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UIPM 2022 PENTATHLON JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: CZECH DUO TAKE 'SMOOTH' MEN'S RELAY GOLD



The standard was set by **Czech Republic** on the second day of the UIPM 2022 Pentathlon Junior World Championships as they enjoyed a “smooth” success in the Men’s Relay in Zielona Gora (POL).

Matous Tuma (CZE) and **Filip Houska** (CZE) combined to great effect to end the day with a 16sec victory over silver medallists **Paulius Vagnorius** and **Titas Puronas** of **Lithuania**, crossing the finish line in convincing style.

The bronze medal was won by **Juan Ochoa** and **Andres Fernandez** of **Guatemala**, who held off a brave challenge by **Great Britain** duo **Sam Cobb** and **Guy Anderson**.



Winners' reaction

Houska (CZE) said: "Everything was quite smooth. We started with the best Fencing, it was amazing, but then we were a little bit scared of the Riding."

Tuma (CZE) added: "But we drew good horses, and we managed to jump over all the obstacles, and then in Swimming we did what we know we can. In Laser Run we kicked home and performed a good shooting, and that was the key."

Houska (CZE) added: "I had such a big advantage over the others because of Matous' amazing run and shoot, so I could control it and even slow down on the last lap, so it was very comfortable."

"We would like to thank all our coaches, and we would like to keep Riding and change the rules, because Riding is amazing and we don't want to have any obstacle racing."



Fencing

With 14 competing nations, only two rotations were needed in the Fencing Ranking Round and Czech Republic (Tuma/Houska) made sure they all counted with a top score of 19V/7D. They also added the four points available in the Bonus Round.

With 16V/10D, two teams immediately put themselves into podium contention – Lithuania (Vagnorius/Puronas) and Guatemala (Ochoa/Fernandez).



Riding

After the turbulence of the Women's Relay 24 hours earlier, the scene was remarkably serene during the Riding element of the Men's Relay, and four nations performed immaculately to obtain a score of 300.

Clear rounds enabled Czech Republic (Tuma/Houska) and Lithuania (Vagnorius/Puronas) to protect their positions, while **Emilien Maire** and **Pierre Dupuy** of **France** and **Maciej Klimek** and **Michal Jablonski** of **Poland** also took the maximum points.



Swimming

Finally there came a discipline that proved challenging for Czech Republic (Tuma/Houska), and it was Guatemala (Ochoa/Fernandez) who best took advantage with an excellent swim of 1min 51.80sec to move 9pts closer to the overall leaders, who in turn stretched their lead over Lithuania (Vagnorius/Puronas) by 9pts.

France (Maire/Dupuy) impressed with a 1:53.68, with **Federico Alessandro** and **Giorgio Micheli** of **Italy** third-fastest (1:54.21).



Laser Run

With a 28sec starting cushion over Guatemala (Ochoa/Fernandez), it was always going to take a major incident to deprive Czech Republic (Tuma/Houska) of the world title, and they duly completed the circuit without alarm to earn the gold medal.

Lithuania (Vagnorius/Puronas) showed impressive conviction to turn bronze into silver, finally finishing 10sec ahead of Guatemala (Ochoa/Fernandez).

The fastest time of 12min 13sec was set by **Omar Mohamed** and **Youssef Alyan** of **Egypt**, with two teams timing 12:24 – Great Britain (Cobb/Anderson) and France (Maire/Dupuy).



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Competition schedule

UIPM 2022 Pentathlon Junior World Championships

October 2: Women's Relay

October 3: Men's Relay

October 4: Women's Qualification

October 5: Men's Qualification

October 6: Women's Semi-finals

October 7: Men's Semi-finals

October 8: Women's Final; Men's Final

October 9: Mixed Relay

Rank	Team	Nation	MP Points
1	HOUSKA Filip	CZE	1409
2	TUMA Matous PURONAS Titas	LTU	1393
3	VAGNORIUS Paulius FERNANDEZ Andres	GUA	1383
4	OCHOA Juan ANDERSON Guy	GBR	1377
5	COBB Sam CHEKAN Vladyslav	UKR	1365
6	SOROCHUK Bogdan KLIMEK Maciej	POL	1361
7	JABLONSKI Michal DUPUY Pierre	FRA	1349
8	MAIRE Emilien ROMANELLI Matheus	BRA	1348
9	MEDEIROS Nicholas MOHAMED Omar	EGY	1344
10	ALYAN Youssef LEMKEN Christoph	GER	1334
11	LEH Tim ALESSANDRO Federico	ITA	1319
12	MICHELI Giorgio CSAK Milan	HUN	1315
13	BARANY Peter Andras STADNIK Kirill	KAZ	1282
14	SYCHOV Konstantin CHERRY Robert	IRL	1220
	COSTELLO Caolan		