



25TH CISM MILITARY EQUESTRIAN CHAMPIONSHIP ROMANIA AND ITALY DOMINATE WHILE EGYPT GOES FOR TEAM GLORY

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UNDER THE PATRONAGE AND ATTENDANCE OF HIS EXCELLENCY ABDEL FATTAH EL-SISI PRESIDENT OF EGYPT, THE 25TH CISM WORLD MILITARY EQUESTRIAN CHAMPIONSHIP KICKED OFF AND CONCLUDED IN AMPLE CULTURAL STYLE AT THE MUCH-CELEBRATED NEW DEVELOPMENT IN CAIRO'S NEW ADMINISTRATIVE CAPITAL, KAYAN EQUESTRIAN CLUB.



Nour Hazem



Team Egypt

Much organisation and tremendous logistics were put into the hosting of such an international sporting event given that more than 40 military showjumping riders – some of which are Olympic and seasoned athletes - travelled to Egypt to compete on borrowed horses. A big number of mounts were provided by the Egyptian Armed Forces whilst some were lent by civilian horse owners, with nine extra horses put on reserve. Selection of horses for each nation was done through a fair draw in front of the Chefs d'Equipes of each Team, the riders, the President and members of the Ground Jury and the Veterinary delegates on the 4th of May, 2025.

CISM – FRIENDSHIP THROUGH SPORT:

The International Military Sports Council (IMSC) or in French, 'Conseil International du Sport Militaire' (CISM) – was founded in 1948 in Nice, France and today it is one of the largest multidisciplinary organisations in the world. The organisation arranges a variety of sporting events for the Armed Forces of its 141 member countries and is one of the global sports organisations in which the largest number of disciplines is represented. Soldiers, who may previously have met on the battlefield, now meet in friendship on sports competition field in accordance with the philosophy and the ideals which were set in CISM's mission statement in 1998, signed by all the member countries.



Ismaiel Mohamed Elboraie



COMPETITION FORMAT – TRUST AND TALENT:

As in all the previously held Military Equestrian Championships, the host nation is to provide the necessary number of horses for each participating nation through a draw. Each day of competitions sees a classification in which the top three Teams and Individuals compete against each other to accumulate as many points as possible in order to be placed in the Final day. The Chef d'Equipe of each Team is then given the opportunity to visually scope out their draw-selected horses as 57 riders test them on Day One – however get the benefit to select a specific horse to match up with a certain rider depending on technical abilities as a shift in draw happens during Day 2 and Day 3 of competitions and the horses switch between nations.

On Day One of individual competitions, Bahrain's Cadet Sami Mohammed delivered a great performance by gaining 58 points to take the early lead. Close behind was the event's young star, Romania's Lieutenant Corporal Stoica Stefania Alina, who secured second place by clearing soundly and gaining 56 points, followed by Oman's Sergeant Madian Alyusfi with 55 points.

Rounding up the top five Individuals were Brazil's Major Estevao Grossi and the UAE's 1st Lieutenant Saeed Mohamed Almaazmi with scores of 54 and 53 points.

Given that riders needed to rise to the occasion and accommodate themselves with the horses only hours before the start of the competitions, it was evident that they displayed brilliant technical skills, talent and adaptability, to test and trust these unfamiliar horses.

The momentum continued into Day Two over a more challenging course designed by international Course Designer, France's Michel Ismalun. The Accumulator course was another test for the riders who were again, obliged to familiarise themselves with new selected horses. But with discipline and high attention, 56 riders showcased impressive instinct and poise under pressure.

Day Three, the Final, would determine who would be the winning Team and winning Individual through a course designed over two different Rounds. Following Round Two, a classification takes place with points from Day One and Day Two being accumulated in order for Judges to make first, second and third placements.



CISM Secretary General, Navy Captain Roberto Recchia



CISM President, Col. Nilton Rolim



Team Italy





Course Designer, Michel Ismalun

THE FINAL RESULTS:

Once again, Romania's Lieutenant Corporal Stoica Stefania Alina Stoica excelled by displaying remarkable consistency and composure, accumulating a total of 159 points and securing the individual gold medal. Although she finished eighth in the Final, her strong performances in over 3 Days ultimately secured her the top spot in the overall standings.

Italy's Graduate Adjutant Filippo Di Cigala cleared the two Rounds and eventually earning the silver medal with a total of 158 points. Bronze was claimed by the UAE's 1st Lieutenant Saeed Mohamed Almaazmi, who from the first trot into the arena, displayed a desire for a double clear, the fastest time of 41.22 seconds and a total score of 150 points.

Egypt's Cadet Ismaiel Mohamed Elboraie, who secured third place on Day Three by riding with accurate skill, significantly contributed to Egypt's overall Team ranking.

As for the Team results, Italy once again reasserted supremacy in military equestrian sport by claiming the gold medal with a total of 405 points, marking their third consecutive victory.

Egypt went for Team glory and achieved a historic silver medal with 388 points, while Qatar, with a very consistent performance, finished third with 370 points.



Team Qatar

