



SAMPLE FORM, NOT FOR OFFLINE COMPLETION

## AMATEUR SPORTS TEAM/CLUB OF THE YEAR

This award recognizes an amateur sports club or team that has demonstrated exceptional contributions to the grassroots and community sports landscape in the Middle East. Eligible entities including community clubs, grassroots teams, and academy-level structures, will be evaluated on their ability to foster athletic development, inclusivity, and competitive spirit with integrity and professionalism. Judges will consider the club's achievements over the past year, including on-field performance, player progression, and initiatives that have positively influenced the local community.

Key considerations include the club's ability to adapt to grassroots challenges, foster long-term participant retention, and drive meaningful engagement with families and local stakeholders. Judges will also look for evidence of creativity in club management, collaboration with local partners, and a commitment to ethical sporting practices and safeguarding. Submissions should highlight measurable outcomes, such as league standings, increased participation rates, or successful outreach programs, alongside testimonials or case studies demonstrating the club's role in enriching the lives of its members.

### JUDGING CRITERIA

Judges will assess sporting performance and progress, including competitive success, measurable improvement, and player development.

Evaluation will consider community impact through meaningful engagement, grassroots initiatives, and contributions to accessibility, participation, and local well-being.

Club culture and values will be reviewed, including team spirit, sportsmanship, volunteer involvement, leadership, and commitment to fair play, safety, and athlete welfare.

Submissions should demonstrate development and sustainability through long-term athlete pathways, effective use of resources, and creative solutions.

Off-field contribution will be evaluated based on social impact, inclusion initiatives, fan or family engagement, and partnerships with schools and local organisations.

Overall excellence will reflect a balanced combination of sporting achievement, community impact, and organisational strength.

### ENTRY DETAILS

**Organization Name**

(Max 8 words | 40 characters)

**Submitted By (full name)**

(Max 8 words | 40 characters)

**Submitted By (title)**

(Max 8 words | 40 characters)

**Email Address**

(Max 40 characters)

**Website**

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**Name visible on screen for shortlisting**

This will appear on screen and on the winners trophy (Max 8 words | 40 characters)

## ENTRY FORM

### 1. Team Overview (150 words)

a. What do you do? (maximum 100 words) Provide an overview of your club or team, including its founding purpose, the sports you offer, and the demographic of the community you serve. b. Why should you win this award?

### 2. Achievements in 2025 (200 words)

What were your club's most significant achievements in the Middle East amateur sports sector during the eligibility period? Highlight competitive results, league milestones, or growth in membership that showcase your impact.

### 3. Innovation and Creativity (150 words)

Describe how your club demonstrated innovation and creativity in its operations or engagement. Provide examples of unique coaching methods, digital tools for member management, or creative fundraising/recruitment ideas.

### 4. Collaboration and Partnerships (150 words)

Highlight any significant collaborations or partnerships your club was involved in during 2025 (e.g., with local schools, equipment sponsors, or regional federations). How did these contribute to your club's success?

### 5. Adaptability to Grassroots Challenges (150 words)

How has your club adapted to challenges in the amateur sports industry (e.g., facility access, funding limitations, or volunteer retention)? Provide examples of how you turned these challenges into opportunities.

### 6. Ethical Practices and Safeguarding (150 words)

How does your club ensure integrity, professionalism, and a safe environment for all participants? Include examples of how safeguarding, inclusivity, and sportsmanship are embedded in your daily operations.

### 7. Measurable Outcomes (150 words)

Share data and metrics from your 2025 activities that demonstrate your club's success. Examples might include participation growth, retention rates, volunteer hours, or specific community engagement stats.

### 8. Vision for the Future (150 words)

How does your club ensure integrity, professionalism, and a safe environment for all participants? Include examples of how safeguarding, inclusivity, and sportsmanship are embedded in your daily operations.

## SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS REQUIREMENTS

### 1. Case study (1 page)

Must include objectives, strategy, execution, innovation and results.

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### 2. Performance evidence

Participation rates, health or wellbeing metrics, employee feedback or productivity impact.

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### 2. Testimonials

Maximum 2 - Can be written quotes or video testimonials

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### 3. Logos

1x EPS or AI vector logo

1x hi-res JPEG/PNG (300dpi)

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### 4. Main Video for Shortlisting

1x Video hi-res max 60 sec/100 MB Rights-cleared for publication

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