

OPEN MASTERS GAMES

ABU DHABI 2026

HORSE JUMPING



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1. General Information

Horse jumping, a thrilling and skilful equestrian discipline, is an integral part of equestrian culture. In this sport, riders demonstrate their abilities by navigating a series of obstacles within a specific time limit.

1.1. Governance

The Competition shall be played in accordance with the Rules of Horse Jumping as outlined by the Fédération Equestre Internationale and the U.A.E Equestrian and Racing Federation.

1.2. Eligibility

In line with the sport-specific rules, an athlete must compete in their designated age group, with their age determined as of 31 December 2026. For example, if you are 39 years old during the Games time but turn 40 by 31 December 2026, you would compete in the 40-44 age category.

Health Declaration

Athletes should carefully evaluate whether their physical condition is suitable for participating in the competition. If they suffer from cardiovascular or other diseases that make them not suitable to engage strenuous exercise, seeking doctor's advice is recommended to evaluate whether they can safely participate in OMGAD events.

1.3. Dates

The competition will take place on **Monday, February 9th, 2026.**

1.4. Venue

[Abu Dhabi Equestrian Club, Abu Dhabi](#)

2. Competition Information

2.1. Disciplines, Events & Grading

Division	Jump Height	Age Categories
Division 1A	140+cm	30+, 40+, 55+
Division 1B	130-135cm	
Division 2	115-125cm	
Division 3	105-115cm	

2.2. Format

The competition will be structured in multiple phases. The first phase will involve a standard round where all competitors in a division compete individually. The goal is to clear as many obstacles as possible within a set time. For divisions where a final round is necessary, only the top riders from the jump-off or first round will proceed to the final, where the overall winner will be determined based on penalties and timing.

The capacity for the competition will be capped at 100 horses.

2.3. Schedule

The detailed competition schedule will be released in early 2026.

2.4. Rules

Riders can only jump in one event with one horse. If a rider intends to jump in a second event they will need to do so on a second horse.

Riders will be penalised for knocking down rails, refusing to jump, or exceeding the time limit. In the event of a tie, a jump-off will take place, where the riders with the best scores from the first round will compete in a shortened course or jump sequence.

3. Technical Details

3.1. Technical Delegate

The Technical Delegate endorsed by the U.A.E Equestrian and Racing Federation will be announced in Version 2 of the Guide. The Technical Delegate will oversee the implementation of all sport specific rules and requirements at the Games.

3.2. Other Technical Details

Riders can bring their horse to the stable one day before the competition (Sunday February 8th).

Riders will be given time to warm up their horses before competing, ensuring both the rider and horse are adequately prepared for the competition.

Participants in horse jumping competitions are required to ensure that their horses meet all health and safety standards prior to the event. Horses must be in good health, free from injury or illness, and fit for competition.

4. Equipment & Uniform

Riders shall refer to [Article 256, "Dress, Protective Headgear, Artificial Aids And Salute"](#), of the F.E.I Jumping Rules for the correct guidelines surrounding Equipment and Uniform.

5. Awarding

5.1. Medals

The top 3 athletes will be awarded the gold medal, silver medal and bronze medal respectively.

5.2. Ceremonies

- In OMGAD2026, athletes are individuals and represent themselves. National flags and anthems will not be included in medal ceremonies.
- The medal ceremony will be held after each final.
- The medal ceremony will be conducted in Arabic and English.

6. Protests and Appeals

6.1. Protests

- Competition-related disputes and protests shall be handled according to rules and related regulations of the international association of the sport. If there are no rules regarding such disputes and protests in place, the competitor may first make verbal protest and submit written protest to OMGAD within 30 minutes after the end of a contest.
- No protest can be lodged by any team members or staff against a judging (scoring) decision during the competition period.

6.2. Appeals

- Based on the principle of trust, the Organizer will not take the initiative to review the grade of athletes upon registration. Matters regarding athlete qualifications and grades should be submitted to the Organizer with relevant supporting materials before the Games or when the fact occurs. The complaint will be handled in accordance with the rules and relevant regulations of international sports federations and relevant regulations.
- Applications that are not submitted within the stipulated time or with incomplete materials will not be accepted.

7. Doping Control

7.1. Regulations

- Doping Control should be conducted in accordance with WADA World Anti-Doping Code (<https://www.wada-ama.org/en>) and International Masters Games Association (IMGA) Anti-Doping Rules (<https://imga.ch/masterssports/anti-doping>).
- Participants are deemed to have agreed to be subject to doping control procedures in accordance with the International Masters Games Association Anti-Doping Rules upon entry to the competition. Participants must obey antidoping rules and conduct themselves in a considerate manner.