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UIPM 2019 YOUTH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (U19 & U17): GERMANY WIN THRILLING WOMEN'S RELAY



- Comeback brings glory for Fernandez Donda & Schneider (GER)
- Belarus in close second ahead of bronze medallists France
- U17 men qualify for final in Sofia (BUL)

For the second day in a row there was a dramatic finish at the UIPM Youth World Championships and this time it was **Germany** who won the gold medal as **Esther Fernandez Donda** and **Annika Schneider** won the Under 19 Women's Relay.

The second day of the championships also featured qualification for the U17 Men's Individual Final but, like yesterday with the Men's Relay, the senior youth competition was fraught with suspense.

Only three seconds separated Germany (Fernandez Donda/Schneider) from silver medallists **Belarus**

(**Kseniya Klimiankova & Katsiaryna Etsina**) and third-placed **France** (**Rebecca Castaudi & Candice Ortega**).

It was the first time in four years that Italy, who did not enter a team, were not crowned Women's Relay champions. **Egypt** (**Hania Tarek & Amira Kandil**) finished 4th with **Hungary** (**Rita Erdos & Noemi Eszes**) 5th and **Japan** (**Kaede & Natsu Ohta**) completed the top six.

HOW THE MEDALS WERE WON

Czech Republic duo **Katerina Tomanova** and **Barbora Hartmanova** set the pace in the Swimming pool with a time of 2:06.79, with **Russia** athletes **Ekaterina Galukhina** and **Maria Goretskaia** and Belarus (Klimiankova/Etsina) next-fastest.

France (Castaudi/Ortega) put themselves in contention by scoring 25V/13D in the Fencing Ranking Round, adding two additional points in the Bonus Round. Also impressive on the piste were Czech Republic (Tomanova/Hartmanova) and Germany (Fernandez Donda/Schneider), while **Thailand** duo **Panalee Palasri** and **Prawa Kerdchantrong** added six points in the Bonus Round.

Czech Republic (Tomanova/Hartmanova) started the Laser Run first with a 11sec lead over Belarus (Klimiankova/Etsina) and 15sec over France (Castaudi/Ortega), with Germany (Fernandez Donda/Schneider) having to make up a 24sec deficit.

However, it was Egypt who took control of the race, with Tarek (EGY) handing over a strong position to Kandil (EGY). They remained in the lead until the last shooting series, when Kandil (EGY) struggled to get her shots away and was suddenly overtaken.

A perfect shoot by Fernandez Donda (GER) was decisive, and the 16-year-old managed to run clear of an intense silver-medal duel between Belarus and France, with Egypt missing out on the podium.

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CHAMPIONS' REACTION

Schneider (GER) said: "I'm speechless. I'm very happy. The Fencing and the running was very good. Sometimes my Fencing is very bad but today it was very good for me. I want to say thank you to my coaches and my friends"

Fernandez Donda (GER) added: "I'm very happy about the outcome of the competition. Today my best discipline was shooting, especially on the last series.

"Now I'm looking forward to the U19 Women's Individual Final and the U17 Mixed Relay. I'm very happy for my partner and my family and coaches."

U17 UPDATE

Sixty-four athletes took part in qualification for the U17 Men's Individual Final, with **Esau Florido** of **Mexico** emerging as the top performer ahead of **Moutaz Mohamed** (EGY) and **Kodai Arai**

(JPN).

The 36 successful qualifiers for the final on Sunday, 21 July are listed below.

UIPM REACTION

Philipp Waeffler, UIPM Competitions Director, said: "I think it's great to see the pentathletes of the future competing with a smile on their faces, and it's great to see very close and good competition. In good spirit they were fighting for the medals.

"It is also very nice to see 40 nations competing in U17 and U19, so there was something entertaining going on all day for all teams. They can all see what it will be like in the future to become top athletes.

"I would like to thank the organisational work of the Bulgarian Modern Pentathlon Federation and what they did with the judges and the volunteers. Every day from early in the morning until the evening they put on a good competition that all the teams can benefit from, with great infrastructure."

WATCH AND FOLLOW

The UIPM 2019 Youth World Championships (U19 / U17) in Sofia (BUL) runs from July 18-24 and continues on Saturday, July 20 with the U17 Women's Individual Final and the U19 Mixed Relay.

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Rank	Name	Nation	MP Points
1	FLORIDO Esau	MEX	1073
2	MOHAMED Moutaz	EGY	1072
3	ARAI Kodai	JPN	1063
4	ZIOLEK Piotr	POL	1063
5	CHATELLIER Cedric	FRA	1060
6	GORKOVENKO Maksim	RUS	1059
7	ALEADWY Abu Bakr	EGY	1058
8	LABESSE Lorys	FRA	1055
9	MELKAZIORAU Uladzislau	BLR	1054
10	TALEIGO Duarte	POR	1052
11	JABLONSKI Michal	POL	1050
12	ZELEPUTIN Vladimir	RUS	1050
13	LEH Tim	GER	1050
14	TSEVIANSKI Viktar	BLR	1048
15	MEDINA Mario	MEX	1046
16	MANUILO Kirill	RUS	1046
17	HORVATH Bálint	HUN	1045
18	GERMANOV Lubomir	BUL	1044
19	BOVENZI Matteo	ITA	1042

20	KLINKERT Moriz	GER	1040
21	RASMUSON Jakob	SWE	1040
22	NIJ Elmer	GUA	1040
23	PRYTKOU Ivan	BLR	1039
24	COBB Sam	GBR	1039
25	OCHOA Juan	GUA	1039
26	GÁLL András	HUN	1039
27	PARADOWSKI Olaf	POL	1038
28	BROWN Charles	GBR	1038
29	GAUDIESIUS Lukas	LTU	1037
30	GUTSCHE Moritz	GER	1037
31	BELIAKOVICH Daniil	BLR	1036
32	ELBENDARY Seif	EGY	1032
33	NEZNANOV Gleb	RUS	1030
34	MAIRE Emilien	FRA	1029
35	DRAZINOS Dimitrios	GRE	1026
36	STOYCHEV Radoslav	BUL	1024