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Breef qualifying races set for off

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THE national endurance season continues this weekend with a Breef Qualifying Ride at the Bahrain International Endurance Village in Sakhir on Saturday.

The 80-km event is organised by the Bahrain Royal Equestrian and Endurance Federation (Breef) and is registered as an international qualifying ride for the horses to become eligible for future international championships.

Featuring three stages, the ride is in line with the directives of Breef president Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa. The race gets underway with a 30km stage, to be followed by an identical 30km second leg, and concludes with a 20km third stage.

The federation has successfully organised several endurance rides earlier this season, which were closely followed up by Royal Endurance Team captain Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa and Shaikh Khalid, amidst a huge turnout of riders from different stables across Bahrain.

The Breef president expressed the federation's keenness to continue its support for the endurance season, especially in light of the great interest from stables and local riders to participate in all competitions of the season.

Shaikh Khalid indicted the great success of the races held earlier in season, which featured high standards by several participants, noting that the success of the past races gives the federation a strong motive to continue its hard work to organise more exciting races in a greater way to make them more beneficial for the participants.

He said this endurance season had exciting challenges for most of the riders, who have prepared themselves and their horses well ahead of each championship, which is a significant factor and an indication for a thrilling season.

He also asserted that the Breef will always be keen to continue its support and continuing interest in the competitions of the season and all events that will take place under the umbrella of the federation.

Shaikh Khalid praised the strong preparations and special skills obtained by the Bahraini riders over the past seasons, which enabled them to reach higher standards and compete with the best in international endurance championships.

He stressed that the federation has already started preparations for this qualifying race in order to ensure all means of success of this important event.

The federation, meanwhile, has opened the registration for riders wishing to take part. The first days of registration featured remarkable turnout from many stables' representatives. The veterinary examination is scheduled for tomorrow from 3.30pm to 5pm at the veterinary area at the endurance village.

The organising committee was also formed as Fahad Al Rumaihi of Bahrain is heading the ground jury committee for this weekend's event. Other judges are Mahdi Al Kulaiti, Ali Ghuloom and Ghalib Mukhtar, all from Bahrain, in addition to Jordan's Haider Al Zubi.

Technical delegate is Mohammed Dadulla, while the veterinary committee is headed by Dr Ebrahim Yousef of Bahrain and includes veterinarians Dr Mohammed Al Hammad of Saudi Arabia, Bahrain's Dr Abbas Al Haiki, Dr Subah Al Kaabi and Dr Abdulrahman Abulshouk.

The veterinary laboratory includes Dr Farida Abdulrazzaq of Bahrain and Dr Milo Canabo of the Dominican Republic, while Ahmed Dhaif, Dr Abu Obaida Steven Panks, Sudip Sankar and Merghani Jilanimen are other officials.

