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UIPM 2026 PENTATHLON JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: THREE WORLD RECORDS AS UKRAINE BOSS MEN'S QUALIFICATION



Three new junior world records added sparkle to a day of gritty effort as 36 men qualified for the Semi-finals on the second day of the UIPM 2026 Pentathlon Junior World Championships in Kaunas (LTU).

Alessandro Boero of **Italy** stormed through the pack in Qualification Heat A to dramatically clinch the 12th and last place with a new Laser Run record of 10min 23sec. His incredible comeback enabled him to end the hopes of 13th-placed **Keigo Ito** of **Japan** by a single second. But by the end of the day, Boero's name would no longer be in the record books.

Heat A was finally dominated by powerful **Ukraine** duo **Oleg Rybak** (European champion) and **Danylo Sych** (2025 world silver medallist) and **Dan Vorlicek** of **Czechia**.

Ukrainians also impressed in Qualification Heat B with **Maksym Kovalchuk** (UKR) and **Oleksandr Chernyshev** (UKR) occupying 2nd and 3rd place respectively, albeit neither could stop **Sebastian Forrest** of **Great Britain** leading the way with a daily high points tally of 1,573.

There were three world records in Qualification Heat C as **Matteo Bovenzi** (ITA) set a new 25m Swimming standard of 50.41sec, before **Mohamed Hassan** of **Egypt** took Obstacle Racing to a new level for the U22 age group with a remarkable 20.82.

Hassan (EGY) qualified comfortably alongside top-ranked team-mate **Sief Soliman** (EGY) and former senior world silver medallist **Mohamed Elgendy** (EGY), but the top 12 was almost upset by an extraordinary comeback by **Reuben Cawley** (GBR), whose exceptional and unprecedented time of 9:53.06 raised him up from 24th to 14th overall.

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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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