



Falconry

Rooted in Emirati heritage, falconry is a majestic display of the bond between falconers and their birds. This unique sport highlights skill, tradition, and the natural grace of these iconic raptors.

Falconry is a thrilling test of speed, skill, and trust, where trained falcons race across a 400-metre course at breathtaking speeds. Combining ancient tradition with modern competition, it showcases the extraordinary bond between falcon and handler in a spectacular display of precision and power.

Competition dates

The provisional Falconry competition schedule for Open Masters Games Abu Dhabi 2026 (OMGAD2026) is as follows:

February 13 Friday	February 14 Saturday
	

All dates and times are subject to change, pending final entries received. A detailed schedule by event for each discipline will be developed throughout 2025.

Competition venue: The Abu Dhabi Falconers Club, Al Falah, Abu Dhabi

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Competition format

The Falconry Competition at the Open Masters Games Abu Dhabi 2026 (OMGAD2026) will follow the official UAE Falconry rules and regulations.

The event will feature a 400-metre straight-line race, where falcons must demonstrate their speed and precision by flying from a designated starting point to a lure placed at the finish line. Each falcon will be permitted two timed attempts, with the best time being considered for final classification.

Falcons will be divided into three official weight categories:

Small Falcons (200–700 grams)

Medium Falcons (700–1000 grams)

Large Falcons (1000+ grams).

The falconry competition will be scored purely by time. Each falcon will complete two timed runs over a 400-metre straight-line course. The fastest single time recorded between the two attempts will be used for the final ranking within each weight category and age group.

Participants must compete within the following age categories:

Categories	Competition type	Race Distance	Age categories
Men	Individual	400M	30+, 35+, 40+, 45+, 50+, 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+, and 75+.
Women	Individual	400M	30+, 35+, 40+, 45+, 50+, 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+, and 75+.

Competition standards and rules

The Falconry event will be conducted in line with the competition rules of the International Federation for Falconry Sports and Racing (IFFSR), or as otherwise specified in this document.

Technical Delegate

The Technical Delegate endorsed by the IFFSR will be announced in Version 2 of the Guide. The Technical Delegate will oversee the implementation of all sport specific rules and requirements at the Games.

Updates

This guide will be updated Version 2 by 1 September 2025. Important additional information will be available at that time. In the meantime, please address all inquiries to: sports@omgad2026.ae