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UIPM 2026 PENTATHLON JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: SYCH (UKR) AND VORLICEK (CZE) GET AHEAD IN MEN'S SEMI-FINALS



Danylo Sych of **Ukraine** and **Dan Vorlicek** of **Czechia** looked unstoppable as 18 athletes qualified for the Men's Final on the fourth day of the UIPM 2026 Pentathlon Junior World Championships in Kaunas (LTU).

Last year's silver medallist, Sych (UKR) was surprised in Fencing as he was defeated in the Top 2 by **Florent Schoen** of **France**, with **Jed Collins** of **Ireland** and **Kivanc Tasyaran** of **Türkiye** also reaching the Top 4. Collins (IRL) continued to excel in Obstacle with a time of 22.27sec only bettered by **Sebastian Forrest** of **Great Britain** in 22.21, with **Franciszek Dubrawski** of **Poland** also performing superbly in 22.30.

As the sport's fastest swimmer, **Matteo Bovenzi** of **Italy** unsurprisingly moved into the overall lead with a massive Swimming performance of 51.34, leading Laser Run from Collins (IRL) in 2nd and

Sych (UKR) 3rd. But Sych (UKR) took control during the run-shoot, recording exactly the same time as team-mate **Maksym Kovalchuk** (UKR) as the top two qualified with 17sec between them, followed home by Bovenzi (ITA), Collins (IRL), Forrest (GBR) and Tasyaran (TUR).

Behind the top six, there was plenty of drama as fantastic Laser Run times by **Nikolaos Papadimitriou** of **Greece** (10min 31.71sec) and **Matej Kornel** of **Czechia** (10:38.98) propelled them up to 7th and 8th respectively. A tiring **Yusei Takano** of **Japan** managed to hold on to claim his Final place ahead of **Egypt** duo **Sief Soliman** and **Mohamed Adel Elgendy**.



Vorlicek (CZE), a newcomer at Junior level who turned 19 on July 20, looked at home in the high-performance zone in Semi-final B as he finished 7sec clear of European junior champion **Oleg Rybak** (UKR) with last season's World Junior bronze medallist **Botond Tamas** of **Hungary** finishing 3rd.

Domonkos Gyepessy (HUN) won the Fencing round after fending off **Etienne Clergeau** (FRA), who had stunned **Mohamed Hassan** (EGY) with a stunning aerial shot to win 5-4 and reach the final fight. **Ernest Brugot** (FRA) also made the Top 4 and followed up with the second-fastest Obstacle time of 23.20, bettered only by the peerless Hassan (EGY) in 21.06, while Clergeau (FRA) faulted twice on the Globes and was eliminated.

Tamas (HUN) set the standard in Swimming with a 54.91, and the Laser Run heroics came from **Omar Amer** (EGY), who had a long way to come back after starting in a 1:30 mass handicap start. A brilliant 10:03.76 saw him battle his way into the top nine and he finished far enough ahead of 10th-placed **Oleksandr Chernyshev** (UKR) to cancel out his handicap surplus.

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Monday July 27

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