



Kuwait's national men's hockey team. — Photos by Yasser Al-Zayyat



Kuwait's national women's hockey team.

Kuwait National Ice Hockey Team awaits 'time to shine'

Officials detail journey from mere idea to international participation

By Ben Garcia

KUWAIT: The Kuwait National Ice Hockey Team Federation is currently busy preparing for its national team to participate in the upcoming 3rd GCC Games set to be held in Kuwait on January 9-19, 2022. "We want to win. That's our objective," started Khaled Mubarak Al-Mutairi, the Vice Chairman of the Board of Kuwait Winter Games Club, which manages the Kuwait National Ice Hockey (KNIH) men's and women's teams.

The teams are participating in a three-week camp in Turkey starting today for some "rigid training" in preparation for the tournament, Mutairi said. Kuwait looks at the GCC Games as an opportunity to showcase its skills not only in hockey, but other games to be featured in the regional tournament.

KNIH has been an associate member of the International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF), an international organization for ice hockey and in-line hockey based in Zurich, Switzerland, and has 81 member countries. But Mutairi admits that winter games are



Fhaid Hamad Al-Ajmi, Board Chairman of the Kuwait Winter Games Club.



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KUWAIT: The Kuwait Winter Games Club.



Girls participate in a figure skating tournament held at the Kuwait Winter Games Club's ice skating rink.