

# Bahrain Ironman moves up in ratings



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Bahrain has been granted 89.1 percent points by the Ironman Company for organising the Ironman 70.3 Middle East Championship. The current rating is 2.92 pc above the global average.

Supreme Council for Youth & Sport Chairman, Bahrain Olympic Committee President

& Royal Charity Organisation (RCO) Chairman H H Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa noted that this figure enables Bahrain to become the home of triathlon sport in the Middle

“This grade awarded to Bahrain is considered a very high percentage at the level of countries organising Ironman events and confirming that

the Kingdom had hosted the tournament in a novel and professional manner,” he said.

Shaikh Nasser pointed out that the Kingdom of Bahrain is always going to be at the forefront when organising sporting events on its soil and thanked the leadership for its support to all sports and the youth sector.

## Hamad wins boys title

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Second seed Hamad Abdul A'al defeated top seed Yousef Ashraf 6-4, 6-0 to clinch the Boys under 18 years title yesterday of the 22nd Bank of Bahrain and Kuwait (BBK) Juniors Open Tennis Championship 2017 at the Bahrain Tennis Club (BTC) premises in Juffair.

The opening set began with both players winning their opening service games, followed by three breaks of service as Hamad took an early 3-2 lead and extended it to 4-2 on his service game.

Both players then exchanged breaks of service before Yousef

held serve to trail 4-5.

Hamad was decisive on his service game to wrap up the set 6-4.

The second set started badly for Yousef as found himself 0-3 down after losing a second service game.

Sophie De Boer defeated Maya Bseisu 6-3, 7-6(8) in a well contested Girls 14 years and under final between the two JC's Academy students as Maya effected two breaks of service early in the first set for a 3-1 lead.

The other titles went to top seed Tristan Manners with a 6-0 games victory over second seed Rushikesh Sonawane in the Unisex 10 years and under.

Top seed Riyaan Ahmed was

a 4-0 games winner against second seed Joshua Jacob in the Unisex 8 years and under category.

The championship, which concluded yesterday was held under the patronage of BBK Chief Executive Officer, Reyadh Yousif Sater.

The event featured around 60 players in three boys and two girls age categories and two Unisex categories with 90 players in the fray.

The finals were attended by The King's Advisor for Youth and Sport Affairs, HE Saleh Isa bin Hindi Al Mannai, BBK CEO, Reyadh Yousif Sater and BTC President Khamis Al Muqla, along with other BBK Officials and BTC officials and club members.



Hamad Abdul A'al receives the trophy

## Jet Funny Car set for Bahrain debut

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The penultimate round of the 2016/2017 Bahrain Drag Racing Championship-Arabian Pro Series starting tonight, with a special never-before-seen Jet Funny Car Show making debut.

This week's events start tonight and tomorrow with two evenings of Test and Tune from 5pm to 11pm. Qualifying is on Thursday night from 4pm onwards, while Race Day on Friday will be held from 3pm onwards.

On Thursday and Friday, the globally renowned Jet Funny Car Show will be performing a series of demonstration passes live.

This will be the first-ever show of its kind to take place in the Kingdom of Bahrain,

and it will also be the first outing of the 2017 season for the Jet Funny Car and its team and all with tickets to the championship can witness the Jet Funny Car Show.

Martin Hill, owner and pilot of the Jet Funny Car said: “We are honoured to have been invited to attend these

events and will look forward to entertaining the crowds at Bahrain International Circuit. Tickets can be bought at the gate and range from BD2 each for the the Test and Tune Evenings and BD3 and BD5 for Qualifying and Race day, with children aged up to 12 years old attending for price.



Jet Funny Car

## NMS register victory

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New Millennium School defeated Ibn Al Hytham School in the Cricket Bahrain Association (CBA) Junior Cricket League Inter Schools Under-12 Boys Tournament at the Junior Cricket Ground near Khalifa Sports City.

Batting first, Ibn Al Hytham Islamic School were dismissed for 99 with the main scorer being Sayuj (33) and Jaysnav (three for 12) and Nikung (two for 25) being the best bowlers.

In reply, Millennium School reached the target scoring 100 for three in 15 overs thanks to unbeaten knocks by Nikung (24) and Aaryan (22) with Ahmed (two for 24) the best of the bowlers.

The Indian School beat Kids

and Teens by 35 runs after notching up 115 for six in 20 overs with the main scorers being Aravind Rajeev (51) and Anand Krishnan (23), while Kids and Teens were dismissed for just 80 with Nikhil (12) and Krish (11) offering the only resistance as Aravind (four for 14) and Ayush (three for seven) ripped through the batting.

**Other scores:**

Combined School 130 in 20 (Rishabh 50, Yasahas 40, Azhar 2 wkts) bt Ibn Al Hytham 89 (Abdullah 30, Movas 3 wkts, Abhinav and Rishabh 2 wkts) by 41 runs. Kids and Teens Kids and Teens 142/7 in 20 (Uzair 36, Aaron 22, Seshang 3/30) tied with New Millennium School 142/4 in 20 overs (Ethan 56, Ansh 33, Jaqishnav 26, (Uzair 2/27).

## Bahrain Team Merida to compete tomorrow

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Bahrain Merida Pro Cycling Team are set to compete in the UCI World Tour circuit, the third edition of the Abu Dhabi Tour from tomorrow

The world tour, until Sunday over four stages covering a distance of 671km.

The Bahrain team is led by its captain from Italy Vincenzo Nibali. The other team members for the tour are Manuele Boaro, Franco Pellizzotti, Kanstantsin Siutsou, Ramunas Navardauskas, Janez Brajkovic, Valerio Agnoli and Niccolò Bonifazio.