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UIPM 2025 PENTATHLON WORLD CUP BUDAPEST: ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW



- Gulyas (HUN) and Khalil (EGY) renew inter-generational rivalry
- European nations set to intensify competition in Hungarian capital
- Korea, Japan and China (with 16 athletes) lead Asian challenge

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The European phase of the UIPM 2025 Pentathlon World Cup season began today in one of the sport's heartlands – the dazzling Hungarian capital of Budapest.

Over the next five days, established pentathlon stars such as Olympic champion **Michelle Gulyas** of **Hungary** will race a new generation of contenders led by 14-year-old **Farida Khalil** of **Egypt** in

a bid to secure places at the UIPM 2025 Pentathlon World Cup Final in July.

Following gold-medal success at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games and multiple medals last season, the host nation of this competition and the North African powerhouse seem to be embedded as the dominant teams in the sport.

However, as the business end of the season approaches, competition is sure to intensify with nations such as **France**, **Great Britain**, **Italy** and **Korea** stepping up their LA28 programmes and numerous Individual Neutral Athletes continuing to compete fiercely. There are also signs of a renewed Asian challenge with 16 athletes coming to this competition from **China** and seven from **Japan**.

- Take Five: read about the key talking points



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- **Tuesday April 22:** Women's Qualification
- **Wednesday April 23:** Men's Qualification | Women's Fencing Seeding Round
- **Thursday April 24:** Women's Semi-final A (LIVE from 09:30); Women's Semi-final B (LIVE from 13:00) | Men's Fencing Seeding Round
- **Friday April 25:** Men's Semi-final A (LIVE from 13:00); Men's Semi-final B (LIVE from 16:30)
- **Saturday April 26:** Women's Final (LIVE from 13:00), Men's Final (LIVE from 16:30).

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How it works

Get set for five days of individual competition in the sequence of Fencing, Obstacle, Swimming and Laser Run – a new format that was introduced at UIPM 2025 Pentathlon World Cup Cairo.

Fencing now features a quickfire direct elimination format where athletes must win 1min bouts to remain in the competition. In Qualification there is a traditional Ranking Round, and prior to the Semi-finals there is a Seeding Round that dictates where athletes are placed in the knockout draw.

Fencing is followed by Obstacle, a new addition to senior Modern Pentathlon 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 – five running laps of 600m with four visits to the shooting range. The first athlete across the finish line wins!