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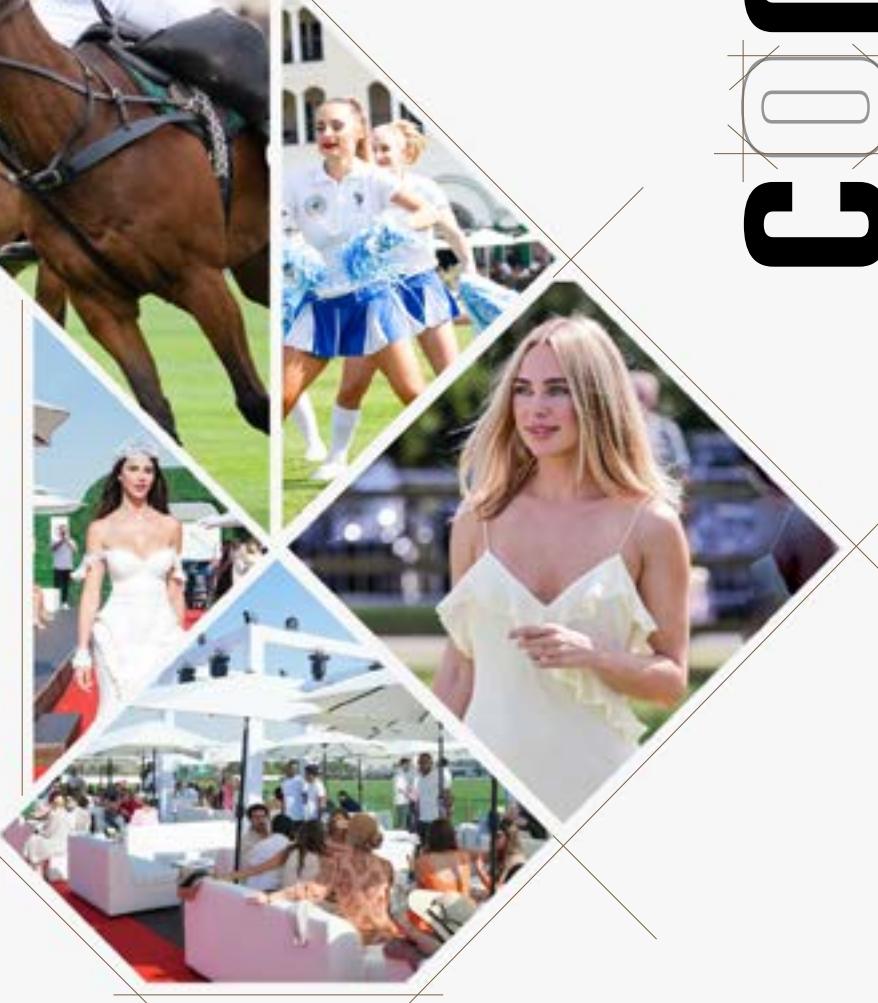
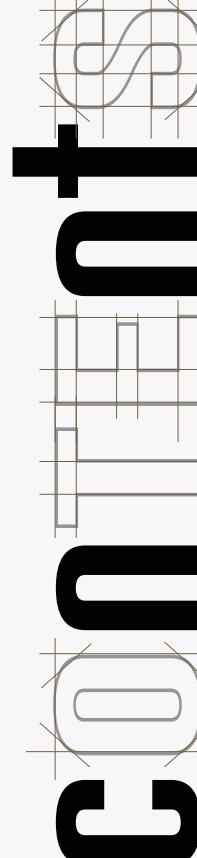
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Dear Readers, Polo Enthusiasts, and Players,

As we look ahead to the 2026 Dubai Polo Gold Cup Series (DPGCS), it is my great pleasure to welcome our players, supporters, partners, and the wider polo community to another exceptional season of world-class competition.

Over the years, the Dubai Polo Gold Cup Series has firmly established itself as a benchmark for excellence in international polo—celebrating elite performance on the field while fostering a strong sense of community around the sport. With both the Silver Cup and Gold Cup contested at a highly competitive 20-goal handicap, we anticipate a season defined by intensity, skill, and memorable moments for players and spectators alike.

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As Chairman of the UAE Polo Federation, it remains an honour to help guide the development of polo in the UAE. Beyond the excitement of the 2026 DPGCS, this year also marks an important milestone as we prepare to host the XIII FIP World Polo Championship in 2026. Hosting this prestigious global event is a testament to the dedication, ambition, and unity of the entire polo community in the region.

