



YAS ACADEMY BAMBINO SELECTION

EVENT REGULATIONS

2026

NAME OF EVENT: AL-SABQ

ORGANIZER: ETHARA

1. SPORTING REGULATIONS

ETHARA (the “Organizer”) organizes Al-Sabq (the “Event”). The Event is property of ETHARA. The title will be awarded to the winning top two male drivers and top female driver. All parties concerned undertake to apply and respect the rules governing Al-Sabq.

2. REGULATIONS

The final text of these Sporting Regulations shall be the English version, which will be used should any dispute arise as to their interpretation.

3. SPECIFIC INFORMATION OF THE SELECTION

3.1. Organization Office

Ethara

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3.2 Date and Venue

Saturday, April 18, 2026 – Yas Kartzone - Yas Marina Circuit

3.3 Organizer

The Event is organized by Ethara

3.4 Entry Closing Dates

Registration to the Event will be closed 1 week before the day of the race.

3.5 Entrant's Application

3.5.1 Driver Licenses

Drivers do not require a competition license to take part in the Selection. However, participants must have basic track knowledge and be conversant with circuit rules including flag signals. As such, all drivers must successfully complete a 10-minute driving session at Yas Kartzone before being allowed to take part in the selection. This can be booked by calling 800 927 or visiting <https://www.yasmarinacircuit.com/en/kart>

3.5.2 Driver Age and Gender

Drivers' female or male must be UAE Nationals and have turned 5 years old by the time of selection date (18th of April, 2026) and must not have turned 8 before December 31st of the Selection year to compete in the Selection.

The minimum age is 5 years, and the maximum age is 7 years.

3.6 Entry Restrictions

3.6.1 Entries are only deemed as submitted once full form details have been received. The Organizer reserves the right to reject entries at its discretion.

3.6.2 Applications to participate in the selection event must be submitted by drivers or Parent/Legal guardian to the office of the Organizer through the entry form available on <https://www.yasmarinacircuit.com> website under Motorsports Section.

3.6.3 The number of entries in the Event will be limited to 20. The Organizer reserves the right to accept more Drivers according to the number of entries received.

3.7 Entry Fees

3.7.1 Selection Entry is Free of charge.

3.7.2 The free entry includes access to the Selection Day event only.

4. Prizes and Awards

4.1 Prizes and Awards

4.1.1 Trophy and Title

A respective title, and a medal, will be awarded to all classified Drivers.

5.1.2 Additional Awards

Additional awards will be given as follows:

The top female and top two male champions will receive a fully funded Bambino seat in selected local championship events as official Karting Drivers of Yas Heat Academy, managed by Yas Heat Racing. Additionally,

1st place Male: Trophy

2nd place Male: Trophy

1st place Female: Trophy

5.2 The Organizer reserves the right to amend the prizes and awards given out at its discretion and without prior notice.

6. ORGANIZER'S SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS

6.1 Weight & Height

The minimum weight of kart + driver is 77kg. This will be checked before the start of each Time Trial. The Organizer will be fitting ballast safely and securely to make sure all competitors will have the same minimum weight.

Min height of the driver: 105 cm

Max height of the driver: 110 cm

Max Weight: 25 Kg

6.2 Karts

Karts and safety equipment will be provided by the Organizer. At the beginning of the day, an initial Kart Lottery that will take place after the Drivers Briefing, and a different Kart will be assigned for each track session per driver to have a fair selection.

In case of kart malfunction, another vehicle will be provided with additional track time to complete the session.

6.3 Track(s)

Tracks will be defined by the Organizer, who reserves the right to change layouts at the last minute.

6.4 Number

Each Driver will be identified by a number that will be assigned at the registration, and it will be established in order of registration arrival from 1 to 20.

Upon arrival, the organizer will provide the driver with an armband, which must be always worn to ensure identification throughout the event.

7. GENERAL CONDITIONS

7.1 Drivers

Drivers and Parents must report to the reception office immediately upon arrival at the Yas Kartzone to be identified and sign on.

7.2 No drivers and Guardians/Parents may request to enter the track for a walk before the Trials.

7.3 Parents or legal guardians are strictly prohibited from smoking or using any device that poses a fire risk within the Yas Kartzone area. Drivers will be subject to a scoring penalty in accordance with the penalty chart specified in the regulations.

7.4 It's forbidden to Guardians or Parents to access the Circuit or live Pitlane during the event. Drivers will be liable to incur a scoring penalty, according to the penalty chart indicated in the regulations.

8. THE EVENT – PRINCIPLE AND RUNNING

8.1 The Event will consist of 3 trials for 20 Participants and 7 trials for the top 10 Drivers selected after FP1 and FP2 (Top 9 boys and Best Girl) held on same date.

8.2 Drivers Briefing

Drivers Briefing taking place at 08:00 AM is mandatory for all Drivers, (Parent/Legal guardians are not allowed to join). A further Drivers' briefing may also be mandatory under the discretion of the Organizer. Drivers not attending the briefing will be liable to incur a scoring penalty, according to the penalty chart indicated in the regulations.

8.3 Time Trials

Time trials on the event date as per schedule below.

Time Trials Schedule			
Session	Track Layout	Track Time min	Notes
Familiarization 1	Junior Track	8	20 Drivers
FP1	Junior Track	8	20 Drivers
FP2	Junior Track	8	20 Drivers
SELECTION OF TOP 10 DRIVERS			
Familiarization 2	Adults Track	10	10 Drivers
FP3	Adults Track	10	10 Drivers
FP4	Adults Track	10	10 Drivers
FP5	Adults Track	10	10 Drivers
SELECTION OF 2 TOP BOYS (1 X CATEGORY) + 1 TOP GIRL			

8.4 Classification

Drivers will earn points for each Time Trial based on their best lap time. The fastest driver in each Time Trial gets 20 points.

