



SABIS®

# 13<sup>th</sup> SABIS® GLOBAL SPORTS TOURNAMENT

SHARJAH & AJMAN April 28–30 2023



The SABIS® Global Sports Tournament (GST) is a biennial, international sporting competition involving teams of student athletes from across the global SABIS® Network. The tournament, which is held at an international location within the network, includes competitions in a range of sports including swimming, basketball, football, and track & field, and provides students with the opportunity to showcase their athleticism, acquire life skills, learn about new cultures, and make new friends.

**AROUND 1,000 STUDENTS FROM 30 SABIS® SCHOOLS IN 15 COUNTRIES GATHERED FOR THE 13<sup>TH</sup> SABIS® GLOBAL SPORTS TOURNAMENT.**



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## OPENING CEREMONY

The much-awaited 13<sup>th</sup> SABIS® Global Sports Tournament was recently co-hosted at the International Schools of Choueifat in Sharjah and Ajman, U.A.E, from April 28 to 30, 2023, with the first-time participation of students from Brazil and China, who joined around 1,000 student-athletes representing 30 participating schools in 15 countries from across the SABIS® Network, including Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Brazil, China, Egypt, Germany, Jordan, Kenya, Kurdistan – Iraq, Lebanon, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and the U.A.E.



The tournament kicked off with a grand Opening Ceremony on April 27, which welcomed His Excellency Sheikh Majid Bin Sultan Bin Saqer Al Qasimi, Member of Sharjah Executive Council, Chairman of the Districts and Villages Affairs Department; His Excellency Ali Mesri Al Dhaheri, representing His Excellency Dr. Ahmad Belhoul Al Falasi, the Minister of Education, and also representing His Excellency Sheikh Suhail Bin Butti Al Maktoum the Executive Director of the Sports Development sector at the General Sports Authority; and His Excellency Eisa Hilal El Hazamy, Chairman of Sharjah Sports Council; alongside the participants' families, coaches, and community members.

Guests were captivated by elaborate performances, including a marching band, a dressage horse show, student dance performances, and an impressive entrance by participating teams carrying their country flags with pride. His Excellency Ali Mesri Al Dhaheri, Mr. Wissam Malaeb, ISC-Sharjah School Director, and Mr. Victor Saad, SABIS® Vice President, warmly welcomed the audience, while highlighting the significance of the tournament.

In his speech, Mr. Victor Saad stated: *“At SABIS®, we have always prioritized the academic attainment of our students, providing them with the most efficient and updated tools and skills to ensure their entry into the very best universities. But we have also placed great emphasis on sports, given the many ways that they benefit our participating student-athletes. Sports strengthen our students physically, mentally, and emotionally. They identify skills, grow self-confidence, teach discipline and decision-making, encourage communication, and develop leadership potential. They also do far more: shaping attitudes and behaviors of fairness, inclusivity, and respect.”*





## GREAT AMBIANCE FOR ALL

The 13<sup>th</sup> SABIS® Global Sports Tournament (GST) was a huge success, where the audience enjoyed three days of great ambiance, vibrant music, tasty food, and high-spirited competitions in which student-athletes radiated a spirit of sportsmanship and enthusiasm as they showcased their strength and athletic prowess to crowds of spectators.





## BASKETBALL

Senior boys and senior girls basketball players showed great skill and endurance as the teams challenged one another on the court, over 64 games.

### **MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS:**

Girls: **Joceline Geara** SIS-Adma  
Boys: **Waddah Nabulsi** ISC-Amman



## FOOTBALL

The football matches were divided into two categories, the under 10 teams and the under 14 teams. The games were filled with excitement, skill, and team work as the players gave it their best and faced off in over 68 matches.

### **GOLDEN BOOT AWARDS:**

Boys Under 10: **Anas Emam** ISC-Muscat  
Boys Under 14: **Yousif Ferman** CADMUS® Iraq Gate





## SWIMMING AND TRACK & FIELD

The swimming and track & field competitions broke nine records, two in track & field and seven in swimming. Students from Bahrain, Egypt, Lebanon, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and the U.A.E. brought their best to the competition and took home gold medals for their success in these sports.



### NEW SWIMMING RECORDS:

Category	Student's name	Record	School	Country
Girls Under 12 / Breaststroke 25m	Maryam Ahmed	17.17	ISC-Cairo	Egypt
Girls / Relay 4x25m	Khadiga Galal, Maryam Ahmed, Farah Samra, Yousef El Saied	57.33	ISC-Cairo	Egypt
Boys Under 12 / Freestyle 25m	Mazen Salim	12.71	ISC-Sharjah	U.A.E.
Boys Under 12 / Backstroke 25m	Mazen Salim	14.39	ISC-Sharjah	U.A.E.
Boys Under 16 / Freestyle 50m	Amr Tamer	24.65	ISC-DIP	U.A.E.
Boys Under 16 / Breaststroke 25m	Amr Tamer	13.78	ISC-DIP	U.A.E.
Boys / Relay 4x25m	Yahia Azaz, Yassin Elrayani, Yassin Mohammed, Adnan Ferris Abu Salim	53.61	AIS-Al-Sulaimaniah	Saudi Arabia





## NEW TRACK & FIELD RECORDS:



Category	Student's name	Record	School	Country
Girls Under 12 / 100m Sprint	Mariam Messaykeh	12.7	ISC-Koura	Lebanon
Boys Under 16 / Long Jump	Talal Al Saad	5.86	ISC-Doha	Qatar





## MOMENTS TO REMEMBER

Student-athletes and staff also enjoyed a ceremonious dinner on the second night of the tournament, where they were wowed by vibrant performances featuring SABIS® students from schools in the U.A.E. and China.





# CLOSING CEREMONY

The tournament concluded after three very full days of team work and friendly competition with a moving closing ceremony that included speeches, medals, and certificate distribution, group photos, and a ceremonial cake cutting.

At the end of the tournament, winning teams and student-athletes were awarded medals for their hard work and achievements, which were presented by SABIS® Vice President Mr. Victor Saad, ISC-Ajman School Director, Mr. Ayman Azzam, and ISC-Sharjah School Director, Mr. Wissam Malaeb.

## COMPETITIONS WERE CLOSE AS ALL CONTESTANTS SHOWED A HIGH LEVEL OF COMMITMENT AND COMPETENCE.

The 13<sup>th</sup> SABIS® Global Sports Tournament was made possible through the efforts of the Global Sports Tournament Committee, in cooperation with the host schools, ISC-Sharjah and ISC-Ajman, as well as through the hard work and dedication of the student-athletes, all participating schools, and other valuable members.



To check all results, see more photos, and watch videos from the 13<sup>th</sup> SABIS® Global Sports Tournament:

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