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President's Cup for Falconry Competitions 2013/2014

The UAE President's Cup for Falconry Competitions are organized based on the care of the President His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan (may Almighty Allah preserve him), and His Highness General Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Abu Dhabi Crown Prince and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces, to preserve the sports of our ancestors, and to maintain the dear heritage of our beloved country.

The UAE President's Cup for falconry competitions will be staged building on the great successes of the Abu Dhabi falconry competitions 2012 that were highly praised and welcomed by all participants, especially UAE nationals- as it will help maintain the sports of our ancestors and convey them to the current and future generations.

The UAE President's Cup for falconry competitions will take place in Abu Dhabi in October 2013 and will be concluded in February 2014 as AED 15,000,000 (fifteen million) will be given away to top winners.

The preliminary multidiscipline UAE President's Cup for falconry competitions will be launched in October 2013 and will conclude in January 2014 as competitions will include: Telwahi, falcons' training with balloons, and falcons' training with wireless aircrafts categories.

There will also be exclusive rounds for sheikhs, with some other rounds for public participants, as well as competitions for falcons of less than one year old.

The UAE President's Cup for falconry competitions will be concluded in February 2014. The new edition of the President's Cup for falconry competitions will witness the introduction of the "Falconer of the Year" category based on the number of points collected in the three different disciplines of the competitions during the season.

All needed information will be available at the website (www.fcad.ae).



I do have the pleasure to express our thanks and deep gratitude to the President His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan (may Almighty Allah preserve him) for his generous and continuous support and keenness to maintain and to preserve the heritage, traditions and the national identity of the UAE.

We also do value the patronage and support offered by General His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Abu Dhabi Crown Prince and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces, to various sportive sectors, and for motivating UAE nationals to move ahead steadily to accomplish new achievements and feats in order to keep the flag of the UAE flying high in local and international sky.

The keenness and the farsighted vision of our wise leaders and late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan to maintain and preserve the heritage, traditions and the national identity of the UAE motivated us to establish the Abu Dhabi Falconers' Club in order to contribute to maintaining the sports and traditions of our ancestors and of our founding fathers.

Based on all that, I'm so pleased and proud to announce the establishment of the "Abu Dhabi Falconers' Club" to help maintain and preserve part of the dear heritage and traditions of our beloved country.

The Club will avail and pave the way for falconers' to practice falconry in well-organized competitions and events, motivate grateful UAE falconers to look ahead and move forward steadily to contribute to maintaining and expanding falconry in the UAE.



SHEIKH NAHYAN BIN ZAYED AL NAHYAN
CHAIRMAN OF THE ABU DHABI SPORTS COUNCIL





Vision

To preserve and develop falconry sport

Mission

Preserve UAE's falconry heritage and traditions, cater for falconers, live preys, and to protect natural conservations.

Values

Leadership
Transparency
Loyalty and faithfulness
Teamwork spirit
Responsibility
Excellence
Authenticity



Objectives:

1. Enhance falconry traditions in Abu Dhabi, preserve falcons for being national symbol and tourism attraction.
2. Set-in collaboration with the Emirates falconry Society, the policies, rules, conditions and regulations to preserve sustainable falconry in Abu Dhabi.
3. Designate some certain areas for falconry, manage and keep them properly in order to make them tourism attraction.
4. Avail live preys through the establishment of breeding centers.
5. Enable the youngsters to practice falconry in a suitable social environment in accordance with UAE traditions and norms.
6. Enhance and increase the awareness of the community about falconry.
7. Provide and cater for all necessary needs and services related to falconry.
8. Contribute and coordinate with all relevant governmental sportive entities in Abu Dhabi-including the Abu Dhabi Sports Council, in order to implement the plans of the Abu Dhabi Government in terms of sports, youth and other related activities.
9. Organize relevant competitions, conferences and festivals in terms of various falconry events.
10. Coordinate the agenda of falconry events in Abu Dhabi and give the approval to organize them.
11. Accredite the establishment of falconry teams and set the required respective rules and conditions.
12. Set the rules and conditions of falconry activities in the emirate of Abu Dhabi.



