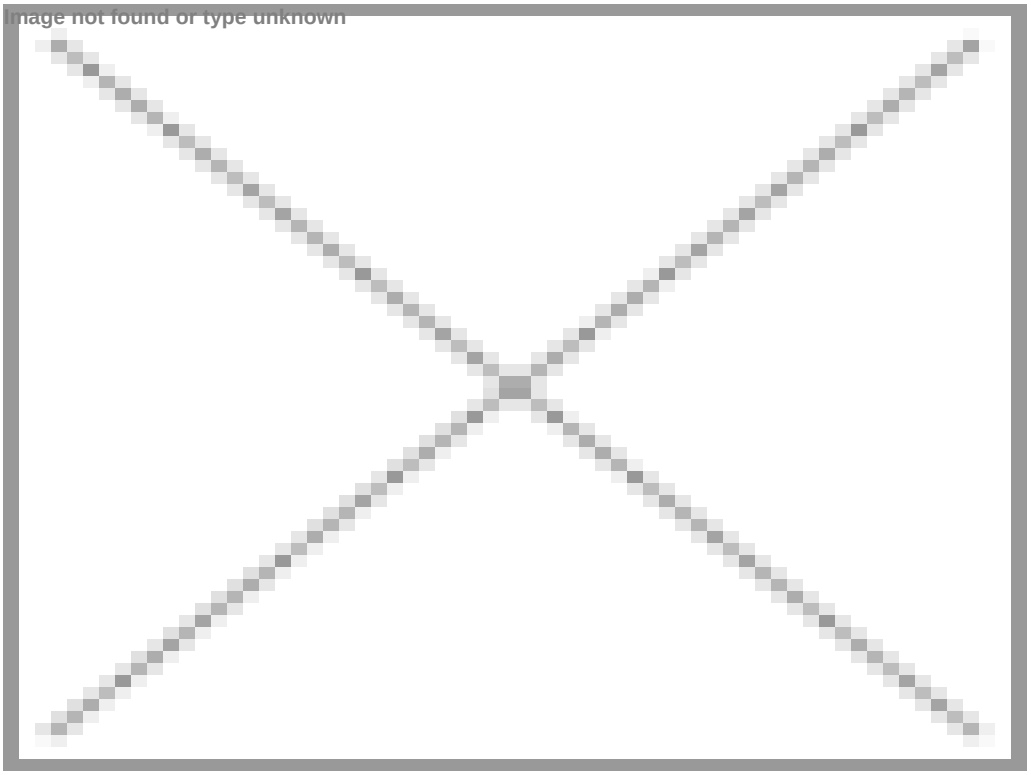
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UIPM 2025 PENTATHLON U19 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW



- Khalil (EGY) within two wins of unique world titles ‘grand slam’
- Li (KOR) ready to defend title against breakthrough star Szecsi (HUN)
- LA28 prospects set to emerge in Druskininkai (LTU)

DRUSKININKAI, LITHUANIA: August 20, 2025 – All eyes will be on **Farida Khalil** of **Egypt** in the next fortnight as Pentathlon’s hottest new talent goes for an unprecedented ‘grand slam’ of youth, junior and senior world titles.

The 14-year-old phenomenon resumes her extraordinary year of success today as the UIPM 2025 Pentathlon U19 World Championships begins. If she can survive the qualification round and win another gold medal in the Women’s Final on Friday, she will head into next week’s UIPM 2025 Pentathlon World Championships needing just one more title for immortality.

The irrepressible teenager has already won the U17 and Junior (U22) gold medals this season, along with the prestigious Pentathlon World Cup Final (plus two Pentathlon World Cups). So is

there anyone who can stop the senior world No.1 in Druskininkai? Check out the latest Take Five article for a deep dive into the contenders.

The men's competition is contrastingly wide open, with last year's champion **Taegyung Li** of **Korea** facing up to emerging threats such as recent U17 gold medallist **Nemere Szecsi** of **Hungary**.

With strong performances expected from host nation **Lithuania** and athletes from strongholds like **Germany, Guatemala, Italy, Japan, Poland** and **Ukraine**, the next four days will be illuminating and might just be the making of some athletes destined to make a mark at the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games.

Watch and follow

The UIPM 2025 Pentathlon U19 World Championships take place from August 20-23, beginning with Women's Qualification today (August 20) followed by Men's Qualification on August 21. The Women's Final takes place on August 22 with the Men's Final bringing the curtain down on August 23.

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How it works

Get set for four days of individual competition in the sequence of Fencing, Obstacle, Swimming and Laser Run – a new format now in place at all levels of Pentathlon.

In U19 World Championships, the action begins with a Fencing Ranking Round and this is followed by Obstacle, where athletes race head to head over a 70m course featuring eight obstacles.

Action then switches to the Swimming pool for a 200m freestyle before athletes line up for Laser Run – four running laps of 600m with four visits to the shooting range. The first athlete across the finish line wins!