



Press Release

ASPIRE student claims third at Junior Open Golf Championship *ASPIRE Athletes competing in IAAF World Junior Championships*

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ASPIRE Academy for Sports Excellence student-athletes have continued to shine on the world stage with some excellent results while others are competing in significant major events.

Current student Ali Abdulla Al-Bishi finished third in the silver category of the Junior Open Golf Championships in Scotland. The prestigious event attracted over 128 juniors from 77 countries

Al-Bishi has a golf handicap of 6 and scored 77 and 80 over his two rounds.

“ASPIRE is very proud of Ali’s achievements in finishing third at such a significant event,” said Mr. Wayde Clews, ASPIRE Director of Sport.

“ASPIRE enjoys a strong relationship with the Qatar Golf Association and this result is a tribute to the hard work of Ali and the coaches.”

ASPIRE athletes are also competing at the 2010 IAAF World Junior Championships in Moncton, Canada.

Saif Sabbah (110m hurdles), Mohammed Al Mannai (decathlon), Mohammed Gani (1500m), Khaled Saeed Al-Saiari (high jump) and Mutaz Barshim (high jump) will all compete.

Gani has started well qualifying for the finals of the 1500m while Mohammed Al Mannai was injured in the decathlon and will not finish.

The high jump qualification round takes place tomorrow with both Barshim and Al-Saiari hopeful of performing well.

“My goal this year has always been the world junior championships and I would like to make it my first major title,” said Barshim.

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Notes to Editors:

Created in 2004, the ASPIRE Academy for Sports Excellence in Doha has the dual aims of identifying and transforming promising student athletes into world-renowned champions across a wide range of sports and to act as a beacon to draw sporting culture into the centre of life in Qatar and the surrounding region.

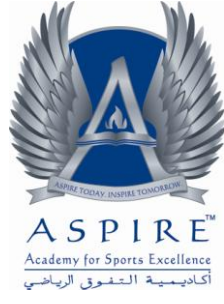
The Academy is distinguished by a philosophy which aims to develop the student as a whole, providing them with full academic, social and sporting development.

Unrivalled facilities, housed in and around the world's largest purpose built indoor sports dome, ensure the Academy's reputation as one of the foremost sporting and educational institutions in the entire international community, enticing an ever-increasing number of visitors and users, from sporting legends to global political leaders.

Every aspect of the development of elite athletes is catered for by one indoor and seven outdoor football pitches, athletics tracks, an Olympic-sized swimming pool, diving pool, combat arenas, gymnastics arena, specially fitness weight rooms, lecture halls, dormitories to accommodate what will eventually become 1,000 students, a medical centre and many more facilities.

Launched in 2007, the ASPIRE Football Dreams project has annually tests over 600,000 young footballers from all over the world including Asia, South America and Africa as part of the largest ever talent search within the sport.

The ASPIRE ACTIVE initiative is a government subsidized community program. Our focus, guided by the *2030 Qatar National Vision*, falls on preventative teen and adult educational fitness and health related exercise programming. The broad variety of scientifically designed classes and courses on offer cater for beginner to advanced users. Our mother, baby and children classes provide holistic fundamental movement skill development crucial to later sport specific skill mastery. ASPIRE ACTIVE fosters culturally sensitive lifelong recreational fitness activity and healthy lifestyle choices for the entire family to effectively address contemporary sedentary lifestyle consequences.



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