Reflecting on recent seasons, I am immensely proud of how the Silver Cup and Gold Cup have elevated the profile of polo in the UAE and on the international stage. The Silver Cup continues to showcase high-calibre competition, while the Gold Cup stands among the most respected tournaments globally, attracting the very best talent the sport has to offer.

To the outstanding teams joining us from around the world, I wish you every success throughout the Silver Cup and Gold Cup tournaments. May this season deliver thrilling competition, exceptional performances, and deserving champions.



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POLO AROUND THE WORLD CELEBRITY

Polo attracts many A-listers around the world. Here's a look at some of the stars spotted at the polo...

NAIL YOUR *Polo Outfit*

Polo has long been associated with the fashion elite. The game attracts everything from stars, sports personalities to style icons. So, it is important to look your ultimate best.



1 Carolina Herrera
Scala Clutch in Printed Fabric



2 Prada
Prada Neutral Mini Prada Galleria
Bag in Saffiano Leather



4 HERMES
Legend Sandals
Sandal in calfskin with iconic "H"
cut-out, wedge heel, and thin ankle
strap.

Polo has long been synonymous with elegance, tradition, and social charm — but today's events invite a blend of refined style and laid-back comfort. For the 2026 polo season, the key is looking effortlessly polished while staying comfortable throughout the day. Lightweight fabrics such as linen and cotton will keep you cool under the sun, while flowing silhouettes and tailored fits create an air of sophistication. The goal? Clothing that moves with you, whether you're mingling at the picnic, watching the chukkers, or strolling across the lawn.

For women, flowy dresses, tailored jumpsuits, or smart separates provide both grace and practicality. Pair them with wedges or block heels for stability on grassy terrain, and top off the look with a stylish hat — both a nod to tradition and a shield from the midday sun.

For men, a light blazer paired with trousers or chinos strikes the perfect balance between formality and ease. Opt for loafers or brogues that are comfortable yet sophisticated, ensuring you can navigate the field without sacrificing style.

At its heart, polo fashion is about classy understatement. Think of it as an opportunity to express timeless taste while embracing the relaxed pace of a day spent outdoors. The 2026 season encourages a harmonious mix of tradition and modern comfort, where elegance feels as natural as the sport itself.

1. Louis Vuitton

Signature Metal
Square Sunglasses



2. Coach

Reversible Leather Belt



3. Loro Piana

Melange Walk Loafer Suede

3. Chanel

square sunglasses



5. GUCCI
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BANGASH POLO TEAM

The Bangash Polo Team has been led by its patron, Haider Bangash, since 2017. Drawing on years of polo experience in London, Haider elevated his competitive ambitions after spending more time in Dubai and competing in high-goal tournaments. The team delivered an impressive performance in the 2021 Silver Cup, reaching the semi-finals, and went on to claim victory in the Bentley Cup at the IFZA Gold Cup Final the same year. Since then, Bangash Polo has continued to establish its presence on the tournament circuit. Most recently, the team finished as runners-up in the Bentley Cup at the Gold Cup 2025 Dubai Open.

**FEDERICO**
VON POTOBSKYHANDICAP 5
14**PATRON**
HAIDER
BANGASH

HANDICAP 0

TOMASITO
LLORENTE JR.

HANDICAP 7

ALFREDO
CAPPELLA

HANDICAP 8



DUBAI WOLVES POLO TEAM

The Al Habtoor family's enduring passion for polo is carried into the next generation through the Dubai Wolves Polo Team, led by Habtoor Al Habtoor. The team has steadily established itself within the UAE polo scene through consistent participation in the Dubai Polo Gold Cup Series. Dubai Wolves claimed the Subsidiary Final at the Dubai Challenge Cup in 2016, followed by victory in the Bentley Cup in 2018 and the Dubai Challenge Cup in 2019. In 2023, the team finished as runners-up in the Subsidiary Final of the IFZA Silver Cup and went on to triumph in the Subsidiary Final of the Bentley Cup. Building on this momentum, Dubai Wolves enjoyed a successful 2024 season, winning the Insignia Cup and securing runner-up finishes in both the Gold Cup and Polo Masters. Most recently, the team claimed victory in the Silver Cup 2025.



