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MODERN PENTATHLON NEW ZEALAND PRAISED FOR UIPM PARA SPORTS DEVELOPMENT



New Zealand has been praised internationally for its success in limiting the spread of the COVID-19 Coronavirus, and this has enabled Modern Pentathlon New Zealand (MPNZ) to continue much of its planned development work in 2020.

MPNZ has demonstrated a commitment to inclusion in its activities, with an 84-year-old taking part in a recent Laser Run event – and scoring five green lights in 14sec. The Federation has also been praised for its contribution to the UIPM Para Sports movement, providing opportunities especially for athletes with a visual impairment.

Having set a goal of enabling access for all to the sport of Modern Pentathlon, MPNZ has created a partnership with the New Zealand branch of Achilles International to ensure para athletes have guides and support.

Para athlete and advisor Shannon Cleave, who is visually impaired and competes internationally in triathlon, said: “The defining moment in any sport’s growth is when it draws and supports athletes

from all sectors of the community.

