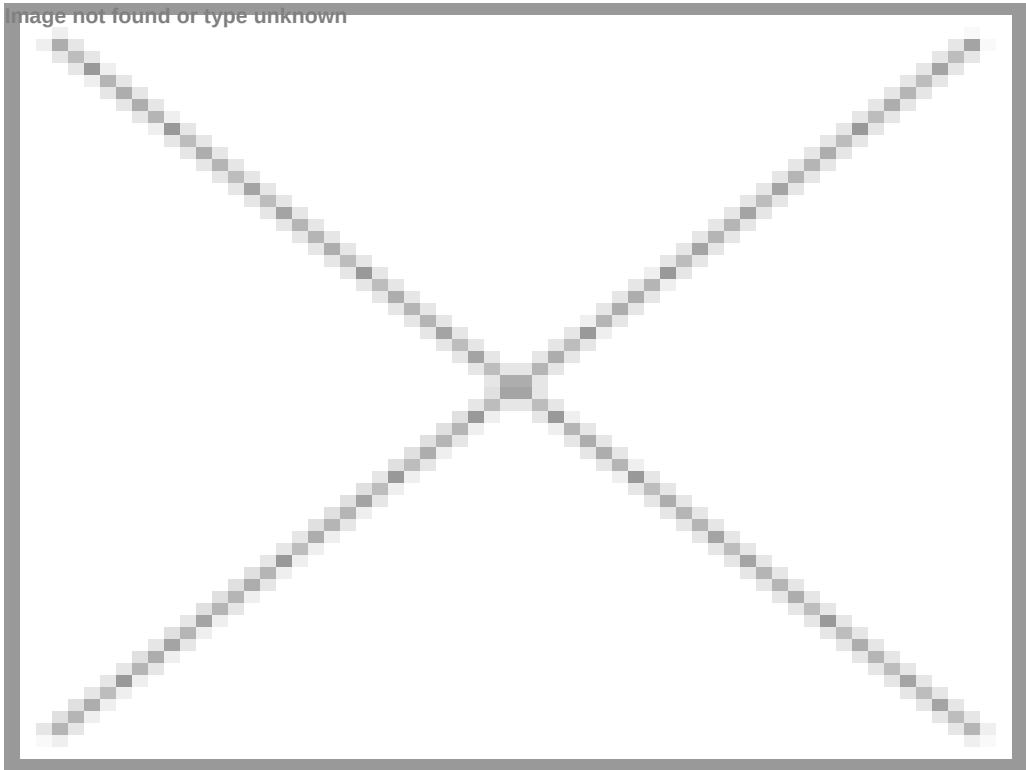


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UIPM 2026 PENTATHLON JUNIOR & U17 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW

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- Combined World Championships in Kaunas (LTU) attracts 330 pentathletes
- European junior champions Jurt (SUI) and Rybak (UKR) in top form
- Egypt pin hopes on new contenders after triple Junior / U17 gold in 2025

KAUNAS, LITHUANIA: July 23, 2026 – It's not so much a glimpse of the future as a full-blown view of new Pentathlon horizons. Around 330 young pentathletes have gathered in Lithuania to compete for global titles and show what they can do in the new format that's had the global community buzzing all season.

