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# Endurance rides set

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THE third endurance event of the 2012/13 season is set for today when leading riders from all around Bahrain are lined up for the Khalid bin Hamad Seniors Rides at the Bahrain International Endurance Village in Sakhir.

There will be two rides today, commencing at 7am with the 120km race. Today's other race is a qualifying event and is over 80km.

More than 50 riders are in the fray, including 31 taking part in the 120km ride, while 20 are lined-up for the 80km event.

The 120km ride will be divided into five stages, starting with 30km for the first. It will be followed by another 30km distance for the second and 20km each for the third, fourth and fifth stages.

As for the 80km section, riders will compete over three stages - 30km each for the first and second and 20km for the third.

The Bahrain Royal Equestrian and Endurance Federation (Breef) is organising this event, which is under the patronage of its president Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa.

The 2012/13 endurance season got underway on November 17 with an 80km qualifying ride. It was followed by the Breef Season Opening Ride on December 1.

Some of Bahrain's prominent riders are in the fray, representing different stables from all over the kingdom.

Leading favourite riders are those from the Royal Team, captained by Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa. Also spearheading the Royal Team are Shaikh Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa and Adnan Al Badri, riding Ganda Koy and Woody 3, respectively.

The Royal Team had dominated the season opener held last month and clinched all three podium places through winner Abdulrahman Al Zayed, runner-up Ali Busafar and third-placer Ghazi Al Dossary.

Other stables taking part in the 120km ride are Victory Stable, Spain Stable, Al Khalidiya, Al Zaeem, N 13 Stable, Al Montasir, Al Asayel, Al Shuwamekh, Al Mugheirat, Al Ruwaie Stable, Ahmed Al Fateh, Saar Riding School, Al Ajjyal and Yousef Taher.

Participants in the 80km qualifying ride will mainly come from the Royal Team, Al Montasir Stable, Ahmed Al Fateh, Al Muqheerat, Al Rowaie, Saar Riding School, Al Shawamek, Al Ajjyal, Yousif Taher, Khalid Al Rowaie, Awal and Al Asayel.

Isa Amin, Abdulrahman Amin, Faisal Al Dossary and Abdulla Isa will be riding for Al Shuwamekh Stable while Hamad Al Muraisi will lead Al Muraisi stable team in the 80km ride along with teammates Abdulla Amin and Saad Abdulla.

To add more excitement to the competition, valuable awards have been allocated for the top three as well as riders successfully completing each stage of the race.

Al Ruwaie Stable coach Khalid Al Ruwaie will be the only rider from his side racing in the 120km section, while the remaining stable representatives Fahad Ismail and Abdulrahman Abdulrahim will both take part in the other 80km event.

The veterinary examination, meanwhile, was held yesterday for one and a half hours at the veterinary examination area at the endurance village, where Shaikh Nasser followed up all the procedures and arrangements made at the village as riders escorted their respective horses for inspection.

Maximum weight for both riders were also announced. The weight of each rider competing in the 120km should not exceed 75kg with the saddle, while 70kg is the maximum weight allowed for each entrant in the 80km section.



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