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## Introduction

From 20 to 26 February 2023, Butheeb (UAE) will host the FEI Endurance World Championship. The line-up has been confirmed with 129 combinations representing 37 nations ready to challenge for the 2022 individual and team world titles on Saturday 25 February 2023.

### **FEI World Championships: 69 years of top-class equestrian history**

The legacy of FEI World Championships spans decades, starting with Jumping in 1953, held in the iconic Parc des Princes, with 19 athletes on the start list representing 11 nations.

The first FEI Endurance World Championship was held in 1986 in Pratoni del Vivaro (ITA), with the USA athlete Cassandra Schuler and her horse Skikos Omar claiming individual gold and Great Britain – with a fully female team - claiming team gold. The FEI Endurance World Championships have gone on to be held every two years since 1986, making this the 18<sup>th</sup> edition (the 2018 edition in Tryon was cancelled due to adverse climate conditions).

This edition boasts a remarkably gender balanced field of participants, with 63 female and 66 male athletes entered, and an equally impressive diversity in age range of the participants with 55 years separating youngest and first time World Championship competitor, 18-year-old Constanza Pacheco Diaz (ARG) from Canada's 73-year old Robert Gielen, who will be taking part in his fourth World Championship!

### **Emiratis, ready to shine on home soil**

The United Arab Emirates will host the World Championship for the second time, after the 2005 edition held in Dubai. The local athlete Salem Hamad Saeed Malhoof Al Kitbi will try to repeat his victory in the last edition of the World Championship held in Pisa (ITA), where he finished the ride ahead of his compatriot Mansour Saeed Mohd Al Faresi.

All eyes will also be on Spanish and Emirati riders, as they have dominated the field since 2006. Among them, there is Salem Hamad Saeed Al Kitbi (UAE), with his horse Haleh, who will be defending his World title here in Butheeb; Spain's power couple Maria Alvarez Ponton and Jaume Punti Dachs who have three individual World titles between them; and, their compatriot Angel Soy Coll, who is current European Champion.

Historically, female athletes have dominated individual competition, earning 11 gold medals, while men have claimed four victories. Among them, the athlete with the most victories is the American Becky Hart, who won three consecutive gold medals between 1988 and 1992. In total, the United States has won seven gold medals in the individual category, making it the nation with the most individual gold medals in history, followed by Spain and the UAE, with four gold medals each.

### **Spain, the team to beat**

In the Team competition, the Spaniards will battle to earn their fourth World Championship in a row, after three consecutive victories in Pisa (ITA), Tryon (USA) and Samorin (SVK). A fourth consecutive title would set a new record in the sport, but they will face plenty of opposition from other teams vying for the top spot, such as Brazil and France – silver and bronze medallists at the World Championship in Pisa (ITA) in 2021 - as well as other former medallists including the Netherlands, Switzerland, Bahrain, Qatar and host nation UAE, the only other country to boast three consecutive world titles, which they achieved from 2008 to 2012.

Six other nations have won the team Endurance world title besides Spain: France, UAE, USA, Australia, Great Britain and Italy. France leads the tally convincingly with 4 wins in Barcelona (ESP) in 1992, Den Haag (NED) in 1994, Jerez de la Frontera (ESP) in 2002 and Aachen (GER) in 2006 followed by Spain and UAE with three. Great Britain and USA follow with two wins each and Italy and Australia with unique wins respectively.

With numbers reminiscent of pre-Covid times, the Championship will see 24 teams compete for the team title, which the Spanish have held firmly within their grip since the World Championship in Caen (FRA) in 2014.

### **A sustainable event**

“We are excited to see so many athletes and nations confirmed for this important Championship”, said FEI President Ingmar De Vos.

“Sustainable thinking is absolutely key to event planning today, and I am delighted the World Championship in Butheeb has set its sights on becoming a point of reference for environmental sustainability at Endurance rides in the future.