CESAR
CRESPO
HANDICAP 6

PATRON
HABTOOR
AL HABTOOR
HANDICAP 1

FELIX
ESAIN
HANDICAP 7

SANTIAGO
LABORDE
HANDICAP 6



GHANTOOT POLO TEAM

Founded in 1995 by the late UAE ruler, His Highness Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, the Ghantoot Polo Team is proudly patronized today by his son, His Highness Sheikh Falah bin Zayed Al Nahyan. Celebrated for its unique fusion of Emirati talent and world-class high-goal Argentine professionals, Ghantoot Polo has firmly positioned itself among the region's leading teams. The team achieved consecutive Dubai Polo Gold Cup victories in 2013 and 2014, followed by back-to-back McLaren Silver Cup titles in 2014 and 2015. In 2019, Ghantoot Polo finished as runners-up in the Silver Cup, before claiming the prestigious Gold Cup in 2021. Maintaining a strong competitive presence, the team placed runner-up in the subsidiary final of the IFZA Gold Cup in 2023. Most recently, Ghantoot Polo secured victory in the Bentley Cup in 2024, went on to win the Subsidiary Cup at the Silver Cup 2025, and achieved a fourth-place finish in the Sultan Bin Zayed Polo Cup 2025.



MARCOS
ARAYA
HANDICAP 7
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PATRON
AL MERRI
HANDICAP 0

JUAN
JAURETCHE
HANDICAP 7

PABLO
LLORENTE
HANDICAP 6



HABTOOR POLO TEAM

Founded in 2000 by Mohammed Al Habtoor, whose passion for polo established a lasting legacy, Habtoor Polo has remained at the forefront of the sport for more than two decades. Since its inception, the team has enjoyed remarkable success on both local and international stages. Habtoor Polo secured its first Dubai Polo Gold Cup title in 2012, followed by a Silver Cup victory in 2013. The team went on to dominate the Hildon Cup, claiming three consecutive titles from 2014 to 2016, before reclaiming the trophy in 2023. Additional highlights include runner-up finishes in the Julius Baer Gold Cup in 2017 and the Bentley Cup in 2020. In 2021, Habtoor Polo captured the IFZA Silver Cup and successfully defended the title in 2022. The team maintained its strong competitive form with a runner-up finish in the IFZA Gold Cup in 2023, leading into an outstanding 2024 season marked by victories in the Silver Cup, Gold Cup, and Polo Masters Cup. Most recently, Habtoor Polo finished as runners-up in the Silver Cup 2025 and placed as Subsidiary Runners-up in the Polo Masters Cup 2025.



CARLOS

ULLOA

HANDICAP 8

**PATRON
MOHAMMED**

AL HABTOOR

HANDICAP 0

BAUTISTA

BAYUGAR

HANDICAP 8

TOTO

SOLARI

HANDICAP 4

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JEHANGIRI
POLO TEAM



2019

JEHANGIRI POLO TEAM

Under the patronage of Muhammad Jehangiri, the Jehangiri Polo Team made a standout debut in the prestigious Dubai Polo Gold Cup Series in 2025. Marking a major milestone, the team competed for the first time in one of the region's most renowned polo tournaments and immediately established itself as a formidable contender. Demonstrating exceptional skill, determination, and leadership, Jehangiri Polo finished as runners-up in the Gold Cup at the Dubai Open 2025. Building on this impressive debut, the team went on to secure the Copa de Oro 2025 title, signaling only the beginning of a promising journey and firmly positioning Jehangiri Polo among the sport's rising elite.



GONZALO

PIERES JR.

HANDICAP 9
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PATRON

MUHAMMAD

JEHANGIRI

HANDICAP 0

ANTONIO

HEGUY

HANDICAP 8

DANTE

CASTAGNOLA

HANDICAP 3



UAE POLO TEAM

UAE Polo, led by Her Highness Sheikha Maitha bint Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, daughter of HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, UAE Vice President, Prime Minister, and Ruler of Dubai, has emerged as a formidable force on the international polo stage. A former Olympic-level martial artist who represented the UAE in Taekwondo at the Beijing Olympics and won silver in karate at the 2006 Asian Games, Sheikha Maitha has broken barriers in a traditionally male-dominated sport, famously stating, "Not only can women play polo, but they can play it well." She began her polo journey at Desert Palm Polo Club and quickly rose to compete in elite tournaments including the Queen's Cup and Gold Cup.

UAE Polo has since built an extraordinary record, winning the Julius Baer Gold Cup in 2016, the McLaren Cup in 2017, and a historic treble in 2019 with victories in the Silver Cup, Polo Masters Cup, and Julius Baer Gold Cup. The team defended the Standard Chartered Gold Cup in 2020, claimed the Dubai Challenge Cup in 2021, reclaimed the Gold Cup in 2022, and dominated again in 2023 with IFZA Silver and Gold Cup titles, followed by a runner-up finish in the 2024 Silver Cup. Most recently, UAE Polo secured an unprecedented sixth consecutive Gold Cup at the Dubai Open 2025, while also claiming major international titles including the Thai Polo Cup 2025, the Copa La Argentina, and the prestigious British Ladies Open Championships at Cowdray Park Polo Club.

