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# MASTERS SHOW HOW IT'S DONE BY MERGING FORMATS AT COMPETITIONS IN FRANCE AND GERMANY



The month of June 2024 witnessed thrilling Masters events in Modern Pentathlon, showcasing the skills and endurance of athletes across various disciplines in two prominent competitions: the 2024 France Masters Open and the International German Masters Modern Pentathlon Championships.

## 2024 France Masters Open: Argelès-sur-Mer

From June 1-2, the coastal town of Argelès-sur-Mer hosted the 2024 France Masters Open, drawing 41 athletes from **France** and seven other countries (**Czechia, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Ukraine, Italy** and **Spain**). This competition featured Tetrathlon and two versions of Modern Pentathlon, one with Obstacle discipline.

The event kicked off with Fencing on Saturday afternoon, where **Nelly Gaucher** (FRA) and **Sylvain Louis** (FRA) led the rankings. Sunday saw participants splitting into groups for the Riding

course and Obstacle race. **Thomas Morillon** (FRA) set a stunning record for Masters in the Obstacle event with only 30sec.

**Alexander Ermakov** (ESP) excelled in Riding, scoring 300 points, while **Karen Thomas** (FRA) was the best female rider.

In Swimming, **Pavlos Dakoutros** (GRE) and **Marketa Honova** (CZE), both Masters 30+, dominated, with impressive performances by **Jimmy Canot** (FRA) in the M60+ category.

The day concluded with a Laser Run, where a remarkable 6min 39sec Laser Run from William Atger (FRA) was not enough to win in his category. **Francesco Lo Monaco** (ITA) delivered an impressive 5:29 in the Men's M60+ category. Honova (CZE) also excelled with an 8:15 Laser Run, leading the women's category.

**Julien Maratier** (FRA) and **Jocelyn Laporte** (FRA) emerged victorious in the Pentathlon with Obstacles, winning the M40+ and M50+ categories respectively?.



### **International German Masters: Halle an der Saale**

From June 20-22, Halle an der Saale was the stage for the International German Masters Modern Pentathlon Championships. Twenty-seven athletes from Germany and seven other nations including **Austria**, **Switzerland** and **Hungary** competed under excellent conditions.

Honova (CZE) shone once again in the Women's Pentathlon with Riding, securing overall victory in the 30+ to 59 age group with a total of 1669 points. In the men's category, **Rudiger Tesar** (AUT) led with 1714 points. The 60-70 age group saw **Philip Budden** (GBR) win a tight competition with

1672 points.

The event also previewed the new Obstacle course format, where Masters from Germany showed great performance. **Dr Vera Oettinger** (GER) won the Women's Obstacle Pentathlon with 1419 points, and **Dr Barbara Oettinger** (GER) clinched gold in the 60+ category. The Mixed Relay events saw the team of **Gesche Reimers** (GER) and Tesar (AUT) triumph in the Pentathlon with Riding, while Dr Vera Oettinger (GER) and **Daniel Curth** (GER) led in the Pentathlon with Obstacles.

Both competitions not only highlighted the athletes' prowess but also set the stage for future innovations in Modern Pentathlon, promising an exciting blend of tradition and new challenges for the sport. The results of both competitions are available at [UIPM Masters Past Events](#).