“Thanks to the concerted efforts of the Organising Committee in Butheeb and the UAE Equestrian National Federation, we will have a fantastic backdrop for our sport with all the necessary infrastructures and requirements to ensure our athletes and our horses can perform at their very best, with safety and welfare a priority throughout.”

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The full roster of countries participating in the upcoming FEI Endurance World Championship are: Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Croatia, Ecuador, Estonia, France, Germany, Great Britain, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Jordan, Kuwait, Lithuania, Netherlands, Norway, Oman, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Slovakia, Spain, Switzerland, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, United States of America, and Uruguay.



## FEI Endurance World Championship 2022 Venue

Butheeb in Al Khatim, Abu Dhabi, will host the FEI Endurance World Championship 2022 in a calm and quiet atmosphere amongst a beautiful landscape, away from Abu Dhabi's city centre.

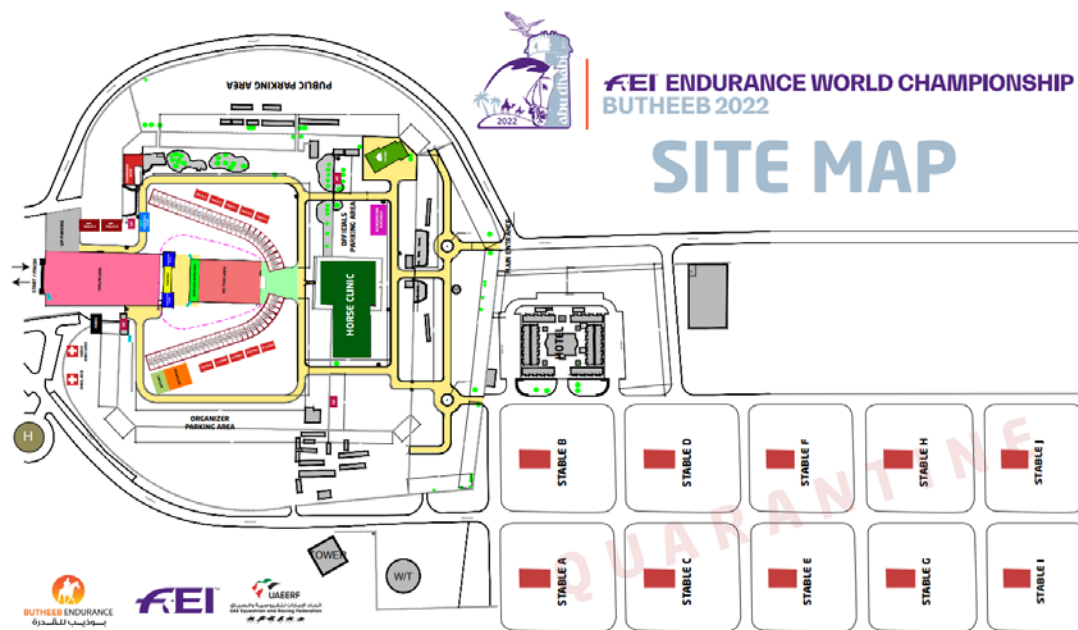
### First-class facilities

A successful test event held in December 2022, following the allocation to Butheeb at the FEI General Assembly in November of that same year confirmed that all the systems and footing were on track for a successful World Championship in February.

With an open-house invitation to National Federations (NFs) and teams to experience first-hand the facilities on offer at the Butheeb International Endurance Village (BIEV), the Organising Committee provided a comprehensive overview of what they could expect at the upcoming Championship with the world-class permanent infrastructure featuring state-of-the-art veterinary facilities.

Alongside the 160 km track which will be run over 6 loops and has been prepared to the highest standard, proper hydration and temperature control have also been optimised with multiple water points throughout the ride for the competitors to rehydrate and cool off, serviced by many of the volunteers and staff that have dedicated their time and expertise to supporting the event.

In addition, the Organising Committee will also be implementing a number of actionable sustainable initiatives in a bid to set a new benchmark for future Endurance events and showcase UAE's commitment to innovation in sustainable ecology in line with their pledge for carbon neutrality by 2050.



