



For nearly 3 decades His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum has been a successful and dedicated supporter of Arabian Horseracing both in the UK and internationally. On behalf of our patron, Dubai International Arabian Races is delighted to announce that a sponsorship deal to support even more Arabian races in the UK has been reached with the Arabian Racing Organisation.

Dubai International Arabian Races have taken up sponsorship of 15 races across the UK including the Shadwell Arabian Derby (Gr.1 PA) which will now be run as part of Shadwell Day at Newmarket's Rowley Mile Racecourse on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September. Of further significance is the sponsorship of the ARO Season Finale at Huntingdon Racecourse on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2015.

In addition, funds have been put forward to support both the ARO UK Breeders Scheme (for UK owners/ breeders) and the ARO UK Owned Horse Registration Subsidy Scheme.

Sheikh Hamdan's representative, Mirza Al Sayegh said:

"His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum is a wonderful supporter of Arabian racing and takes his position as patron of the Arabian Racing Organisation seriously. As a result, he has made this very generous sponsorship contribution to ensure that the UK owners and breeders of Arabian Racehorses are properly supported and can now continue to work towards the further development of the sport.

Sheikh Hamdan is always keen to broaden Arabian Racing's appeal and to ensure it is a sport that people and horses can compete in at every level. It is for this reason that we set up the Dubai International Arabian Races and why we have centred our support at grass-roots level."

Genny Haynes, ARO's Director responded: "On behalf of the Arabian Racing Organisation, I am delighted that His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum has extended his sponsorship of UK Arabian Racing. ARO is incredibly grateful for this support as it will be invaluable in providing opportunities for both the grass roots competitors and Gr. 1 horses alike. The sponsorship scheme for UK breeders recognises the need to support this side of the industry and the lasting benefits of this scheme will be seen on the racecourse for many years."

This sponsorship comes in addition to the continued support by DIAR already in place for 2015. This includes 4 preparation races in June and July to give trainers an opportunity to prepare their horses and encourage them to run them at the flagship event of the programme, the Dubai International Arabian Races (Newbury) on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July at Newbury Racecourse. As in previous years, this event will include free entry for race-goers and showcase 3 Gr.1 (PA) races. The full DIAR UK fixtures:

**Wolverhampton, Saturday 2nd May**

- Dubai International Arabian Races supporting UK Arabian Racing Maiden Stakes
- Shadwell Arabian Stallions Handicap Stakes
- Shadwell Graduation Stakes

**Taunton, Sunday 17th May**

- Shadwell Arabian Stallions Maiden Stakes
- Dubai International Arabian Races Handicap Stakes
- [www.shadwellarabian.co.uk](http://www.shadwellarabian.co.uk) Handicap Stakes

**Newbury, Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June**

- Shadwell Arabian Stallions Stakes

**Chepstow, Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June**

- Shadwell Arabian Stallions Premier Handicap Stakes

**Newbury, Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June**

- DIAR at Newbury Racecourse 26<sup>th</sup> July International Stakes

**Newbury, Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July**

- DIAR at Newbury Racecourse 26th July International Stakes

**Newbury, Thursday 23rd July**

- FREE Arabian racing at Newbury Sunday 26th July Handicap Stakes

**Newbury, Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July**

**DUBAI INTERNATIONAL ARABIAN RACES: FULL DAY OF ARABIAN RACING incl. 3 Gr.1 PA races**

**Bath, Friday 31st July**

- DIAR Season finale on Sunday 20th September Handicap Stakes

### **Huntingdon, Sunday 20th September**

- HH Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Gold Final Handicap Stakes
- Dubai International Arabian Races Silver Final Handicap Stakes
- Shadwell Arabian Stallions Bronze Final Handicap Stakes
- Shadwell Maiden Stakes
- [www.diaraces.com](http://www.diaraces.com) Handicap Stakes
- [www.shadwellarabian.co.uk](http://www.shadwellarabian.co.uk) High Rated Handicap Stakes

### **Newmarket, Friday 25th September**

- Shadwell Arabian Derby (**Gr.1 PA**)

For full details of all the races sponsored as part of this programme visit the Dubai International Arabian Races website: [www.diaraces.com](http://www.diaraces.com) or [www.aroracing.co.uk](http://www.aroracing.co.uk).

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### **NOTES FOR EDITORS**

1. His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum is patron of the Arabian Racing Organisation and the Dubai International Arabian Races (DIAR)
2. Dubai International Arabian Races was set up to broaden the appeal of Arabian Racing internationally and encourage racing authorities to develop their Arabian racing programmes.
3. Over 30 Arabian Horses currently run in the UK in the nominated colours of His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum
4. HH Sheikh Hamdan has been leading Arabian Racehorse owner in the UK for the last 10 years
5. Countries currently involved in DIAR are: Australia, Brazil, Chile, France, Holland, Italy, UK, Uruguay
6. ARO, officially the Arabian Racing Organisation Limited, is the sole Arabian Racing Authority in the UK, operating with the support and permission of the British Horseracing Authority.
7. [www.diaraces.com](http://www.diaraces.com)
8. [www.aroracing.co.uk](http://www.aroracing.co.uk)