

ISF Bahrain 2024 logo unveiled



HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa attends the event

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Under the Patronage of His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, First Deputy President of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, President of the General Sports Authority, President of Bahrain Olympic Committee, The International School Sports Federation (ISF) - Gymnaside Bahrain 2024 logo was officially launched on Monday.

The logo was launched in a ceremony at the Bahrain National Theater in the presence of a number of senior officials, ambassadors and foreign heads of missions residing in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

His Highness affirmed the

Kingdom's readiness to host the largest sports event in terms of the number of participants in October 2024, stressing that this event is made possible due to the generous care accorded to the youth and sports sector by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

His Highness expressed hope that the event would contribute to accentuating new school talents that support sporting clubs and the national team, and further achieve sports-related goals. He stressed that Bahrain's hosting of this event is an extension of the outstanding successes of the Kingdom's record in organising international sporting events.

His Highness commended the cooperation of all concerned



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authorities and their efforts in making this event a success.

Ishaq Abdullah Ishaq, Chairman of the Executive Committee for ISF Gymnaside 2024, praised the continuous support for athletes and the sports sector in Bahrain, stressing that it is a source for motivation to sports development efforts. He stated that this sports event will enhance the presence of the sports industry as a key element in the social and economic development of the Kingdom, and invest in today's youth to be part of this change by promoting sports culture within educational institutions as one of the main and supporting stations for them, thus to consolidate the global status reached by Bahraini athletes.

The Chairman of the Executive Committee for ISF Gymnaside 2024 explained the elements of the logo identity for ISF Bahrain 2024. The two shades of blue represent the literal translation of the word "Al-Bahrain", which means: the two seas. He added that the design is inspired by the waves of the sea and includes four athletes used to highlight the four major pillars of the ISF.

He noted that the identity uses Arabic calligraphy and pointed out that the 25 triangles surrounding the calligraphy have been extracted from the ISF brand to represent the 25 sports of the ISF Gymnaside Bahrain 2024 games.

Khalid bin Hamad handball league semis set for throw-off

● Al Shabab take on Al Ahli in game one of their best-of-three series tonight

● Defending champs Al Najma begin final four battle tomorrow against Al Ettifaq

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The Golden Square semi-finals of the 2022/2023 Khalid bin Hamad Bahrain Handball League get underway tonight.

Defending champions Al Najma spearhead the final four line-up and will take on Al Ettifaq, while Al Shabab will play Al Ahli in the other series.

Both match-ups are set to be held in best-of-three format.

Shabab and Ahli get action underway this evening with game one of their Golden Square clash. It is scheduled for a 7.15pm start. Game two will then be held on Sunday, to be followed by game three, if needed, on Thursday next week.

Meanwhile, Najma and Ettifaq begin their head-to-head battle tomorrow. Their game one encounter is also set for a 7.15pm throw-off. Game two

will then be held on Monday, with the decisive third game, if needed, on Friday next week.

Najma are the three-time defending league champions and are gunning for an historic fourth successive national crown.

They booked their place in the semi-finals after finishing atop the league table at the end of the preliminary round with a 9-0-1 win-draw-loss record in 10 games. Ettifaq were the fourth seeds with an impressive eight wins in their 10 matches with no draws.

Like Ettifaq, Shabab finished the preliminaries with eight victories and two losses. Ahli, on the other hand, registered seven wins, two draws and one loss to claim their final standing on the table.



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Rotax karting battles hot up at BIKC

Nasser Nass, Adam Awan and Omar Alderayan claim back-to-back wins on penultimate weekend of Bahrain Rotax MAX Challenge

● Gracie Grantham and Mohammed Alhasan share the spoils in Junior MAX class

● Muhammad Wally and Fahad Alkhaled take a win apiece amongst Senior MAX competitors

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Nasser Nass, Adam Awan and Omar Alderayan all claimed back-to-back victories in the sixth and seventh rounds of the 2022/2023 Bahrain Rotax MAX Challenge (BRMC), held at Bahrain International Karting Circuit (BIKC) in Sakhir, the world-class grassroots motorsport facility at Bahrain International Circuit (BIC).

Nasser won both Finals in the Mini MAX category, while Adam triumphed in both Micro MAX Finals. Alderayan followed suit by taking both Final sprints in the DD2 MAX class.

Also emerging triumphant over the weekend were Gracie Grantham and Mohammed Alhasan, who shared the spoils in the Junior MAX class; as well as Muhammad Wally and Fahad Alkhaled, who both emerged victorious amongst the Senior MAX competitors.

