SC webinar discusses ways to host mega sporting events in a COVID-19 world

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The hosting of the matches successfully gives us assurance that the country is ready for hosting international sports events in the future. This experience gives us a basis on which to understand and experience. If for any reason a sports event happens in similar situations of a pandemic, the country is surely capable of managing it successfully,” Almusleh said.

“Any team that comes this far in the competition is here on merit. Al Nassr played very well and secured their place at this stage and we overcame many hurdles to come this far,” said the Persepolis head coach.

“We will always be on the lookout for any chance to participate in this competition. It shows good progress in our team and the players have a lot of hunger in this competition as well as a mental strength. This year the difference is that we have good play in front of our fans,” Persepolis defender Alireza Jahanbakhsh said.

“Although we had very short time to prepare for this campaign, after we arrived here our preparations were sent to participating clubs well before the teams arrived at the airport. This was done before the teams arrived in Doha,” Almusleh said.

“The number of tests we have done so far are 7900. Among the various sub-groups associated with the tournament, the officials of the Asian Football Confederation (AFC), the Qatar Football Association (QFA), members of the LOC, the hotel staffers and the players and backroom staff of teams were all tested often,” Almusleh said during a live webinar.

“Then we knew the challenges will come and that’s the reason to set up the bubble-to-bubble area, we wanted to make sure all were negative. We tested them at the airport. This was done before the teams arrived in Doha. The health protocols were based on the MOPH guidelines. The guide-"
Two Qatar Racing and Equestrian Club (QREC) sponsored Arabian races were run at St Cloud yesterday, the second such race since France's Arnaud Chauvin, who admitted to naming his cat Alshajib, made his debut in Paris this year. Rafael Nadal, now 96-2 up Petr Korda, for a quarter-finals tie.

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After a season of FIA cross-country events dominated by the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, Overdrive Racing and Toyota Gazoo Racing (TGRR) have entered its Toyota Hilux in the new Andalucia Rally, held in southern Spain. The event takes place on October 14-16.


defined in a short space of time. Following the cancellation of the Rally of Morocco, event officials have managed quickly and effectively to create a challenging five-day off-road rally, which will take place on rural tracks, open plains and gravel trails in the expansive Andalucia region, situated between Seville, Malaga and Almería.

There have been reports of the FIA World Cup for Cross-Country Rally’s in Qatar in February and the non-championship event in Morocco in March, but these have been cancelled due to the pandemic. The Andalucia Rally was confirmed in September.

Qatar’s Nasser Al Attiyah drove the solo entry for Qatar Beenergy, while Brincke and Frenchman Ronan Rajhi, the Dutch duo of Erik Kuipers and Michael Orr, and the Portuguese vehicle of Carlos Machado and Pedro Mário da Silva, also took part in the event.

There will be time for the teams to reset and plenty of dust to clear up before the timed action gets under way on October 14-15, and Monday (October 4-5), with a special stage on each day.

The Stanley Cup Finals between the Tampa Bay Lightning and the Montreal Canadiens will be on May 26.