Check all the details from the FEI Endurance World Championship 2022 venue [here](#).

## Full Programme

Date	Time	Program	Venue
Saturday, 18 February 2023 - Tuesday, 21 February 2023	8:00	OPENING OF STABLES	BIEV
Tuesday, 21 February 2023 - Friday, 24 February 2023	14:00 to 17:00	RIDE DESK AND ACCREDITATION DESK	BIEV Registration Office
Tuesday, 21 February 2023	14:30	KEY OFFICIALS BRIEFING	BIEV
Wednesday, 22 February 2023	10:00 - 11:00 (TBC)	PRESS CONFERENCE	TBC
	11:00-11:30	COFFEE BREAK	BIEV
	11:30 - 13:30 (TBC)	WORKSHOP	TBC
	15:00 - 16:30	CHEF D'EQUIPE AND VET MEETING	TBC
Thursday, 23 February 2023	(TBC)	OPENING CEREMONY	TBC
Friday, 24 February 2023	10:00	RIDERS BRIEFING	BIEV
	12:30	REGISTRATION	BIEV
	14:00 to 17:00	PRE-RIDE INSPECTION	BIEV
	14:30	RIDERS WEIGHT-IN	BIEV
Saturday, 25 February 2023	5:00 to 13:00	RIDE DESK AND ACCREDITATION DESK	BIEV Registration Office
	14:00 to 17:00		
	6:00	START OF THE FEI ENDURANCE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP	BIEV
Sunday, 26 February 2023	09:30 to 14:00	RIDE DESK OPENING	BIEV Registration Office
	(TBC)	CLOSING CEREMONYS AND PRIZE GIVING CEREMONY	TBC
Monday, 27 February 2023	09:30 to 14:00	RIDE DESK AND ACCREDITATION DESK	BIEV Registration Office

BIEV: Butheeb International Endurance Village

You can check the full programme and competition schedule [here](#).

## Definite Entries

Check all the athletes participating at the FEI Endurance World Championship 2022 in Butheeb (UAE):

[FEI Endurance World Championship 2022](#)



## FEI World Rankings

### FEI Endurance Open Riders World Ranking 2022

Athlete	Country	Points
Julia Montagne	FRA	2481
Clementine Chaud	FRA	1865
Lea Vogler	FRA	1640
André Vidiz	BRA	1623
Guillem Soldevila	ESP	1537
Maria Alvarez	ESP	1520
Constanza Laliscia	ITA	1516
Leonor Moreira	POR	1514
Vicent Gaudriot	FRA	1505
Nicolas Ballarin	FRA	1463



See the full FEI Endurance Open Riders World Ranking [here](#)

### FEI Endurance Open Combination World Ranking 2022

Athlete	Horse	Country	Points
Carine Boulanger	Ph.ibn Jadara'h	BEL	341
Patricia Fekete	Janita de S. Jose	HUN	332
Lucie Skavoka	Kailik	CZE	308
Clementine Chaud	Doha D'Artagnan AA	FRA	298
Jiri Blaha	Haram	CZE	296
Jarmila Lakeman	Zain du Florival	NED	286
Carlos Pacheco	Ella de Fontaines	ESP	282
Hh Sh Nasser Bin Hamad Al Khalifa	Lola de Jalima	BRN	280
Lucia Lateulade	JM Hadamo	URU	273
Carlotta Maestri	Ametyst Delle Rose	ITA	269

See the full FEI Endurance Open Combination World Ranking [here](#)

### FEI Endurance Open Horse World Ranking 2022

Horse	Points
Ahmad du Barthas	376
Alto de Traclin	344
Ph.ibn Jadara'h	341
Ferkad El Meissane	340
Janita de S. Jose	332
Kailik	308
Maver Mikha	302
Easy du Fash	301
Doha D'Artagnan AA	298
Dormanne de la Gesse	297

See the full FEI Endurance Open Horse World Ranking [here](#)