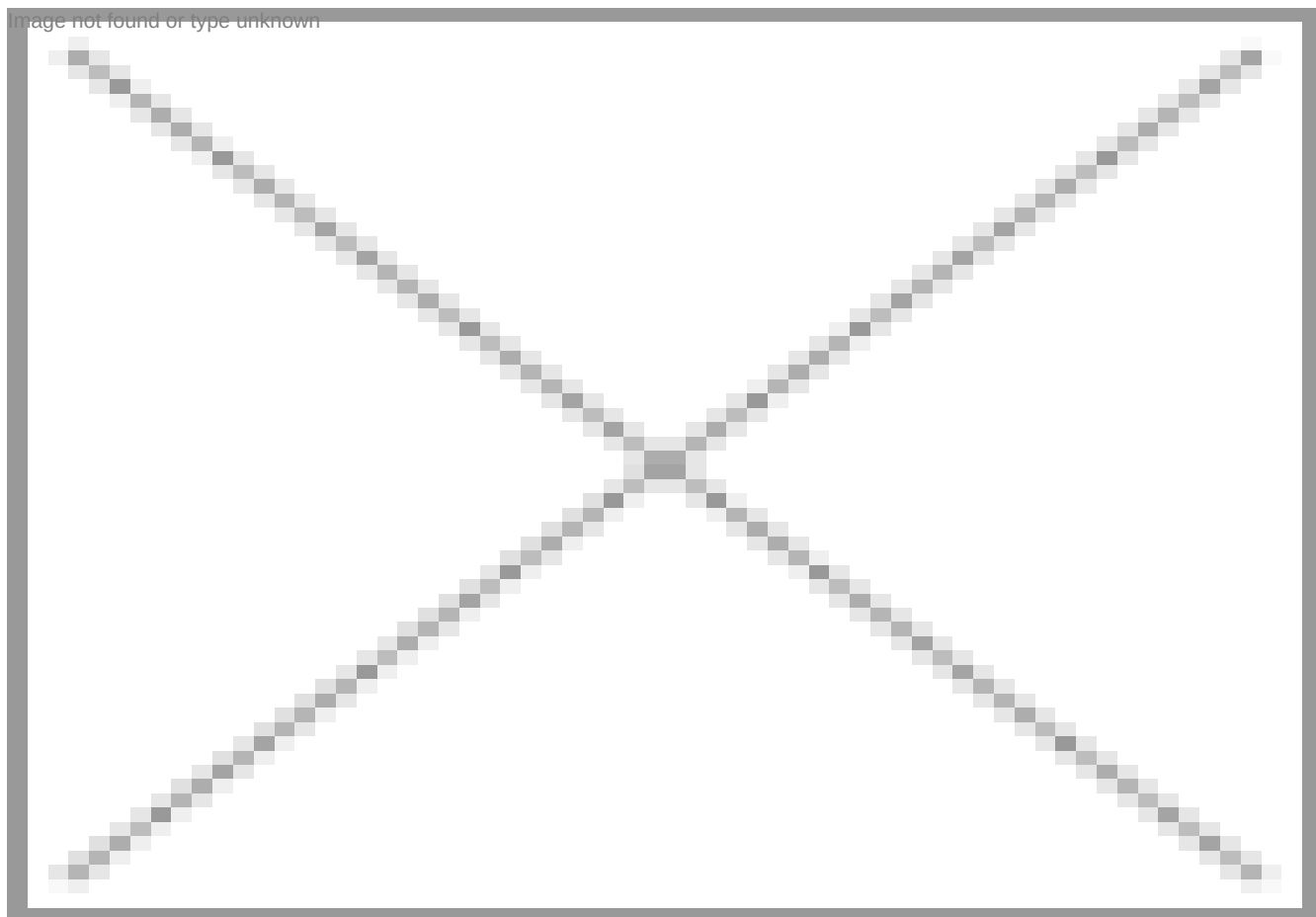
That said, it's about much more than numbers. An impressive feature of this week's combined World Championships is the range of participants. At the lower end of the age scale, two competitors are still aged 13: **Yu-en Lee** of **Chinese Taipei** and **Omar Alshammeri** of **Kuwait**. At the higher end, there is one Olympian in the field – **Lucie Hlavackova** of **Czechia** – as well as the Senior Women's Obstacle world record-holder, **Florina Jurt** of **Switzerland**.

Seven days of individual competition in the sequence of Fencing, Obstacle, Swimming and Laser

Run begin on July 23 with the Junior Women's Qualification and U17 Men's Relay (see full schedule below) at the Lithuanian Sports University Kaunas and the President Valdas Adamkus Athletics Arena.

So who will emerge triumphant and claim the crowns worn by **Farida Khalil** (both age groups) and **Moutaz Mohamed** of **Egypt**, and **Nemere Szecsi** of **Hungary**, last season?

The Junior (Under 22) title is the most prestigious apart from the senior World Championship, and it also serves as a strong form guide ahead of the next Olympic Games, with many among this age group expected to be close to their physical peak in Los Angeles in 2028.



Apart from Jurt (SUI), who won the recent European Junior Championships title, and Hlavackova (CZE), senior top-12-ranked **Malgorzata Karbownik** of **Poland** and **Ganah Elgindy** (EGY) will have their eyes on the prize, as will **France** duo **Colin Flavin** and **Mathilde Derval** and **Hungary** pair **Blanka Bauer** and **Emma Meszaros**.

On the men's side, 2025 silver and bronze medallists **Danylo Sych** of **Ukraine** (ranked 17 at senior level) and **Botond Tamas** (HUN) could be hard to stop, although Sych's team-mate **Oleg Rybak** (UKR) defeated both of them to become European junior gold medallist in Barcelona (ESP).

Meanwhile, the Egyptians have accumulated so many age-group golds in men's Pentathlon it would be folly to write off the likes of **Omar Amer** (EGY), **Mohamed Hassan** (EGY) and **Mohamed Elgindy** (EGY) as the younger brother of Olympic champion Ahmed continues his recovery from injury.

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The UIPM 2026 Pentathlon Junior & U17 World Championships take place from July 23-29, with livestream of the Junior Semi-finals and Finals available to watch free on YouTube based on the following schedule (TV times listed in Central European Summer Time):

Thursday July 23

- **U17** Men's Relay
- **Junior** Women's Qualification

Friday July 24

- **U17** Women's Relay
- **Junior** Men's Qualification

Saturday July 25

- **U17** Men's Qualification
- **Junior** Women's Semi-finals
 - Semi-final A (09:00)
 - Semi-final B (15:00)

Sunday July 26

- **U17** Women's Qualification
- **Junior** Men's Semi-finals
 - Semi-final A (09:00)

- Semi-final B (15:00)

Monday July 27

- **U17** Men's Final
- **Junior** Finals
 - Women's Final (09:00)
 - Men's Final (14:00)

Tuesday July 28

- **U17** Women's Final
- **Junior** Women's Relay & Men's Relay

Wednesday July 29

- **U17** Mixed Relay
- **Junior** Mixed Relay

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