

# THE SOREC'S INTERNATIONAL DAYS

CASABLANCA-ANFA RACECOURSE



SOREC GESTIONNAIRE DES HARAS NATIONAUX, DES COURSES ET JEUX HIPPIQUES



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# SOREC



**S**OREC (Société Royale d'Encouragement du Cheval) is a government owned company founded in 2007 dedicated to the horse sector. It is the outcome of a merger between « le Comité Consultatif des Courses » entity created in 1920 and the « Pari Mutuel Urbain Marocain » (1932). Since 2011, the National Studs activity, formerly part of the Ministry of Agriculture, joined SOREC.

Through centralizing three main activities: Breeding, Racing and Betting into SOREC, the government aims at improving the Horse industry and its Economic and Social impact nationwide.

SOREC organizes over 1,760 races in 6 racetracks: Rabat, Casablanca, El Jadida, Settat, Khemisset and Meknes. SOREC also manages horserace betting business, based on totting up system.

On May 7th, 2010, Morocco has hosted the first Pattern race in its history on the occasion of Arabian International Racing Day organized under the title of Grand Prix of His Majesty the King Mohammed VI (Group 3-IFHAR) in the Casablanca Racetrack.

The Moroccan horse industry seeks to shine internationally and SOREC is member of several international organizations, including the International Federation of Horseracing Authorities (IFHA). SOREC is also an Executive Council member of the European and Mediterranean Horseracing Federation (EMHF).

Moreover, SOREC supports and promotes Moroccan horses breed (barb), particularly through the organization of various equestrian events especially targeting barb horses, such as breeding shows and Fantasia competitions. SOREC is also the main sponsor of the International Horse Exhibition of El Jadida (Salon du Cheval d'El Jadida), which attracts every year an increasingly number of professional exhibitors and hundreds.





# INTERNATIONAL DAYS



ARABIANS RACING DAY MAY 04 2012

THOROUGHBREDS RACING DAY JUNE 02 2012

SOREC (Société Royale d'Encouragement du Cheval) is the national authority in Morocco that is in charge of Horse racing, Betting, and Breeding. SOREC organizes, in joint collaboration with the Royal Moroccan Association of Arabian Horse Breeders (ARMECPSA) and Société des Courses Hippiques de Casablanca the eleventh horserace edition, the most eagerly-awaited event of the year : « **The International Day of Arabian Horse** » to be held on **Friday May 4th, 2012** at the Casablanca-Anfa racecourse. Standing out for the quality of the national and international horses which participate on this day, this prestigious sporting event has repeatedly demonstrated its ambition to become an unmissable event on the international horse racing calendar. The International day of the Arabian Horse in its 2012 edition will include six horse races two of which are of GROUP 3; namely,

- GRAND PRIX DE SA MAJESTÉ LE ROI MOHAMMED VI (G3 IFAHR)
- GRAND PRIX DE SAR LE PRINCE HÉRITIER MOULAY EL HASSAN (G3 IFAHR)
- GRAND PRIX DE SAR LE PRINCE MOULAY RACHID
- H.H SHEIKHA FATIMA BINT MUBARAK LADIES IFAHR CUP

Within the context of SOREC strategy framework, which is geared towards increasing the number of landmark horseracing events and opening up local races with a view to increasing world-wide participation, the Casablanca-Anfa racecourse will host for the first time in the history of the Moroccan horse races : « **The International Day of English thoroughbred horses** ». Scheduled on **Saturday June 2nd, 2012**, this day will consist of six races two of which are international competitions; namely,

- LE GRAND PRIX DE SA MAJESTÉ LE ROI MOHAMMED VI
- LE GRAND PRIX DES ELEVEURS
- LE GRAND PRIX DES PROPRIÉTAIRES



# CASABLANCA, MOROCCO'S MODERN SHOWCASE



Internationally renowned for its traditional ochre-colored landscape, its color-changing sand dunes and the beauty of its desert, the Kingdom of Morocco is a country of extraordinary geographic and cultural diversity, a feat which gained it another name; namely, a country of contrasts.