The racing in the penultimate weekend of the current BRMC campaign was held along BIKC's 1.414-kilometre CIK-FIA track. The BRMC is organised by BIKC and BIC, in cooperation with the



Winners from round seven on the podium at BIKC

Bahrain Motor Federation (BMF) and Bahrain Karting Commission (BKC).

In round six, Shaikh Ahmed bin Saqer Al Khalifa topped the Mini MAX Qualifying timesheet to claim pole for their Pre-Final, but Nasser was then able to claim first place in that race, 2.007 seconds ahead of Shaikh Ahmed. In the Final, Nasser and Shaikh Ahmed were once again engaged in a tight battle, with Nasser defending his position at the front all throughout the nine laps to win in eight minutes 53.065s. Shaikh Ahmed settled for the runner-up spot 0.578s back, while Vic Van Campenhout came third 5.312s adrift.

In the Micro MAX class, Ali Almoayed set the Qualifying pace but Adam raced to the win in the Pre-Final. Adam then rode his momentum into the Final, winning over nine laps in 9:25.074 with a 2.917s gap ahead of Ali. Tariq Soofi was third 3.495s back.

Gracie was in top form in the

Junior MAX category, taking first place in both Qualifying and the Pre-Final. She then wrapped up a perfect round by inheriting the win in the 15-lap Final with a time of 13:36.165. Gracie had originally crossed the finish line in second place with Alhasan in first, but Alhasan was given a 10-second penalty, dropping him to fifth on the order. Luca Houghton was the eventual runner-up 5.037s from Gracie, and Jaber Alsabah came third 13.521s off the winner's mark.

Fine showing

Wally also enjoyed a fine showing in the Senior MAX class, topping Qualifying and then winning the Pre-Final. Then, in the 15-lap Final, Wally put in a masterful performance, taking a pole-to-flag victory in 13:34.420. Leen Alarifi was in second 4.883s adrift, while Alkhaled completed the podium 5.627s from first.

In the DD2 MAX category, it was a two-horse race between Alderayan and Abdulla Jaweed,

who out-duelled his rival in Qualifying. But in the Pre-Final, Alderayan took first place by 0.410s, and repeated his success in the Final, this time beating Jaweed by 5.683s over 15 laps.

The sixth round of the BRMC was followed by another action-packed event the following



Karters compete during the seventh round

day at BIKC in round seven.

Shaikh Ahmed and Nasser were once again battling for top honours amongst the Mini MAX runners, and Shaikh Ahmed got the better finish in Qualifying. In the Pre-Final, however, Nasser won ahead of Rashid Hilal, before claiming the Final ahead of Shaikh Ahmed in 8:56.454. Shonal Kunimal completed the podium finishers.

In the Micro MAX, Adam was in front all the way, winning both Qualifying and the Pre-Final and then taking the nine-lap Final in 9:24.616, enjoying a 5.058s gap ahead of Ali.

In the Junior MAX category, Luca clinched pole for the Pre-Final but was pipped to the finish by Alhasan by a mere 1.551s. That set the stage for a thrilling Final, with Luca taking the win only to lose it post-race due to a five-second penalty, promoting Alhasan to first. Alhasan had a winning time of 13:32.443 over 15 laps, with Luca classified 3.481s behind as the runner-up. Saqer Almouherji

came third 5.117s back.

The Senior MAX class saw Muhammad Wally take pole for the Pre-Final but Alkhaled later won that race. Alkhaled then triumphed in the 15-lap Final, taking the chequered flag in 13:32.644—a narrow 1.490s ahead of Wally. Leen Alarifi claimed the last podium step 6.930s from the victor.

In the DD2 MAX category, Jaweed had again beaten Alderayan in Qualifying but the tables were turned in the Pre-Final, with Alderayan winning by 0.832s. Alderayan then completed his back-to-back wins for the weekend, taking the Final in 13:34.381 after 15 laps and Jaweed classified 12.713s behind.

At the end of both days of racing, the winners were presented their respective trophies in podium ceremonies attended by BIKC, BIC, BMF and BKC officials.

Only one round remains in the 2022/2023 BRMC season, with the grand finale scheduled for 17 March at BIKC.



Nasser Nass won both Finals in the Mini MAX category in rounds six and seven of the BRMC, while Adam Awan triumphed in both Micro MAX Finals and Omar Alderayan took both Final sprints in the DD2 MAX class