

Sohni Dharti Junior Football Tournament 3rd Edition Concludes Successfully in Al Khor, Qatar

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The 3rd Edition of the Sohni Dharti Junior Football Tournament concluded with remarkable success and vibrant community

participation

in Al Khor Community, Qatar. Organized for the Pakistani community, the tournament featured two age categories — 7-12 years and 13-17 years — with the participation of over 160 young footballers, making it one of the largest and most enthusiastic junior sporting events in the area.

The tournament was organized under the leadership of Chairman Anwar

Ali Rana and Sports Secretary Zafar Chandio, whose dedication and tireless efforts turned the event into a grand success. Zafar Chandio worked day and night to ensure smooth arrangements, including the provision of colourful and attractive kits for each team, which added professionalism and excitement to the competition.

The event was held with the strong support of the SD Executive Committee, including Mr. Umer Khayyam (Vice President), Gulzar Hussain (Vice President), Mohsin Ali (General Secretary), Omar Irshad (Cultural Secretary), and Masoodudin (Finance Secretary) and Ghulam Farid (Content Writer). The volunteers also played a vital role, extending

excellent support throughout the tournament and contributing significantly to its smooth execution.

Importantly, every team was assigned dedicated coaches to guide and mentor the young players, ensuring discipline, skill development, and sportsmanship throughout the competition.

7-12 Years CategoryThe younger age group displayed tremendous enthusiasm and emerging

talent. Participating teams and captains were:

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Multan Saints – Ahmad Bilal

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Hunza Horseman – Usman Khan

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Islamabad Capitals – Haziq Imran

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Sargodha Shaheen – Bilal Farid

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Quetta Gunners – Bilal Khuram

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Peshawar Azmaray – Abdullah Farooq

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Karachi Knights – Saad Waqar

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Skardu Stars – Uzair Asif

In an exciting and high-scoring final, Multan Saints defeated Hunza Horseman 6-2 to claim the championship title.

Individual Awards (7-12 Years)

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Winner: Multan Saints

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Runner-up: Hunza Horseman

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Best Goalkeeper: Qasim Waqar

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Best Player: Ahmad Bilal

13-17 Years Category The senior category featured competitive and high-quality football matches. Team captains included:•

Multan Saints – Ahmed Alvi

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Lahore Warriors – Abu Bakar

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Islamabad Capitals – Ahsan Mustafa

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Quetta Gunners – Abdul Rafay

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Peshawar Azmaray – Abdullah Mandan

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Karachi Knights – Ayan Ahmad

After thrilling matches, Karachi Knights emerged as champions in a penalty shootout, while Quetta Gunners secured the runner-up position.

Individual Awards (13-17 Years)

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Winner: Karachi Knights

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Runner-up: Quetta Gunners

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Best Goalkeeper: Hanzla Imran

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Best Player: Abu Bakar

Grand Prize Distribution Ceremony

The tournament concluded with a grand Prize Distribution Ceremony held

at Rotana Restaurant, where winners and runners-up were presented with beautiful trophies and medals. Additionally, four players from each team were honored with the “Most Dedicated Player” award, recognizing their commitment, discipline, and dedication throughout the tournament.

The children were delighted with the beautifully designed trophies and medals. The celebration continued with a delightful meal after the presentation ceremony, and the young participants thoroughly enjoyed both the recognition and the post-event gathering, making it a memorable evening for families and players alike.

On this occasion, Chairman Anwar Ali Rana encouraged parents to actively involve their children in sports and healthy activities rather than excessive use of mobile phones. He emphasized that sports promote physical fitness, discipline, teamwork, and positive character development among youth.

The 3rd Edition of the Sohni Dharti Junior Football Tournament stands as another milestone for the Pakistani community in Qatar. With over 160 young participants, dedicated coaches, strong volunteer support, and committed leadership, the event successfully promoted unity,

sportsmanship, and healthy engagement among the youth.

Sohni Dharti continues to provide an inspiring platform for nurturing future sporting talent and strengthening community bonds through sports.

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