**PATRON****HH SHEIKHA MAITHA****BINT MOHAMMED****BIN RASHID****AL MAKTOUM****SALVADOR****JEURETCHE****HANDICAP 5****HANDICAP 0****LUCAS****MONTEVERDE JR.****HANDICAP 9****ROSENDO****TORREGUITAR****HANDICAP 6**



MORE THAN A GAME

The Jehangiri Brothers' Journey Through Polo

Drawn to polo through a lifelong love of horses and a shared passion with his brother, Muhammad, his journey into the sport has been defined by discipline, respect, and a deep appreciation for horsemanship. For him, polo is more than competition—it is a continuous test of physical, tactical, and mental strength, presenting new challenges each season. Grounded by strong family influence and strengthened by the UAE's close-knit polo community, his approach to the game reflects both ambition and responsibility, with a clear desire to contribute to the sport's local growth while pursuing excellence on and off the field. Making their Gold Cup debut in 2025, the team delivered a remarkable performance, surprising many by reaching the final and finishing as runners-up against the UAE Polo Team. This season, they return with renewed momentum, set to compete in both the Silver Cup and the Dubai Gold Cup Open, aiming to make an even greater impact.

How did you first get into polo, and what has kept you passionate about the sport?

I was drawn to polo mainly because of the love for horses and as a shared interest with my brother, Muhammad. It sits at the intersection of discipline, horsemanship, and strategy. It's not a sport you can rush into, you earn your way in through respect for the horse, the team, and the game itself. What's kept me passionate is that polo never stops demanding more from you. Every season unlocks a new challenge, whether physical, tactical, or mental, and that constant evolution is addictive.

What has been the most defining moment in your polo career so far?

A lot of defining moments for me have come from watching and learning from my brother, Muhammad. His discipline, consistency, and drive to do each thing the correct way, for the horses and the game have been a constant source of inspiration and have shaped the way I approach polo.

How has playing in the UAE shaped your growth as players?

Playing in the UAE has shaped my growth in a different, more personal way. What the UAE adds is a close-knit polo community where the circle is smaller and the social side of the sport is deeply integrated with the competitive side. You spend more time around the same players and professionals which creates a level of continuity that's

rare elsewhere. That environment encourages learning, accountability, and mutual respect, and it pushes you to grow not just as a player, but as part of the polo ecosystem.

What does the Dubai Gold Cup represent to you personally?

The Gold Cup represents the highest and most respected title in the region, and that naturally gives it a lot of importance for me. There's a sense of responsibility that comes with being based here. Competing in the Gold Cup feels like carrying that responsibility, contributing to the growth of the game locally and taking part in our own small capacity to raise the level of polo in the UAE.

How does the level of competition here compare to international tournaments?

What really comes through is how well put together the season has been. The games are competitive, well-organised, and played with real intent, which says a lot about the overall standard.

Any direct comparison with other countries would be unfair given how long-established their polo platforms are. The UAE, in a relatively short time, has outpaced expectations to bring polo to this level. That progress reflects the work of the club managements, the sponsors backing the sport, and the teams themselves. The direction is clearly positive, and it's easy to see the level continuing to rise and, in time, matching

international standards as the number of teams and fields grows.

What differences do you notice between playing in the UAE and other major polo destinations?

Playing in the UAE is very well organised, with great facilities and a tight-knit polo community that's clearly committed to the sport's growth.

The main differences are scale-related: fewer teams, limited international participation, and fewer fields, which naturally affects competitive depth. That said, these are growing-phase challenges, and given how quickly polo has developed here, the direction is clearly positive and the level is set to keep rising. The ingredients are already in place; it's about bringing them together in a way that allows the sport to grow sustainably and visibly on the world stage.

What goals or aspirations do you have for your polo journey moving forward?

Well the goals are definitely set high and we try to do our best achieving them but most importantly, I want to stay at the heart of the people who make this journey possible, our grooms and the entire team around us right through to the high-goal players. Building trust, respect, and a shared sense of purpose within that group matters to me just as much as what happens on the field and I believe it is the recipe for performance as an organisation.



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Driven by the Game: Women in Polo

Maria Barova

I discovered polo in October 2021 at Al Habtoor Polo Club after watching a chukka, and from that moment, I completely fell in love with the sport and its adrenaline. Training at Al Habtoor Polo Club and Dubai Polo Academy, with the guidance of dedicated instructors, pushed me beyond my limits, helped me overcome fear, and shaped me from a beginner into an intermediate player. Despite early challenges, injuries, and the discipline polo demands, perseverance led to my proudest moment: receiving the “Progress of the Season” award in 2023 at Al Habtoor Polo Club. Today, polo has transformed my confidence, discipline, and lifestyle, given me a true Polo Family, and my goal is to earn my first handicap and become a Polo Federation member.



