

HORSE JUMPING SPORT INFORMATION GUIDE

Horse Jumping

Combining power, grace, and coordination, horse jumping showcases the incredible bond between rider and horse. Competitors will tackle challenging courses with skill and elegance.

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.

Competition dates

The provisional Horse jumping competition schedule for OMGAD2026 is as follows:

Date	February 9 Monday
Time	

All dates and times are subject to change, pending final entries received. A detailed schedule by event for each discipline will be developed throughout 2025.

Venue: Abu Dhabi Equestrian Club, Abu Dhabi

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Competition format

The rules of the Horse Jumping competition in the Open Masters Games Abu Dhabi 2026 (OMGAD 2026) ensure that all participants, regardless of their experience, can compete on an equal footing. The competition format incorporates a combination of clear rounds, timing, and penalties to determine the winner.

Division	Jump Height	Age Categories
Division 1A	140+cm	30-39, 40-55, 55+
Division 1B	130-135cm	30-39, 40-55, 55+
Division 2	115-125cm	30-39, 40-55, 55+
Division 3	105-115cm	30-39, 40-55, 55+

Each division's course will be designed with a series of obstacles, including verticals, spreads, and combinations, meant to test the rider's skill and the horse's ability to navigate complex jumps. 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. 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. The rider who completes the course in the shortest time without penalties will be

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declared the winner of the jump-off. 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.

Riders will be given time to warm up their horses before competing, ensuring both the rider and horse are adequately prepared for the challenges ahead. After the first round, the top competitors from each division may proceed to a jump-off or a final round to determine the winner. The winner of each division will be the rider with the fewest penalties, and in case of a tie, the rider with the fastest time will be crowned the winner.

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.

Technical Delegate

The Technical Delegate endorsed by the UAE 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.

Updates

The final version of the competition guide will be released by December 1st. Important additional information, including the sports schedule, will be available at that time. In the meantime, please address all inquiries to: sports@omgad2026.ae

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