

DUBAI INTERNATIONAL ARABIAN HORSE CHAMPIONSHIP



23rd Edition
3rd to 5th April 2026 - Dubai

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Under the prestigious patronage of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai.

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in 2026 Dubai International Arabian Horse Championship has proudly reached its 23rd edition taking place with great success from 3rd to 5th April 2026.

Launched with the ambitious aim of offering the city of Dubai a one-of-a-kind spectacle, this event has not only preserved but also enhanced its identity over time.

This milestone was made possible thanks to the vision and tenacity of Mr Qusai Obaidalla, Director and Board Member since the very first edition, and a true pillar of the event.

Initial premises might have suggested a modest turnout, but the reality told a very different story: the turnout was lively, heartfelt, almost inevitable. The public responded

with enthusiasm, filling the venue and even surpassing the figures from the previous edition, with 154 horses entered and VIP tables reserved for guests.

What makes this show truly special, however, goes far beyond the numbers. It is the rare and precious feeling of coming home, at least once a year. The atmosphere is authentic and familiar, built up over time through relationships, experiences and a shared passion.

Everyone involved contributes with dedication and awareness, drawing on a wealth of experience gained over the years and a deep connection to the event. In a complex context, this show stands out not only as a major event, but as a symbol of resilience, passion and belonging to the world of the Arabian horse.

But let's turn to the competition: as previously mentioned, nine judges were invited to assess the 154 horses: Mrs Claudia Darius (DE), Mrs Irina Stigler (RUS), Mrs Micaela Weidner (DE), Mr Eric Gear (FR), Mr Terry Holmes (USA), Mr Jo Polo (USA), Mr Tamas Rombauer (HU), Mr Robbie Den Hartog (NL) and Mr Elyas Ibrahim Faraj (BHR). There were four DCs: Dr Sujeet Bhaskar Suryawanshi, Dr Umer Raza Gill, Dr Abdel Wahab ben Ali Amira and Mr Kais Ben Hadi Ouelhazi from the UAE. Mr Eidha Taleb Almenhali did an excellent job as Ring Master. The voices in the background announcing the judges' scores for each horse in two different languages were those of Mrs Noora Al Marri and Mr Abdulla Rashid.



This edition also featured a generous prize fund of \$4,000,000, distributed as follows: up to 5th place in the Foals classes, up to 7th place in the Junior and Senior Yearling classes, and over \$2,000,000 for medals in the final championship.

On Friday 3rd, the Yearling Fillies from Sections A and B opened the show; as always, the top 5 in the class were awarded prizes, but only the top 3 would go through

to the final championship. And it was the beautiful “PALMAH O”, owned by Al Shiraa Arabians, that won both the class and the Gold medal. In second place, taking the Silver medal, was “SALLA ALREMAS”, owned by Mr Mohammad Tareq Al Hassan.

Bronze went to “SELENE AL BIDAYER”, owned by Sheikh Mohammed Saoud Sultan S Alqassimi. Next up were the Junior Fillies, with these classes also split into two due to the large number of entrants.





And it was once again Sheikh Mohammed Saoud Sultan S Alqassimi, with the beautiful “AJEEBAH ALBIDAYER”, who took home the Gold medal. Dubai Stud also secured a medal, with “D NERAN” taking the silver. The Bronze medal went to “SAMA AL JAZEEL”, owned by Al Jazeel Stud. The event concluded with the Senior Mares, again divided into two classes, featuring a battle between “AJ ASAI” owned by Mohammad Sheikh Suliman, who claimed the Gold, and “D SHIHANAH” from Dubai Stud, who nevertheless brought home a Silver medal for the stud. An excellent result for “E.S. SALMA”, owned by Sheikh Abdulla Bin Majid Alqassemi, who claimed the Bronze medal. Once again this year, there were two fine Foal classes; let’s start with the very young Fillies and look at the final standings, with the Gold medal going to “YARA ALBIDAYER”, owned by Sheikh Mohammed Saoud Sultan S Alqassimi. The Silver medal goes to “O.M. MAZN” owned by Omar Mohammed Ali Shulaik Alsmelli, and finally a well-deserved Bronze to “SULTANA AL HAAJER” owned by Alya Ahmed Ghanem Mohamed Al Hajeri. In the Colt Foals category, the Gold goes to “EMPARATOR BHM” from Bin Humaila Arabian Stud, whilst Al Sadem Arabian Stud takes the Silver with “FATTAN AL SADEEM”.

Bronze medal for “NIMR M”, owned by Almassarah Arabian Stud. Moving on to the colts, we start with the Yearling Colts, where “GHISHAM A.H.”, owned by Ahamed Saeed Mohamed Sayah Alhameli, takes the Gold medal. Next up, taking Silver, is the first medal to go to Europe, courtesy of Hanaya Arabian Stud with “FVA EXAGOBUR”. Bronze goes to “JAMRAN AL HAAJER” owned by Ghanem Mohamed Ghanem

Mohamed Alhajeri. The tension rises for the most eagerly awaited classes, those of the Colts and Stallions, where, however, for some years now, it has always been Dubai Stud confirming its leadership; indeed, once again it takes Gold with “D BORKAN” in the Junior Colts. Silver medal for “AZZAAM AL AMAL” owned by Sheikh Mohammed Saoud Sultan S Alqassimi, whilst the Bronze is awarded to Oman with “ASHRAF RC” from the Royal Cavalry. The final championship, the last day of this spectacular event, concludes as usual with the presentation of medals for the Senior Stallions category. Here too, Gold goes to Dubai Stud with “D SERAJ”, whilst Silver is awarded to “D MEZYAN”, now owned by Mohammad Sheikh Suliman. The Bronze medal goes once again to Mrs Nayla Hayek of Hanaya Arabian Stud with “EKS SIRAJJ”.

