



Booster Club's Monthly Circular

Dear ABA community, welcome to our monthly circular! In here we will share relevant information about topics regarding the Viper's Booster Club. To start, some general information about what the Booster Club is about, an overview about the MESAC events that took place this month and upcoming VBC Winter Pop Up Shop that you don't want to miss!

A **Booster Club** is an organization that is formed to support its associated club, sports teams, or organization (e.g. coordinate events, raise money, etc.). The ABA Vipers Booster Club was established in September 2015 with the intention to set up a volunteering parent club to support the kids, to increase the profile of sports and MESAC participation school wide and to create a sense of pride for competing students and within the school community.



It's being associated with ABA sports, MESAC, MSSL & MPSL programs. The funds raised through various events cater to the additional needs of the Vipers programs. The Vipers Booster Clubs is here to **Inspire - Encourage and Support!**



Talking about **MESAC**, what does it actually stand for? It stands for **Middle East South Asia Conference**. It's an athletic and academic conference consisting of six top international schools in the Middle East and India. The schools competing are ABA Oman International School - Oman | American Community School of Abu Dhabi - UAE | American Embassy School - India | American School of Doha - Qatar | American School of Dubai - UAE | Dubai American Academy - UAE.

It was formed in 2010 for the purpose of creating a smaller, more intimate medium for athletic and academic competitions. Events are hosted at one of the conference's six schools in India, Oman, Qatar, and the UAE. MESAC events include *Academic Games - Golf - Swimming - Volleyball - Basketball - Cross Country - Fine Arts - Soccer/Football - Tennis - Badminton - Debate - Track and Field*. The teams are usually divided into Junior Varsity (grades 8-10) and Varsity (grades 11-12) divisions. Each competing at its own MESAC athletic event. Most events include both a Boys and Girls tournament at the same level. (Due to Covid, some competitions have been cancelled, others are taking place virtually).

Our students are adaptable and ready to compete, no matter what and they showed it at the first 2021/22 MESAC events this month. Students competed **virtually** in Academic Games, Swimming and Golf. Our new Athletic Director, Mick Cooper shares some insights:





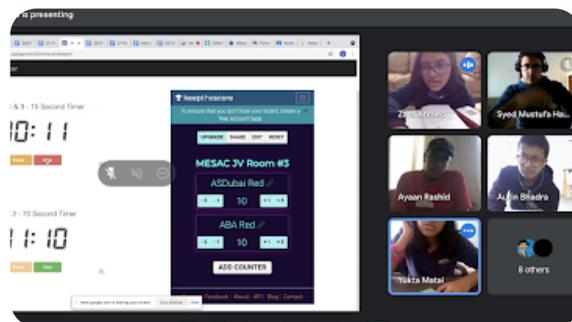
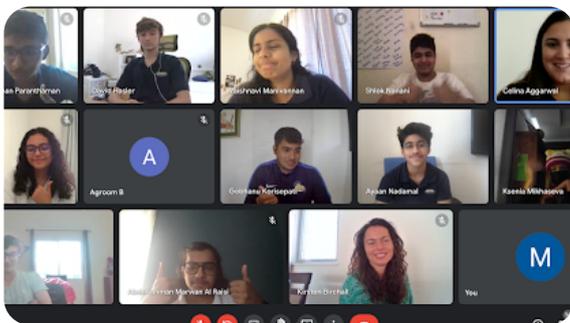
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MESAC Season 1 even in its quirky Virtual format still had all the usual drama, excitement and action that a normal MESAC from the pre-Covid days had-just everything was at ABA! We saw 21 swimmers competing in our pool on the same afternoons as the other schools in their pools, we had our 6 golfers play a round on the same day too and then the whole weekend saw our two academic games teams compete live, but in the comfort of their own homes! It really was an amazing week, and well done to all of our MESAC schools, the coaches and the participants for enabling these events and making it happen. There are not many international school leagues around the world currently involved in very much but this was extremely successful, not only in how it worked and was organized but also with some of the medals and positions won during the competitions.

In **Golf** - Our Golfers were awarded the Bronze Medal after their golf round at the nearby Ras Al Hamra GC.



In **Academic Games**-Varsity team won gold in the Art, Music, Culture, and Current Events Olympiads and Silver in the Science. Varsity and Junior Varsity won Gold in the Engineering Challenges.



In **Swimming** - All swimmers achieved personal best times. Individually, ABA was awarded 7 Gold Medals, 4 Silver and 8 bronze while the Varsity girls took the overall Silver medal with the combined Varsity teams taking the Bronze.

These are remarkable achievements all round and more so when we remember that both golf and swimming teams had delayed starts due to Covid protocols. Moreover, both teams were off practice for two weeks as Cyclone Shaheen took out the golf course and the swimming pool roof here on campus.

Booster Club provided MESAC Swimming officials with distinctive red shirts. All new student athletes and student performers were presented with their Tournament bag with every participant in MESAC their bag tag that VBC has sponsored at every MESAC.