



**United Through Sports
International Powerlifting Federation
Virtual Youth Sports Festival**

Tuesday, January 5, 2021 – Strassen, Luxembourg

Ladies and gentlemen,

I am both honored and pleased to announce, the IPF attained six (6) medals at the United Through Sports (UTS) Virtual Youth Sports Festival -- Max Fit Competition, finalized on Saturday, December 19, 2020 in Bangkok, Thailand. Overall, IPF Youth athletes were awarded two (2) Gold Medals, one (1) Silver Medal and three (3) Bronze Medals.

The medalists were:

Piper Gardner (USA Powerlifting), female, under 12 category, Gold Medal.

Rudisill Houston (USA Powerlifting), male, under 13 category, Gold Medal.

Sherezada Romero (Peruvian National Powerlifting Fed.), special female, Silver Medal.

Cal Knight (USA Powerlifting), male, under 10 category, Bronze Medal.

Austin Bartek (USA Powerlifting), Male, under 14 category, Bronze Medal.

Shelby Stricklin (USA Powerlifting), female, under 15 category, Bronze Medal.

The official results can be found [HERE](#)



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The Max Fit competition can be viewed [HERE](#). The Max Fit competition awards start at 38:30.

The youth athletes were selected to represent both their National Member Federation and the International Powerlifting Federation, versus 200 youth athletes, from sixty (60) other Olympic/Non-Olympic recognized international sports federations at the UTS Max Fit Finals.

My sincere congratulations to the athletes, to USA Powerlifting and to National Powerlifting Federation of Peru.

Gaston Parage
President, International Powerlifting Federation

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Background:

The International Powerlifting Federation athletes have been invited to participate in the United Through Sports (UTS) Virtual Youth Sports Festival. The 2020 UTS Virtual Youth Sports Festival falls under the patronage of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), the International Paralympic Committee (IPC), the Special Olympics International (SOI), Global Association of International Sports Federation (GAISF), SportAccord and the Alliance of Independent recognized Members of Sport (AIMS). Overall, the UTS Virtual Youth Sports Festival invites all of us to stand in solidarity under the Olympic, Paralympic and Special Olympics values towards the promotion of inclusion, equality, non-discrimination, and peace-promotion.

Additional information pertaining to UTS can be viewed here: <https://unitedthroughsports.com/>