This championship received a prestigious accolade from His Excellency Mohammad Al Gergawi, Minister of State for the United Arab Emirates and Chairman of the Executive Office of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, testifying to the value and international significance of the event.

With impeccable organisation and a schedule that ran smoothly right up to the very last day, this year’s DIAHC also drew to a close with the traditional group photo, bringing together judges, industry professionals and all those who, with passion and professionalism, contributed to the event’s success.

We at Tutto Arabi can only hope that those who have not yet had the opportunity to attend the Dubai show will be able to join us for the 24th edition in 2027. □



SILVER MEDAL FILLY FOALS O.M. MAZN

SQ WASIM X O M NORAH - B/O: OMAR MOHAMMED ALI SHULAIAK ALSHMEILI



BRONZE MEDAL FILLY FOALS SULTANA AL HAWAJER

SULTAN AL HAWAJER X MASSA AL HAWAJER - B/O: ALYA AHMED GHANEM MOHAMED AL HAJERI

GOLD MEDAL FILLY FOALS

YARA ALBIDAYER

EXAGON OS X AFNAN ALBIDAYER

B/O: SHEIKH MOHAMMED SAOUD SULTAN S ALQASSIMI





SILVER MEDAL COLT FOALS FATTAN AL SADEEM

EXAGON OS X J AREEB - B/O: AL SADEEM ARABIAN HORSE STUD



BRONZE MEDAL COLT FOALS NIMR M

KA NAMEER X B A HELALAH - B/O: ALMASSARAH ARABIAN HORSE STUD

GOLD MEDAL COLT FOALS

EMPARATOR BHM

AJ REDAN X ERAULDINIA F
B/O: BIN HUMAILA ARABIAN HORSE STUD





GOLD MEDAL YEARLING FILLIES PALMAH O

HARBI AL ADWAN X ATHBAYAT JJ
B/: SWEDEN ARABIAN STUD - O: AL SHIRAA ARABIANS





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GOLD MEDAL JUNIOR FILLIES AJEEBAH ALBIDAYER

EXAGON OS X AFNAN AL BIDAYER
B/O: SHEIKH MOHAMMED SAOUD SULTAN S ALQASSIMI





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GOLD MEDAL SENIOR MARES

AJ ASAI

SHANGHAI EA X ANIA MONISCIONE
B: AJMAN STUD- O: A MOHAMMAD SHEIKH SULIMAN





GOLD MEDAL YEARLING COLTS

GHISHAM A.H

M MUNTHER X GADEER AL HABOOB
B/O: AHMED SAEED MOHAMED SAYAH ALHAMELI









GOLD MEDAL JUNIOR COLTS

D BORKAN

FA EL RASHEEM X D AJAYEB
B/O: DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD





GOLD MEDAL SENIOR STALLIONS

D SERAJ

FA EL RASHEEM X LADI VERONIKA
B/O: DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD





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SILVER MEDAL YEARLING FILLIES SALLA ALREMAS

J ZILZAL X FOLA AL REMAS

B: AL REMAS ARABIAN HORSE STUD - O: MOHAMMAD TAREQ AL HASSAN





SILVER MEDAL JUNIOR FILLIES D NERAN

D SERAJ X ELLE JAHARRA
B/O: DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD





SILVER MEDAL SENIOR MARES D SHIHANAH

FA EL RASHEEM X D SHAHLA
B/O: DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD





SILVER MEDAL YEARLING COLTS

FVA EXAGOBUR

EXAGON OS X FVA EXCALIDA
B: GIACOMO ALESI - O: HANAYA ARABIAN STUD





SILVER MEDAL JUNIOR COLTS

AZZAAM AL AMAL

EL GALAL BAAHIR X ARABESCA SCARLET MOON
B: AL AMAL ARABIANS - O: SHEIKH MOHAMMED SAOUD SULTAN S ALQASSIMI





SILVER MEDAL SENIOR STALLIONS

D MEZYAN

FA EL RASHEEM X D MAZAIA

B: DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD - O: MOHAMMAD SHEIKH SULIMAN





BRONZE MEDAL YEARLING FILLIES SELENE AL BIDAYER

ARJUWAN AL BIDAYER X BADEEHAH AL BIDAYER - B/O: SHEIKH MOHAMMED SAOUD SULTAN S ALQASSIMI



BRONZE MEDAL JUNIOR FILLIES SAMA AL JAZEEL

S.M.A. MAGIC ONE X SHADIA AL NASSER - B/O: AL JAZEEL STUD



BRONZE MEDAL SENIOR MARES E.S. SALMA

AJ MARZAN X E.S. SALAMA - B/O: SHEIKH ABDULLA BIN MAJID ALQASSEMI



BRONZE MEDAL YEARLING COLTS JAMRAN AL HAWAJER

FARID AL HAWAJER X DURAH AL HAWAJER - B/O: GHANEM MOHAMED GHANEM MOHAMED ALHAJRI



BRONZE MEDAL JUNIOR COLTS ASHRAF RC

EKS ALIHANDRO X ALEXANDRA RC - B/O: ROYAL CAVALRY



BRONZE MEDAL SENIOR STALLIONS EKS SIRAJJ

IBN FARID X EKS BINT HELWAH - B: ELKASUN FARMS - O: HANAYA ARABIAN STUD