Endowed with four mountain ranges exhibiting vast and varied features and landscapes, as well as the Atlantic and the Mediterranean coastlines of about 3,000 kilometers, Morocco enjoys a strategic location that encompasses Western, Eastern and African civilizations as it did in the past. Being a true crossroads between Africa and Europe, Morocco boasts a rich human and cultural mosaic which has evolved through twelve centuries of the succession of great dynasties and a remarkable meeting ground of civilizations as is evidenced by Casablanca, its economic capital.

Often wrongly reduced to its status as the beating economic heart, Casablanca is, first and foremost, the beating heart of Morocco's vigor and the image of a country on the move: tourism, business, trade, off shoring, feasts and Moroccan dolce vita. Despite its being located on the Atlantic coast, Casablanca enjoys a Mediterranean climate which mirrors the human warmth of its 4 million residents.

A multicultural metropolis boasting an undeniable international prestige, Casablanca is endowed with a particularly rich mosaic in terms of diversity and the vigor of its projects. It embodies modern Morocco which harmoniously cohabitates with a rich heritage, which is the fruit of a very long-standing tradition. Furthermore, it is this very magic mix of tradition

and modernity which gave birth to the Casablanca-Anfa racecourse years ago.

An internationally renowned racecourse, this structure, a predilection for flat racing, is reputed for hosting international large-scale horse racing competitions. This tradition has been perpetuated, too, outside the racing tracks to include the architectural dimension of the city centre, which is a laboratory of the most audacious architectural experiments.

It is therefore behind the shadows of the minaret of the imposing Hassan II Mosque, which is 200 meters high, where we clearly see a genuine and smooth cohabitation of edifices the brainchild of the greatest masters of architectural styles of the 20th century, such as Art Deco, Arabo-Andalusian, modern art and so on.

In 2012, faithful to its reputation as a city with architectural marvels, Casablanca has now a true shopping temple; namely, the Morocco Mall, which hosts hundreds of national and international brands and shops of all kinds extending over a very large area of 250,000 square meters. This has led to its being ranked as the greatest shopping centre in Africa and thus directly competing with internationally reputed shopping malls such as those in Dubai and Abu Dhabi

# THE CASABLANCA-ANFA RACECOURSE



The Casablanca-Anfa racecourse was built in 1912 - two years before the promulgation of the first Dahir (law) regulating public activities related to horse racing in Morocco in 1914. It is therefore the oldest racecourse in Morocco. Built over a 20 hectares area within the proximity of a 9 holes golf course, the Casablanca- Anfa racecourse is located in the mythical and highly luxurious Anfa Hill which hosted the 1943 renown Casablanca Conference during world war II.

Equipped with modern facilities, the Casablanca-Anfa racecourse has a covered stand to seat 700 spectators and a 1,700 meter long sand covered track. Each year it hosts 39 race meetings attended by a large and enthusiastic audience.

Managed by the Société des Courses Hippiques of Casablanca, the Hippodrome of Casablanca- Anfa is a testimony of the continuing endeavors exerted by Morocco to innovate, restore and update all horse racing facilities spurred on by SOREC (i.e. The Moroccan Jockey-Club).



