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UIPM 2018 GLOBAL LASER RUN CITY TOUR: RACERS SURGE THROUGH THE STORM IN DNIPRO (UKR)



Another Global Laser Run City Tour in Ukraine, another day of adverse weather conditions, another example of hundreds of racers refusing to be denied their chance to try UIPM's fastest-growing development sport.

A storm warning was issued by the local meteorological office on September 9, the day of the event in Dnipro, and for the third time this year in Ukraine, the weather could hardly have been worse for a Global Laser Run City Tour.

On the flip side, the spirit on display could hardly have been higher.

Festival Quay provided an attractive venue for the competition and 261 competitors attended, many of them with experience of pentathlon.

The Vice President of the Ukrainian Modern Pentathlon Federation, Sergey Timarev, made a welcome speech in which he thanked everybody for braving the weather on such a special

occasion. This was one of two City Tours that coincided with the 1st Pierre de Coubertin Pentathlon Day, a global celebration of the pentathlon movement and the heritage created by its founder.



There were numerous races on the day

with youth, senior and Masters categories, as well as an elite race for the experienced pentathletes.

Sergey Timarev said: "Because of the support of the UIPM and Alexandr Petrovsky's Solidarnist welfare fund, we have been able to celebrate the first #PentathlonDay like real pentathletes – just like the elite athletes competing at the World Championships in Mexico City.

A spokesperson for the local organizing committee added: "With excellent organization, happy athletes and coaches, great atmosphere, a knowledgeable team, laser equipment from the UIPM and sponsorship support, the Global Laser Run City Tour in Dnipro was one of the most memorable competitions of the season for Ukrainian athletes.

"The warm hearts of the competitors contrasted with the cold weather around Festival Quay and prevented the stormy weather from spoiling this sporting celebration. Dnipro has everything to repeat and develop this successful competition next year."

The UIPM Global Laser-Run City Tour was created in 2017 to deliver an exciting, dynamic and fun competition to participants of all ages and offer them an entry point to UIPM Sports.

The Global LRCT took place in parks, stadiums and iconic urban venues in 60 cities around the world in 2017, with more than 15,000 participants. There are about 100 events scheduled in 2018.

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