Maite Busschaert

I began my polo journey at Al Habtoor Polo Club in October 2025, looking for a sport that would challenge me both mentally and physically while deepening my lifelong connection with horses. Adapting to the game's intensity and building endurance were early challenges, but polo quickly became a source of pure happiness and focus. On the field, it taught me to let go completely—nothing matters except the ball, balance, position, and the bond with the horse. Still a beginner and progressing through private lessons, my advice to other ladies is simple: go for it—the challenge, energy, and community give back more than you expect.



by the powerful connection between players and their horses, the teamwork, and the feeling of freedom the sport represents. Returning to riding after more than 15 years and learning to fully trust the horse as a true playing partner were major challenges, made even more complex by my sensory sensitivity as someone on the autism spectrum. My proudest moments were striking the ball at the canter for the first time and embracing my journey openly—playing polo at my own rhythm while being autistic. Today, polo has transformed how I see myself, turning my uniqueness into a strength, and my goal is to join collective play phases and experience true teamwork on the field.

Megan

Seeing women professionals play and feeling the fierceness and adrenaline flowing through the game inspired me. I wanted to incorporate that energy into my own life, have fun, and develop the skills involved in riding. The technical control they had over the mallet and the ball is what inspired me, and I wanted to try it.



Maryne Cotty Eslous

I started playing polo at Al Habtoor Polo Club in February 2024 after watching my first match and being deeply moved



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20 Goal Handicap



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RUNNER - UP HABTOOR POLO



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GOLD CUP - 20 GOAL HANDICAP

GOLD CUP 2020

Dubai Open - 20 Goal Handicap



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UAE POLO



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MVP

RISHI BHANSALI



BEST PONY

LAMAR ALETA



POLO MASTERS CUP 2025

6-8 GOAL HANDICAP



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WINNER
BHANSALI POLO



RUNNER - UP
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Jehangiri Polo & UAE Polo



UAE Polo vs Bangash Polo



Habtoor Polo vs Ghantoot Polo



Rosendo Torreguitar & Gonzalo Pieres



Rosendo Torreguitar & Gonzalo Pieres



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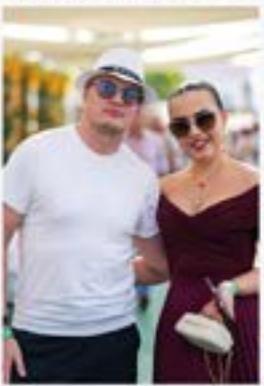


Haider Bangash

THE MATCH

Here are some of the highlights of last year's action-packed event...





Socialites

Polo attracts the fashion concious. Here are some of the trend-setters from last year...











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How Polo Brings Our Community Together

Polo is more than a game. It is a lifestyle, a tradition, and above all, a community — one that continues to grow, inspire, and bring us together.



Polo has always been known as the sport of kings, a game of elegance, strategy, and speed. But here at AHPC, polo has become something much greater than the matches we witness on the field. It has grown into a lifestyle, a gathering place, and a vibrant community where sport and society meet.

Every chukka carries its own thrill — the pounding of hooves, the crack of the mallet striking the ball, the roar of the crowd as a goal is scored. Yet what makes each game truly memorable is not just the action between the goalposts, but the people who come together around it. On any given match day, our sidelines tell their own story: families stretched out on picnic blankets, friends enjoying the sunshine, and spectators mingling in an atmosphere that is both relaxed and celebratory. Polo becomes a reason to connect, to share, and to be part of something bigger than ourselves.

This past season highlighted that spirit more than ever. The AHPC grounds were alive not only with matches but also with moments of togetherness. Charity cups brought awareness to causes close to our hearts, turning competition into an opportunity to give back. The Ladies Charity Cup in October filled the field with a sea of pink, uniting players and supporters in the fight against breast cancer. Seasonal gatherings after matches offered laughter, stories, and new friendships that extended far beyond the last chukka. For many, these social highlights became as anticipated as the games themselves.

Our players and ponies are, of course, at the heart of every season, but it is the community that gives polo its lasting impact. From the grooms who dedicate their care to the horses, to the families who cheer on the sidelines, to the newcomers discovering polo for the very first time — each person is a thread in the fabric of AHPC.



Together, we create an environment where sport thrives alongside camaraderie.