Laptime - BONUS SCORING CHART							
Familiarization 1 Junior Track	FP1 JUNIOR TRACK	FP2 JUNIOR TRACK	Familiarization 2 Adult Track	FP3 ADULT TRACK	FP4 ADULT TRACK	FP5 ADULT TRACK	
P1		25	25		25	25	25
P2		22	22		22	22	22
P3		20	20		20	20	20
P4		18	18		18	18	18
P5		16	16		16	16	16
P6		15	15		15	15	15
P7		14	14		14	14	14
P8		13	13		13	13	13
P9		12	12		12	12	12
P10	NO SCORING POINT	11	11	NO SCORING POINT	11	11	11
P11		10	10		10	10	10
P12		9	9		9	9	9
P13		8	8		8	8	8
P14		7	7		7	7	7
P15		6	6		6	6	6
P16		5	5		5	5	5
P17		4	4		4	4	4
P18		3	3		3	3	3
P19		2	2		2	2	2
P20	1	1	1	1	1		

Points are also awarded in the Fitness and Concentration test before or after the Time Trials.

Poins are also awarded on general and track behavior and based on the Evaluation sheet evaluated by the Judges for each driver.

DRIVER FINAL EVALUATION SHEET		
	NAME	
	SURNAME	
	AGE	
	NATIONALITY	
	LANGUAGES	
CATEGORY		
DATE OF PARTECIPATION		
	SCORE	NOTES
Learning Capability		
Racing Lines		
Steereng Wheel use		
Brakes Technique and usage		
Driving Sensitivity/Kart Control		
Respect of the Vehicle		
Driving Consistency		
Capability to Work in Team		
Personal Behaviour (positive, negative, shy etc...)		
Focus/Physical Consistency		

SCORING EXPLANATION	
1-3	Very poor
4-5	Poor
6	Sufficent
7	Good
8	Very Good
9	Superb
10	Excellent

OVERALL NOTES

DATE	
JUDGE NAME	
SIGNATURE	

8.5 In the case of 2 drivers achieving identical best lap times, the organizers will revert to the second-best lap time set by each individual in order to determine the final classification

8.6 In case a Time Trial is cancelled because of “force majeure,” no points will be awarded.

8.7 In the case that 2 or more drivers finish the Yas Academy Bambino Selection with the same number of points, the higher placing will be awarded to the driver with the outright fastest Time Trial lap of the day. If this does not resolve the tie, the Organizing Committee will select a winner based on its own criteria.

8.8 If two drivers are tied in Fitness, Concentration, Trials and Behavior evaluation sheet, with identical fastest laps, organizers will look at the second-best Time Trial lap and so on until a winner is determined. If this does not resolve the tie, the Organizing Committee will select a winner based on its own criteria.

8.8 Penalty Points

Drivers will receive a penalty/lap cancellation in accordance with the nature of the offence, at the discretion of the Organizer. The following non-exhaustive guide covers a number of common infringements and their associated penalties:

Penalization Scoring Chart x Session		
Offense	Points deducted	Notes
Track limits during time trial	Lap Time cancellation	
Fail to raise hand while coming to Pit	5	
Exceeding Speed in Pit Lane	10	
Contact with another competitor	10	
Empede another driver on Track	10	
Ignoring Flags Signals	10	
Being in late for Drivers Briefing	10	
Driving in wrong direction	20	
Missing Drivers Briefing	20	
Improper conducts on and off track	30	Parents included

8.9 Final Scoring Chart as Sum of Bonus Point and Penalties Points as per Below:

FINAL SCORING CHART - BONUS & PENALTIES APPLIED													
Driver Number	Driver Name	FP1 Bonus	FP1 Penalty	FP2 Bonus	FP2 Penalty	General Evaluation	FP3 Bonus	FP3 Penalty	FP4 Bonus	FP4 Penalty	FP5 Bonus	FP5 Penalty	TOTAL POINTS
N-1													
N-2													
N-3													
N-4													
N-5													
N-6													
N-7													
N-8													
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N-19													
N-20													

ONLY TOP 10 DRIVERS

These are for guidance purposes only. The Organizer reserves the right to inflict greater penalties, (including exclusion, suspension and disqualification) if the behavior of a driver (or their support crew, Parents or Guardians) contravenes the standards advocated by and associated with the Selection and its supporters and sponsors.

Any decision made by the Organizer is final and there will be no scope for appeal.

9. STARTING GRIDS

Designed to be fair and equal for all drivers, without any pushers.

No Starting grid will take place during the event and will be based on Time Trials only. The Starting Point of each Time Trial will be for all the Drivers from Kartzone Pitlane, Junior and Adults Track.

10. DRIVER'S SAFETY

10.1 Crash Helmets: Organizers will be providing drivers with safety crash helmets that must be worn in all track sessions. To be collected on the event day, prior to the Trial or as directed by the Organizer and returned back to the same counter after use.

10.2 Racing Suit: Organizer will be providing Drivers Karting coverall that must be worn in all track sessions. To be collected on the event day, prior to the Trial or as directed by the Organizer and returned back to the same counter after use.

10.3 Gloves: Organizers will be providing kids gloves. To be collected on the event day, prior to the Trial or as directed by the Organizer at the registration.

10.4 Footwear: Drivers must wear suitable flat-soled footwear with ankle protection. Sandals, high heels, open-toed footwear or flippers will not be permitted.