FRIDAY 4TH MAY 2012

INTERNATIONAL RACES PROGRAMME

ARABIAN'S INTERNATIONAL RACING DAY

RACE 1

GRAND PRIX

DE SA MAJESTE LE ROI MOHAMMED VI



INTERNATIONAL RACE - GROUP 3 - IFAHR

1<sup>ST</sup>

53.688 €

2<sup>ND</sup>

21.475 €

3<sup>RD</sup>

16.106 €

4<sup>TH</sup>

10.738 €

5<sup>TH</sup>

5.369 €

**Conditions :** 4 years old and up Waho registered Purebred Arabians. Geldings will not be accepted.

**Penalties :** 2kg for winners of a Group 1.

**Allowances for fillies :** 2kg.

**Weight :** 4 yo: 55 kg / 5 yo and up: 58.5 kg.

**Distance :** 2 100 m.

**Entry fee :** 600 €.

**Total Prize money :** 107.143 €.

RACE 2  
GRAND PRIX DE S.A.R  
LE PRINCE HERITIER MOULAY EL HASSAN

RACE 3  
GRAND PRIX  
DE S.A.R. LE PRINCE MOULAY RACHID

INTERNATIONAL RACE - GROUPE 3 - IFAHR



35.792 €



14.317 €



10.738 €



7.158 €



3.579 €

**Conditions :** 4 years old and up Waho registered Purebred Arabians. Geldings will not be accepted.

**Penalties :** 4,5kg for G1 winners, 3kg for G2 winners and 1.5kg for G3 winners.

**Allowances for fillies :** 2kg.

**Weight :** 4 yo: 55 kg / 5 yo: 58.5Kg.

**Distance :** 1900 m.

**Entry fee :** 400 €.

**Total Prize money :** 71.429 €.

INTERNATIONAL RACE



31.318 €



12.527 €



9.395 €



6.264 €



3.132 €

**Conditions :** 3 years old Waho registered Purebred Arabians. Geldings will not be accepted.

**Weight :** 56 kg.

**Distance :** 1750 m.

**Entry fee :** 350 €.

**Total Prize money :** 62.500€.

RACE 4  
H.H. SHEIKHA FATIMA BINT MUBARAK  
LADIES IFAHR CUP

NATIONAL RACE



10.000 €



4.000 €



3.000 €



2.000 €



1.000 €

**Conditions :** 4 years old and up Purebred Arabians didn't win 20.000 €.

**Penalties :** 1kg par 25.000 MAD won.

**Allowances for fillies :** 2kg.

**Weight :** 55 kg

**Distance :** 2000 m.

**Entry fee :** 50 €.

**Total Prize money :** 20.000 €.



SUNDAY 3TH JUNE 2012  
INTERNATIONAL RACES PROGRAMME  
THOROUGHBREDS RACING DAY

RACE 1  
GRAND PRIX  
DE SA MAJESTE LE ROI MOHAMMED VI



INTERNATIONAL RACE

1<sup>ST</sup>

44.740 €

2<sup>ND</sup>

17.896 €

3<sup>RD</sup>

13.422 €

4<sup>TH</sup>

8.948 €

5<sup>TH</sup>

4.474 €

**Conditions :** 4 years old and up-Thoroughbreds.  
Geldings will not be accepted.

**Penalties :** 1.5 kg or 3 kg for horses respectively  
having won a Listed race or a Group 3 race since  
1-5-2011.

**Weight :** 58 kg.

**Distance :** 2400 m.

**Entry fee :** 500 €.

**Total Prize money :** 89.746 €.

RACE 2  
GRAND PRIX DES ELEVEURS

RACE 3  
GRAND PRIX DES PROPRIETAIRES

INTERNATIONAL RACE



31.318 €



12.527 €



9.395 €



6.264 €



3.132 €

**Conditions :** For 4 years old and up Thoroughbreds mares only.

**Weight :** 56 kg.

**Distance :** 1900 m.

**Entry fee :** 350 €.

**Total Prize money :** 62.500 €.

INTERNATIONAL RACE



26.844 €



10.738 €



8.053 €



5.369 €



2.684 €

**Conditions :** For 3 years old Thoroughbreds colts. Geldings will not be accepted.

**Weight :** 56 kg.

**Distance :** 2 000 m.

**Entry fee :** 300 €.

**Total Prize money :** 53.571 €.

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## GENERAL CONDITIONS

**Entry :** Entry form, passport copy and race record of the horse and the forfeit list of the owner, trainer, jockey and horse must be returned before the 23rd april 2012 for the ARABIAN'S INTERNATIONAL RACING DAY and the 23rd may 2012 for the THOROUGHBREDS RACING DAY.

**Formalities :** Owners must complete all administrative, health and customs formalities at their charge.

**Insurances :** Insurance of the jockey, lad and horse are at the charge of the owner.

**Accommodation :** The SOREC takes care of the transport costs up to 2500 euro. Horses are hosted at their arrival in reserved boxes.

The SOREC also takes care of the air transport costs and the hosting of five persons among which the jockey, the trainer and the Stable-lad who will be accommodated in all inclusive hotel (except the extra) from 1st till 05 May 2012, for Arabian's International Racing Day and from 1st till 03 June 2012, for International Thoroughbreds Racing Day.

**Payment :** Prize money will be transferred in foreign currency to bank accounts of the racing authorities of their original country, in the month following the race.

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