## Fast facts about the FEI Endurance World Championship 2022 in Butheeb (UAE)

**Total number of athletes:** 129

**Countries represented:** 37

**Total number of Horses:** 143

**Total competing nations (Team Competition):** 24

**Youngest Athlete:** Constanza Pachecho Díaz (URU) – 18 years old

**Oldest Athlete:** Robert Gielen (CAN) – 73 years old

**Youngest Individual medallist:** Ahmed Bin Mohammed Al Maktoum (UAE) – 15 years old

**Youngest Team medallist:** Elisabet Sagales (ESP) – 15 years old

**Oldest Individual medallist:** Mohd Bin Rashid Al Maktoum (UAE) – 63 years old

**Oldest Team medallist:** Mohd Bin Rashid Al Maktoum (UAE) – 63 years old

**Number of athletes per gender:** 66 men and 63 women

### Most Appearances

- **Men:** Hh Sh Nasser Bin Hamad Al Khalifa (BRN) and Bernhard Dornsiepen (GER) – 9 appearances
- **Women:** María Álvarez Pontón (ESP) – 7 appearances

[Check out the FEI History Hub for more info and stats](#)

## Past Winners

### Most Medals (by country)

Country	Individual	Team	Total
France	11	12	23
United States	12	5	17
UAE	12	3	15
Spain	5	6	11
Australia	1	5	6
Great Britain	2	3	5
Italy	2	2	4
Switzerland	0	3	3



### Most Medals (by athlete)

Athlete	Country	Total
Becky Hart	USA	5 (3 golds)
Mohd Bin Rashid Al Maktoum	UAE	5 (1 gold)
Maria Alvarez	ESP	4 (2 golds)
Valerie Kanavy	USA	4 (2 golds)
Jaume Puntí	ESP	4 (1 gold)
Jean Philippe Frances	FRA	4 (0 gold)

### Reigning Champions - FEI Endurance World Championship – Pisa (ITA) 2021

EVENT	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
<b>Individual</b>	<b>Salem Hamad Saeed Malhoof Al Kitby</b> (UEA) & Haleh	<b>Mansour Saeed Mohd Al Faresi</b> (UEA) & Birmann Aya	<b>Boni Viada de Vivero (CHI)</b> & As Embrujo
<b>Team</b>	<b>Spain</b> (Angel Soy & Warrens Hill / Omar Blanco & For Ferro / Alex Luque & Eryvan / Jaume Puntí & JM Bucefala / Maria Alvarez & Mandany)	<b>Brazil</b> (Felipe de Azevedo & Saiph SBV / Andre Vidiz & Chambord Endurance / Renato Salvador / Uzes Trio / Rodrigo Moreira & Koheilan Elvira P)	<b>France</b> (Nicolas Ballarin & Anir de la Teuliere / Gaele Ollivier & Pot Made / Margot Thomas & Kalon Milin Avel / roman Lafaure & Akim Cabirat / Charles Cappeau & Camil del Ormeaux)

## FEI online resources

Keep up to date with the latest news from the **FEI Endurance World Championship 2022** in Butheeb (UAE) [here](#).

**Schedules** and **results** will be available [here](#).

The **FEI Endurance World Championship 2022** in Butheeb will be broadcast live on [FEI TV](#), the FEI's official broadcasting platform.

**Images & Content:** Free images for editorial purposes are available from the [FEI Flickr account](#) in the photostream and in the dedicated album.

**Video footage** will be available at <https://fei.broadcast-content.tv/> with the following login details: [media@fei.org](mailto:media@fei.org) Password: **FEI2018**

**Biographies** from the main participants are available [here](#)

You can find the **FEI** on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [FEI YouTube](#)

Join the action on Social Media by using the hashtags **#Butheeb2022** **#ChampionsAsOne** and **#FEIWorldChampionships2022**

Get all the info (results, medal winners, pictures...) from all past FEI World Championships and FEI World Equestrian Games on the [FEI History Hub](#).



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