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The world pentathlon championship begins!

The Infantry Academy welcomes the participant countries to the 51st military championship



Infantry Academy of Toledo

Welcome athletes! The 51st World Military Pentathlon Championship has begun. From 19 to 27 of July, the pentathlon teams of 29 countries will compete in the facilities of the Infantry Academy of

Toledo, in Spain. Today, all the countries are ready to begin the trainings, and tomorrow it will start a week filled with expectancy, sportsmanship and efforts of the different teams, which will try to take their

countries to the top of the classification.

We are proud to have all of you here, and we hope this will be also the start of a week of friendship and fun.

Good luck!



The General welcomes the athletes

The director of the Infantry Academy, general Juan Miguel Mateo Castañeyra, wants to tell some words to all the participant athletes:

"Firstly, on behalf of the Infantry Academy that I lead, I want to welcome you to this Military Educational Institute, and desire that your stay among us to be as grateful as possible. Make yourself at home.

As Director of the Championship, it is my wish that the goals you have established for this competition will be fulfilled, according to your physical and spiritual preparation. In any case, you can feel the pride and satisfaction of having reached this level, and of your most invaluable participation to make these championships keep the high quality and prestige they have always had."

Angel Manrique / DECET



**Brigadier General Pucher
Technical Committee**

<<We have the top athletes here. We will see outstanding competitions>>

The Austrian Brigadier General Johann Pucher is the President of the Permanent Technical Committee.

How has been the organization of this championship?

The preparations are excellent. One can see that from a lot of different measures taken. Spain can draw on the experience of excellent staff that has organised or participated in competitions before. The premises in the Infantry Academy are outstanding.

What is your opinion about the celebration in Spain?

With Spain, Military Pentathlon might have another excellent venue and organiser for future regional championship in military pentathlon. This might foster regional competition with other interested countries like Portugal, Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia in the future.

What do you think of the quality of the athletes?

We have the top athletes here. We will see outstanding competitions. Unfortunately, the last years world champion Stefano Palma, from Austria, is not present in Toledo because of an injury.

Which country do you think is better prepared to win?

As traditionally, D.P.R China is the favourite, but Brazil is always strong. I am glad to see that also some competitors from Europe like Sylta, from Norway, or Dasbjerg, from Denmark, may cope with the athletes from overseas.

SHOOTING



Distance: 200 m

Weapon: bigbore standard rifle

UIT - 300 m rifle target

Programme: 5 sighting shots in 5

minutes; 10 shots precision fire in 10 min; 10 shots rapid fire in 1 min.

World record: men 200 rings and women 199 rings

OBSTACLE RUN



Distance: 500 m

Obstacles: 20, standardised

Method: The competition will be done in several identical tracks, and

each competitor have to run in its own one.

World record: men 2:11, 9 min and women 2:13, 9 min.

OBSTACLE SWIMMING



Distance: 50 m

Obstacles: 4, standardised to be passed under and to be climbed over

Method: it can be done in one or

more tracks, which have always to be identical and parallel.

World record: men 23,8 sec and women 27,6 sec.



THROWING

Throwing projectiles: men 55 grammes and women 350 grammes.
Precision: 16 throwing projectiles, 4 each at circles. Men: 20 / 25 / 30 / 35 m and women 15 / 20 / 25 / 30 m
Distance: 3 attempts, the best counts
World record: men 216.3 points and women 189.5 points



Colonel Ignacio Montojo
Secretary-general

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The colonel Ignacio Montojo is the Secretary of the Central Committee of Physical Training and Sports in the Spanish Army.

How has been developed the organization of this championship?

We have been preparing the championship since march of the last year and during this time the athletes have had to go through three phases: a previous phase at the second semester of 2002, a preparation phase from january to july this year and a execution phase that begins now.

What supposes to the Spanish Army to be in charge of this championship?

It is a great responsibility because we must get better results than the ones in the last years. We have also increased the concentrations and the competitions at the international level.

It is also our duty to have all the sport facilities in the best condition.

In your opinion, which is the best prepared country?

China and Brazil have an almost exclusive dedication most of the year. Corea and Norway have very good feminine teams. The Spanish masculine team reached the 8th position in the last championship, and the feminine one was in the middle of the classification. Our objective in this championship is to improve that results.



CROSS-COUNTRY

Distance: 8000 m in slighty hilly terrain and 4000 m for women. cordoned off.
Overall elevation: up to 150 m
Method: The trail must be clearly indicated and, if necessary, it can be
World record: men 25:02,0 min and women 13:26,7 min



OBSTACLE RELAY

Distance: 500 m.
Obstacles: 20 standardised, 4 competitors (men) each of them 5 obstacles, 3 competitors (women).
Method: nation against nation in a knock out system.
World record: men 1:49 min and women 1:57,1 min.



TODAY'S PROGRAMME

09:00 - 19:00	Shooting training
08:00 - 20:00	Obstacle run training
09:00 - 19:00	Obstacle swimming training
09:00 - 19:00	Throwing training
06:00 - 22:00	Cross- country training



WEATHER

Today we can enjoy a mainly sunny sky. The temperatures will reach the 39°C. And at the end of the day, they can fall to 20°C. Tonight, a few clouds from time to time. NNW winds at 5 to 10 mph.

The humidity will be 20% and the visibility, unlimited.

KNOWING TOLEDO

Toledo, one of the luxuries found in Spain



Its privileged location and the natural turn of the Tagus River, together with its continuous population from ages ago, create a unique city in which beautiful and harmonious buildings form an array of architectural styles.

In its medieval past, Toledo appears as one of the cradles of Western culture through its Toledan School of Translators, which in itself is an example of the tolerance and coexistence of the Jewish, Muslim and Christian cultures.

Cradle of Monarchs, and the seat of principal archbishops, Toledo constitutes a tourist attraction point of first order sheltered in the knowledge stored in its Mosques, Synagogues, churches and convents. They surround the traveler with an enchantment as Becquer or Galdos described, and El Greco portrayed in his paintings. Toledo also is known its special musical splendor, and the bounty of its table in which the traveler can taste traditional recipes, specially its world renowned marzipans.

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