Polo also connects cultures, blending tradition with modernity. We see lifelong players riding beside young talents eager to make their mark. We see international visitors experiencing the sport for the first time, sharing in the excitement with local enthusiasts. We see how a single game can bridge generations, nationalities, and backgrounds, reminding us that polo truly is a universal language of passion and pride.

It is this sense of togetherness that we celebrate most. The goals and victories matter, but the friendships, the shared experiences, and the sense of belonging are what make AHPC polo unforgettable. Looking ahead to the next season, we are not only excited for the matches to come but also for the memories yet to be created on and off the field. Be-



cause in the end, polo is more than a game. It is a lifestyle, a tradition, and above all, a community — one that continues to grow, inspire, and bring us together.

POLO ACADEMY



Daily from 6:30am - 11:30am | 2:30pm - 6:15pm

| TYPE OF LESSON | CHILD<18 | ADULT | FEE |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|--------|---------|
| Assessment Session New Member | 15 mins | | AED297 |
| Group Lesson | 45 mins | AED499 | AED649 |
| Private Lesson | 45 mins | AED749 | AED849 |
| Players Coaching - Own Horse | 45 mins | AED329 | AED519 |
| Stick and Ball | 40 mins | AED599 | AED799 |
| Instructional Chukkas | minimum 2 chukkas | | AED597 |
| Corporate Days | 5-15 pax | AED429 | AED599 |
| | 15+ pax | AED399 | AED499 |
| Club Chukkers | minimum 2 chukkas | | AED829 |
| Green Fee (per chukka) | | | AED330 |
| Green Fees (stick & ball) | Non-members | | AED350 |
| Green Fees (4 Chukkas) | | | AED1320 |
| Tournament Horse Hire (outside) | Members | | AED1599 |
| | Non-members | | AED1849 |
| Tournament Horse Hire (inside) | Members | | AED1099 |
| | Non-members | | AED1399 |

* All prices are inclusive of VAT.



LIVERY

| | MONTHLY FEES | FEES |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Full Livery - Horse (1-2) | AED5,325 | |
| Full Livery - Horse (3+) | AED5,050 | |
| Part Livery - Horse (1-2) | AED4,750 | |
| Part Livery - Horse (3+) | AED4,480 | |
| Stable Only | AED3,440 | |
| Grooms Accommodation/Sharing | AED1,050/person | |
| Grooms Accommodation/Single | AED1,575 | |
| Groom Meals | AED1,050/person | |
| Trim (AHPRC Clippers) | | AED225 |
| Trim (Client Clippers) | | AED170 |
| Groom Service (Lunging) | | AED 60 |
| Ground Fee (Instructor) | | AED160 |
| Instructor Membership <i>Monthly</i> | | AED685 |
| <i>Annual</i> | | AED6,615 |

* All prices are inclusive of VAT.



RIDING SCHOOL



Open daily from 06:30 - 10:15am and 04:00 - 08:45pm

| TYPE OF LESSON | STANDARD RATE | | |
|--|---------------|--------|---------|
| | CHILD | ADULT | FEES |
| ASSESSMENT LESSON (30 mins) | AED359 | AED429 | |
| RIDING LESSONS (45 mins) | | | |
| Group Lesson | AED259 | AED299 | |
| Group Lesson - Own Horse | | | AED189 |
| Semi Private Lesson | AED379 | AED449 | |
| Semi Private Lesson - Own Horse | | | AED229 |
| Private Lesson | AED519 | AED599 | |
| Private Lesson - Own Horse | | | AED299 |
| EQUESTRIAN EXPERIENCE | | | |
| Stable Tour 45mins (minimum of 4 pax) (Children under 5 years old complimentary) | | AED89 | AED139 |
| Slot 8:30AM and 5PM | | | |
| Stable Management 45mins (minimum of 4 pax. Children under 2 years old complimentary) | | AED99 | AED149 |
| Slot 8:30AM and 5PM | | | |
| Stable Tour Family Package 45mins 2 Adults + 2 Children | | | AED299 |
| HORSE LEASE | | | |
| RS Horse Lease - 1 day per week | | | AED1659 |
| RS Horse Lease - 2 days per week | | | AED2249 |
| RS Horse Lease - 3 days per week | | | AED2997 |
| RS Horse Lease - 4 days per week | | | AED4197 |
| RS Horse Lease - 6 days per week | | | AED5799 |



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Know your polo

The Art of Polo Shots

Polo is as much about strategy and finesse as it is about speed and power. Players can strike the ball from either side of the horse, and the variety of shots makes every chukker unpredictable and thrilling. Each stroke showcases the rider's precision, timing, and connection with the horse. Together, these plays create the dynamic rhythm and excitement that make polo one of the most captivating sports to experience.



