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UIPM 2024 PENTATHLON U17 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: EGYPT CONTINUE TO DOMINATE IN MIXED RELAY THANKS TO KHALIL AND ABDELHAMED



Egypt picked up their fifth gold medal of the UIPM 2024 Pentathlon U17 World Championships in the Mixed Relay, superstar **Farida Khalil** winning her third gold medal of the weekend alongside **Ahmed Abdelhamed** in Caldas da Rainha (POR).

Twenty nations participated in this year's Mixed Relay event, a 25% increase on the number of teams that took part in 2023.

Thanks to strong starts in the Fencing and Obstacle, 13-year-old sensation Khalil completed a gold medal sweep following successes in the Women's individual and Women's Team, amassing 1640 points along with teammate Abdelhamed (EGY) who won his second medal of the competition 24 hours after winning Men's Team gold.

Poland duo **Hanna Jakubowska** and **Maksymilian Dobosz** came close to pipping their Egyptian counterparts in the Laser Run having completed the circuit more than 30 seconds faster than the winners, but it was not enough to close the demonstrable gap and they finished the week with silver. **Hungary** athletes **Nemere Szecsi** and **Ivola Turbucz** beat both in the Laser Run, salvaging a bronze medal, a repeat result of last year's U17 World Championships albeit with a different team.

Gold medallist Abdelhamed (EGY) said: "It was good competing here - we have been training for months and years. It was very good. The atmosphere was good."

Team-mate Khalil (EGY) added: "It was a very tough competition because it was four days. I started on day one. I did very well in the fencing and the shooting. It was great."



Egypt began their day with a more than healthy lead, picking up a startling 32V/6D and four bonus points in the Fencing Ranking Round, **Germany (Salim El-Masri/ Charlotte Keister)** coming closest with 26V/12D.

Egypt (Khalil/Abdelhamed) combined brilliantly once again to win Obstacle in a time of 57.59sec, although their Hungarian rivals received the same number of points (305) having also completed the course in an equally impressive 57.77.

Egypt's ranked 5th in Swimming, clocking 2min 02.75sec. **Bulgaria (Tomas Grigorov/ Antoniya Nacheva)** went fastest in 1:57.23, soon followed by Poland (Jakubowska/Dobosz) in 1:58.76 and **Japan (Yusei Takano/ Wakana Uchiyama)** in 2:00.32.

Junior World Championship bronze medallist Khalil (EGY) would have begun the day with aspirations of topping the podium for the third time this week and it looked likely. She and Abdelhamed (EGY) had a 40sec head start in Laser Run and they were able to race comfortably

and minimise risks as they sealed the title.

Hungary's new U17 pairing of Szecsi and Turbucz completed the podium as bronze medallists, finishing the Laser Run in 8:33.53 and with a total points score of 1622.



The UIPM 2024 Pentathlon U17 World Championships has now concluded and the next competition on the UIPM calendar is the UIPM 2024 Pentathlon U19 World Championships in Druskininkai (LTU) from September 23-29.

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Rank	Team	Nation	Points
1	KHALIL Farida	EGY	1640
2	ABDELHAMED Ahmed JAKUBOWSKA Hanna	POL	1631
3	DOBOSZ Maksymilian TURBUCZ Ivola	HUN	1622
	SZECSI Nemere		

4	NACHEVA Antoniya	BUL	1609
	GRIGOROV Tomas		
	HASELL Daisy		
5		GBR	1598
	CAWLEY Reuben		
	KEISTER Charlotte		
6		GER	1589
	EL-MASRI Salim		
	LEE Hoyeon		
7		KOR	1572
	PARK Inchan		
	THOMATOS Tatiana		
8		RSA	1559
	GROVE Daniel		
	KESEBIR Tulya		
9		TUR	1533
	CANTOSUN Muharrem Yagiz		
	FLORES Andrea Nahomi		
10		MEX	1531
	SAAVEDRA Jose		
	UCHIYAMA Wakana		
11		JPN	1517
	TAKANO Yusei		
	PIGLIONICO Matilde		
12		ITA	1516
	CACCIA Leonardo		
	FRANCISCO Catarina		
13		POR	1516
	SOUTO Tiago		
	BARNADES Juliette		
14		FRA	1486
	VANDENBORRE Léon		
	SCHEDROVA Diana		
15		KAZ	1473
	KUSAINOV Amal		
	QUINN Grace		
16		IRL	1459
	KAVANAGH Pdraig		
	GONZALEZ ZAPETA Alessandra		
17		GUA	1394
	GANDASEGUI Inaki		
	SHIH Yu-ning		
18		TPE	1368
	WU Hao To		
	ARKISON Elena		
19		CAN	1232
	KHALIL Abraham		
	MANCO ZARATE Maria		
20		PER	1187
	CIFUENTES MENDOZA Renzo		