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UIPM 2022 YOUTH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: RAMADAN & KHALIL DELIVER FIFTH GOLD FOR EGYPT



Egypt continued to dominate the UIPM 2022 Youth World Championships in Lignano Sabbiadoro (ITA) with a fifth gold medal in the Under 17 Women's Relay.

Ritage Ramadan and Farida Khalil (EGY) won a thrilling sprint finish against their compatriots Sarah Mohamed & Ganah Elgindy (EGY).

With only one duo from each nation allowed a medal, Amelie Treib and Nadja Farmand of Germany won silver in 3rd place as Zoe Spokes and Elizabeth Ryan of Great Britain picked up bronze in 4th.

The day also featured the Under 19 Women's Semi-finals, with 18 athletes progressing to the Final.



Under 17 Women's Relay

Ramadan & Khalil (EGY) were 2nd-fastest in Swimming, only a fraction of a second slower than **Enya Frouin** and **Mireia Vazquez** of **Spain**, giving them a strong platform for the Laser Run with their compatriots Mohamed & Elgindy (EGY) starting 17sec behind.

An exceptionally rapid Laser Run by Mohamed & Elgindy (8min 57.30) very nearly earned them gold, also thanks to a 10sec penalty incurred by Ramadan & Khalil (EGY), but Khalil (EGY) prevailed in a sprint finish.

Treib & Farmand (GER) comfortably picked up the silver medal, finishing 13sec ahead of Spokes & Ryan (GBR).

Ramadan (EGY) said: "It's amazing because in the individual final my shooting was really bad, even though I was 1st in Swimming. Today it's an amazing feeling for us to win even though my had a 10sec penalty.

"Near the end I felt like we wouldn't get it, but my partner did a great job. I couldn't stand at the end, to celebrate with her!

Khalil (EGY) said: "I was really happy, the finish was amazing. We both want to be champions in the Youth Olympic Games and the Olympic Games. Our role models are Salma Abdelmaksoud, Haydy Morsy and Ahmed Elgendy."



Under 19 Women's Semi-finals

Thirty-six athletes took part in the Women's Semi-finals to determine which 18 would progress to the Final on Super Sunday (September 11).

Semi-final A was won by **Gabrielle Holland** (GBR, 1050 points), 8sec ahead of **Damaris Garza** of **Mexico** and 12sec ahead of **Jiho Shin** of **Korea**.

The winner of Semi-final B was Under 17 gold medallist **Sumin Shin**, who crossed the line together with **Blanka Bauer** of Hungary with 1046 points, 9sec ahead of **Marcela Mello** of **Brazil**.

RankName		Nation	MP Points
1	SHIN Sumin	KOR	250
2	ISMAIL Malak	EGY	245
3	ATTIA Jana	EGY	240
4	GYUGYI Laura	HUN	235
5	SHIN Jiho	KOR	235
6	DOBRONYI Dorina	HUN	235
7	UNTERBERGER Josefine	GER	235
8	HOLLAND Gabrielle	GBR	235
9	HLAVACKOVA Lucie	CZE	225
10	BAUER Blanka	HUN	220
11	KIM Yena	KOR	215
12	KARBOWNIK Malgorzata	POL	210
13	MIN Seongjin	KOR	210
14	GARZA Damaris	MEX	205
15	SALA Elisa	ITA	200
16	MELLO Marcela	BRA	200
17	TOTH Dorka Sara	HUN	195
18	BIERNACKA Maja	POL	180



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Competition schedule

UIPM 2022 Youth World Championships (U19/U17)

September 10: (U19) Men's Semi-finals; (U17) Men's Relay

September 11: (U19) Women's Final; Men's Final; (U17) Mixed Relay