Key Shots to Watch

Offside Forehand – The classic forward shot on the horse's right side, powerful and often used to drive the ball downfield.

Near Side Shot – Struck on the horse's left side, requiring skill and balance, especially under pressure.

Backhand – A defensive swing played backward to clear the ball or redirect the play.

Tail Shot – Hit behind the horse's tail, often used for passing or switching the line of play.

Pony Goal – A rare but exciting moment when the ball bounces off a pony and into the goal.

Neck Shot –

Sent under the horse's neck, curving sharply to change direction or surprise opponents.

Unlock Your Brand's Elite Potential

Be one of our Sponsors!

Partnering with us offers a mutually beneficial opportunity that positions your brand in front of an upscale and highly influential audience. With over 17 years of experience connecting the region to the elite polo community, we provide a unique platform to showcase your brand. Polo is more than a sport—it is a lifestyle that attracts high-profile individuals. We offer tailored sponsorship packages designed to align with your brand objectives and marketing goals. Through direct access to this elite audience, your brand gains enhanced visibility and a strong presence within the polo world.

Our tournaments attract Dubai's elite, VIPs, and members of royal families, providing your brand with a distinctive opportunity to stand out and gain a competitive edge.

Don't miss this chance to elevate your brand within an exclusive community and partner with us today!

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BEYOND THE IMAGE: THE ART OF JOHN ROTHERHAM

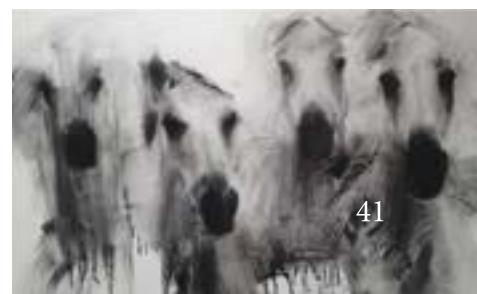
Portraiture has always been at the centre of John Rotherham's artistic practice. A UK-based artist, he has exhibited for several years with galleries in London, as well as in shows in New York, Paris, and Singapore. In recent years, he has become especially recognised for his commissioned portraits—most notably of horses and hounds—beloved by the equestrian community.

Working primarily in charcoal or oils, Rotherham specialises in large-scale works on paper, using traditional drawing and painting techniques to create powerful, expressive pieces. His style moves fluidly between abstraction and realism, allowing him to capture not only the movement and energy of his subjects, but the emotional resonance that gives each portrait its soul.

From his studio in the heart of the Ribble Valley in Lancashire, he works closely with clients worldwide to develop unique, exclusive pieces tailored to their vision. His approach ensures that each commission becomes more than an artwork—it becomes a deeply personal reflection of the bond, beauty, and spirit of the subject.

“In every portrait, I search for the moment where emotion and movement meet—that’s where the true story begins,” he says.

Rotherham now welcomes the opportunity to connect with new patrons within the polo and equestrian community in the UAE. “I wanted to ask if my work would be of interest to your clients,” he notes. “I take pride in collaborating one-to-one to create truly bespoke pieces.”



SAVE THE DATE

Dubai Polo Gold Cup Series 2026
Season Continues

GOLD CUP 2026

Dubai Open - 20 Goal Handicap
28th January - 14th February



DUBAI CHALLENGE CUP 2026

8-10 Goal Handicap
7th - 14th March



POLO MASTERS CUP

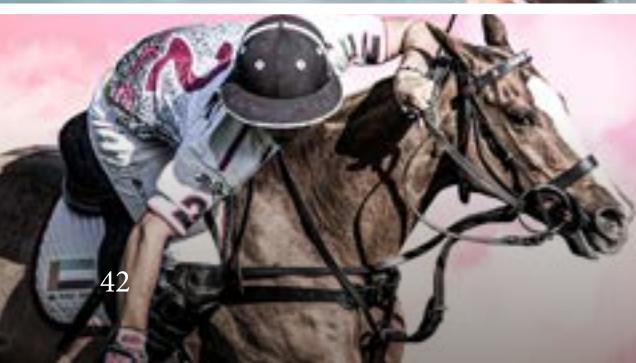
6-8 Goal Handicap

4th - 11th April



DUBAI CUP 2026

6-8 GOAL HANDICAP
13TH - 18TH APRIL



SATURDAY Polo Picnic

Winter is the best season to be outside with your family and friends, so why not have a picnic?