The Idea and Establishment:

Falconry is not just a type of sport in the UAE but it is an important activity as it is closely linked to the traditions and heritage of the country, and the traditions of our ancestors and founding fathers.

Noting the remarkable successes of the Abu Dhabi Falconry Competitions 2012, and the unprecedented participation in this event by falconers, the idea to establish the "Abu Dhabi Falconers' Club" saw the light in order to contribute to maintaining and preserving part of the dear heritage and traditions of our beloved country, to enhance the image and position of Abu Dhabi as a centre for falconers, and to avail a suitable environment for the practicing of falconry.

The Abu Dhabi Falconers' Club will work to expand this type of sport in Abu Dhabi and the UAE in order to link the current generations of the UAE with the sports and traditions of our ancestors and founding fathers.

The club will also allow great opportunities for falconers to practice falconry in a sound and safe manner through the usage of modern and latest techniques and tools in relation to this type of activity.

Based on its plans as well, the Abu Dhabi Falconers' Club will cater for falconers' needs and will help them to practice falconry in different areas and spots in the emirate of Abu Dhabi.

Services and benefits:

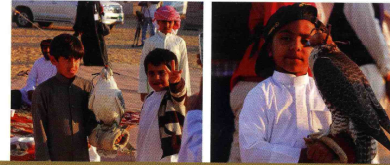
- Have an access-under the supervision of the Club's teamwork, to the sites and reserves used for falconry trainings. This shall include access to laser and other training tools and equipment used for falconry trainings activities of: Telwah, wireless airplane and balloon.
- The Club shall prepare, tame and train the respective falcon against the payment of AED 750 weekly, or AED 2500 monthly as this fee shall include feeding the falcon, medical services, and report on its performance.
- The Club shall have respective internal and international partnerships to provide live preys to falcons' owners against the payment of low prices.
- The Club shall have respective internal and international partnerships to allow its members to purchase falconry-related products and tools against the payment of low prices.
- Members can join the Club's falconry trips inside and outside the UAE.





Educational & Awareness Programs:

Within its multi services and activities, and in order to link UAE kids and juniors to the heritage, traditions and culture of the UAE, the Club shall organize and provide educational and awareness programs to educate and train the kids on how to deal with falcons. Such programs will be organized in cooperation and collaboration with the relative respective entities including the Abu Dhabi Education Council, the Abu Dhabi Sports Council, the Abu Dhabi Environment Authority, and the Emirates Falconry Association.



Rules and conditions to obtain the Club's Membership:

- Applicants must pay AED 4000 (four thousand) membership fees per season.
- Membership is for UAE nationals.
- Applicants should present UAE Identity card when applying to obtain the membership.
- Applicants should be 16 years old and above.
- Applicants should be of interest in UAE heritage and traditions.
- Members should adhere and commit to obey the rules and conditions of the Club.
- Members will be fully responsible for their own deeds and behavior inside the club and at the sites of events and competitions.
- Members should commit to respect each other and all various committees of the club.
- For security and safety measures; the Club shall have the right- at any time, to check the membership card of any respective member.
- Members and visitors will be fully responsible to rectify any damages they inflict inside the Club.
- Members will have the right to train their falcons in cooperation with the Club's teamwork, use training facilities and utilities of the Club during the whole season for a maximum 5 (five) falcons per day.
- The club shall have the right-at any time, to close any part of the facilities and utilities of the club for the purposes of maintenance/events, and that all members must respect such procedures.
- The club shall have the right-at any time, to deter any member from having access to the club/facilities in case such a member does not respect public laws.
- In case of the rejection of any application to obtain membership of the Club; such a rejection shall be final and that the respective applicant shall have no right to object to that.
- Membership fees are neither non-refundable nor transferable.

