

## Minister, committee discuss society for sports medicine and sciences

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Minister of Youth and Sports Ayman Bin Tawfiq Al Moayyad held a virtual meeting with Dr. Jamal Mohammed Saleh, Chairman of the advisory committee to establish the society for sports medicine and sciences and committee members.

The committee is in line with the decisions issued by His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Representative of His Majesty the King for Charity Works and Youth Affairs, National Security Adviser and Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports at the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports meeting to establish the society as a pioneering initiative in the region.

The initiative is also in line with the decisions of HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, First Vice-President of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, Chairman of the Bahrain Olympic Committee, and Chairman of the



Ayman Bin Tawfiq Al Moayyad

Coordination, Execution and Follow-up Committee "Estijabah" (Response) of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, aimed at establishing the committee according to sports requirements.

The minister praised the great experiences of the chairman and members of the committee and the high potentials that they would harness to reach the goals for which the committee was formed, wishing them success in laying the ideal foundations for the establishment of the society.

# Guardiola urges Man City players to cut out errors

● City have already clinched the League Cup title earlier this season and are hoping to end the season with a treble by lifting the Champions League and FA Cup trophies

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Pep Guardiola has urged his Manchester City side to cut out individual errors or risk finishing the season with a whimper.

City lost their Premier League crown to Liverpool last month but can still add the FA Cup and the Champions League to their League Cup win in March.

The dethroned champions, who host Newcastle on Wednesday, have lost nine league matches this season, including a 1-0 defeat to Southampton at the weekend.

That compares with just six Premier League defeats combined in the previous two seasons, as City were twice crowned English champions.

Guardiola's team face Arsenal in the FA Cup semi-final later this month and are well-placed to qualify for the Champions League quarter-finals after win-



Manchester City manager Pep Guardiola during training (file photo)

ning the first leg of their last-16 match against Real Madrid 2-1.

"We have still incredible targets to fight, to try and play good and this is the most important thing," Guardiola said at his pre-match press conference yesterday.

"We are in the point where we sometimes make mistakes," he added. "We have to avoid it."

"If it happens like against Southampton, Tottenham and

Norwich away we will be out and Arsenal will be in the (FA Cup) final and (Real) Madrid will go through."

Despite defeats at Chelsea and Southampton since football resumed following the coronavirus shutdown, Guardiola has no doubts about the attitude of his players.

"I was worried how would be our approach but we have been incredible," he said. "The



Guardiola believes his players have struggled for consistency in recent weeks, with a 1-0 Premier League defeat by Southampton on Sunday serving a timely reminder that they cannot afford to be complacent at this stage of the season

performance was there and this makes me confident the team will not be relaxed."

The British government has said selected international sports stars travelling to Britain will be granted exemption from quarantine requirements.

This would allow the delayed second leg of City's Champions League tie against Real Madrid in August to take place at the Etihad Stadium but a final decision is still to be made by European football's governing body UEFA.

Guardiola said: "We want to play in Manchester, that is normal, but we will accept playing where UEFA decide to play."

## Alonso set for F1 return with Renault in 2021



Fernando Alonso

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Two-time world champion Fernando Alonso is set to return to Formula One with Renault in 2021, the BBC reported.

Alonso, who left Formula One at the end of 2018 after a final season with McLaren, won his championship titles with Renault in 2005 and 2006.

The Spaniard, 38, has made no secret of his desire to return

to the Formula One grid, with the French manufacturer having a vacancy.

Alonso could join Frenchman Esteban Ocon and replace Australian Daniel Ricciardo, who is moving to McLaren at the end of the 2020 season.

"I don't know if he is going to join or not with us but definitely if he could come back here I'd be very happy," Ocon said last week.

Renault were not immediately available for comment.

## Bahrain Jiu-Jitsu Federation holds training course

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Bahrain Jiu-Jitsu Federation held a training course for referees via video conference.

The course was part of the training programme which was drawn-up by the Bahrain Martial Arts Council, chaired by Shaikh Salman bin Mohammed Al-Khalifa.

The programme aims to develop national competences, hone their skills, which would benefit martial arts sports in Bahrain.

## Dustin Ortiz latest top name to sign on for BRAVE CF's Flyweight division

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BRAVE Combat Federation continues to bolster up its Flyweight division, with the addition of several top names. After Sean Santella signed a multi-fight deal with the fastest-growing MMA organization in the world, and Marcel Adur renewed his commitment with the Bahraini brand, Dustin Ortiz is the latest Flyweight fighter to sign with BRAVE CF.

At 31, Ortiz is on the prime of his career and holds a record of 19 wins and eight losses, which includes a KO victory over fellow BRAVE CF fighter Matheus Nicolau, who now fights at Bantamweight, as well as a decision in his favor against BRAVE CF



Dustin Ortiz

Flyweight Zach Makovsky.

Out of his 19 career victories, Dustin has 12 wins by stoppage, an impressive number for a Flyweight. The American Roufussport representative won seven fights by KO/TKO, and four by submission. He holds notable wins over Alexandre Pantoja, Justin Scoggins, and Ray Borg.

Ortiz will come into an impressive roster at 57kg for BRAVE CF, joining the likes of his countryman Jose "Shorty" Torres, the aforementioned Sean Santella, Marcel Adur, and Zach Makovsky, as well as Sambo world champion Veli-murad Alkhasov, and IMMAF world champions Muhammad Mokaev and Abdul Hussein.

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