Al Habtoor Polo Resort and Club is a perfect spot to have a picnic with its lush surroundings. Spend a beautiful day outdoors and treat each Saturday as a fun day out filled with activities, surprises and chances to win amazing prizes during the day.

Pack a picnic basket or buy some tasty treats from Half Time Food Truck and sit under a gazebo as you watch polo from the sidelines. A dedicated Kids Area is set with free pony rides, a huge bouncy castle, kids coloring area, and several games that will surely keep the little ones entertained.

So the next time a beautiful day comes around, drive down to Saturday Polo Picnic - Dubai's most stylish and fun picnic!

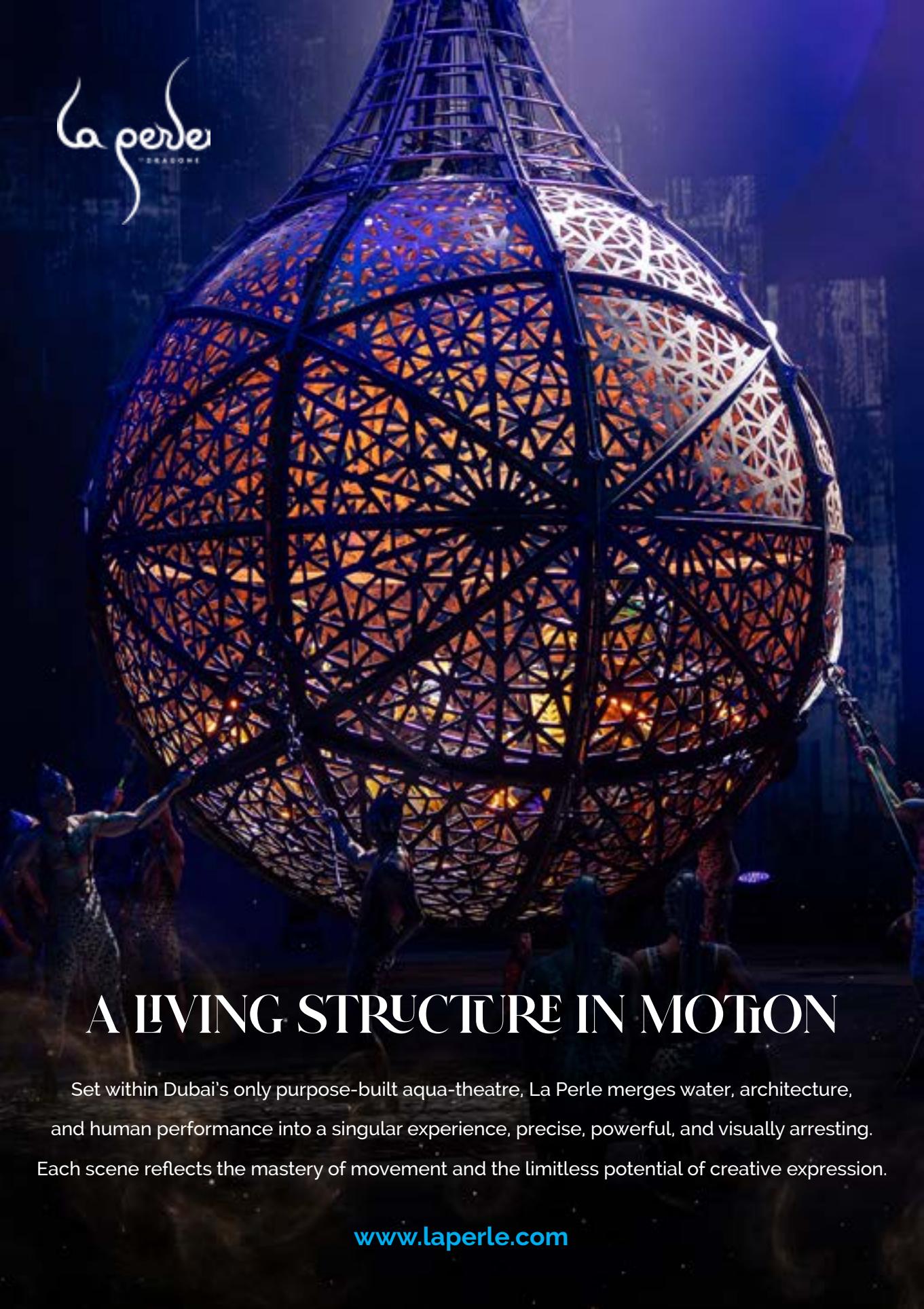


*A parking fee of AED100 applies for parking inside the picnic area.

*Free public parking is available outside the picnic area.

For more info call: 04 436 2222

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