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SUCCESS FOR BRAZIL AND MEXICO IN SOUTH AMERICAN & PAN AMERICAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS IN LIMA (PER)



Less than a month after the successful 19th Pan American Games in Santiago (CHI), South America staged another important gathering as Lima (PER) hosted the South American and Pan American Youth Championships.

There were categories from U13 to U19 and in the highest age category, **Joao Correia** of **Brazil** won double gold in the Men's Individual and Mixed Relay alongside **Ana Clara Bezerra**. The Women's Individual champion was **Daira Tavira** of **Mexico**, who earned a big margin of victory in the Tetrathlon event (Fencing/Swimming/Laser Run).

Across the age categories, Pan American powerhouse Mexico won another four individual golds while there were also individual titles for **Peru** and **Ecuador**.

A spokesperson for the local organising committee said: "It was gratifying to have so many young pentathletes and especially to receive the delegations from Panama and Colombia who are restarting a new stage of development.

"Closing the year of competitions in South America, Jorge Salas, President of CPPM and CSPM, and UIPM Treasurer John Helmick had words of praise and a desire to continue consolidating our sport on the continent."