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UIPM 2026 PENTATHLON WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: SEONG & SEO DELIVER MIXED RELAY GOLD FOR KOREA



A sign of things to come in the Individual competitions? Two of the world's leading pentathletes, **Seungmin Seong** and **Changwan Seo**, signalled the intent of **Korea** as they delivered Mixed Relay gold on Day 2 of the UIPM 2026 Pentathlon World Championships in Guiyang (CHN).

Seong (KOR), the 2024 world champion and Paris 2024 Olympic bronze medallist, teamed up with UIPM 2026 Pentathlon World Cup Pazardzhik winner Seo (KOR) to dominate the contest and prevail by 18sec from **Belarus**, who built on their Women's Relay victory with a silver medal shared by **Viyaleta Hureyeva** and **Yauheni Arol**. A brilliant Laser Run of 13min 01.50sec saw them scamper past **Hungary** duo **Blanka Guzi** and **Zsombor Tarkanyi**, who had to settle for bronze.

The top six was completed by heavyweights **Russia**, **China** and **Egypt**, who gave a welcome

recall to 2025's all-conquering teenage phenomenon **Farida Khalil**.



Seong & Seo (KOR) were the last team standing in Fencing, defeating Russia's **Alisa Melikhova** and **Petr Borshchev** in the Top 2 bout. Swimming saw an unexpected success for **Yu Hei Liu** and **Chun Hei Shum** of **Hong Kong, China**, whose time of 52.29sec was narrowly quicker than the Russians' 52.54.

Laser Run was dominated by the Belarusians as Hureyeva & Arol moved past women's world No.1 Guzi (HUN) and team-mate Tarkanyi (HUN), but the Koreans were untouchable at the front of the field. Placing 6th in all three disciplines showed the consistency of the host nation, represented by **Xiyao Wu** and **Shuai Luo**.



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Wednesday August 26

- Men's Qualification

Thursday August 27

- Women's Qualification
- Men's Fencing Seeding Round

Friday August 28

- Men's Semi-final A (07:00)
- Men's Semi-final B (10:30)
- Women's Fencing Seeding Round

Saturday August 29

- Women's Semi-final A (07:00)
- Women's Semi-final B (10:30)

Sunday August 30

- Men's Final (07:00)
- Women's Final (10:30)

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