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UIPM 2026 PENTATHLON JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: PECIULYTE (LTU) AND HUNGARIANS STAND OUT IN WOMEN'S QUALIFICATION



A junior world-record Swimming performance by **Lithuania** pentathlete **Guste Peciulyte** caught the imagination of the host nation as 36 women qualified for the Semi-finals on the opening day of the UIPM 2026 Pentathlon Junior World Championships in Kaunas (LTU).

Orsolya Varga of **Hungary** comfortably won Qualification Heat 1 with an 11sec margin over **Zeina Amer** of **Egypt**, with **Emma Meszaros** (HUN) leading a pack across the line.

One of the most decorated athletes in the competition, **Coline Flavin** of **France**, finished back in 15th despite a surging Laser Run, and will be feeling pressure to improve in the Semi-finals.

Swimming specialist **Wakana Uchiyama** of **Japan** looked to have exited the competition after finishing 4sec behind 18th-placed **Jiwoo Jeon** of **Korea**. It was an extra-tough day for the

Japanese as she was narrowly beaten to the Swimming world record (25m) by Peculyte (LTU), whose time of 58.18sec eclipsed the 58.81 managed by Uchiyama (JPN). However, the reallocation of Semi-final quota places finally came to her aid.

Qualification Heat 2 also saw a Hungarian take the lead role as **Zora Zeman** (HUN) finished 5sec ahead of **Jana Attia** and **Sarah Mohamed** (EGY).

Senior Obstacle Racing world record-holder and European junior champion **Florina Jurt** of **Switzerland** lived up to her billing, finishing in the top five with her sister **Katharina Jurt** (SUI) ranking 8th.

Senior stars **Blanka Bauer** (HUN) and **Malgorzata Karbownik** of **Poland** also finished comfortably inside the top 18 but with plenty of room for improvement ahead of the Saturday Semi-finals and Monday Finals.

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Friday July 24

- **U17 Women's Relay**
- **Junior Men's Qualification**

Saturday July 25

- **U17 Men's Qualification**
- **Junior Women's Semi-finals**
 - Semi-final A (09:00)
 - Semi-final B (15:00)

Sunday July 26

- **U17 Women's Qualification**
- **Junior Men's Semi-finals**
 - Semi-final A (09:00)
 - Semi-final B (15:00)

Monday July 27

- **U17 Men's Final**
- **Junior Finals**
 - Women's Final (09:00)
 - Men's Final (14:00)

Tuesday July 28

- **U17 Women's Final**
- **Junior Women's Relay & Men's Relay**

Wednesday July 29

- **U17** Mixed Relay
- **Junior** Mixed Relay

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