



## The History of AI Shorta's Crest



The first crest in AI Shorta's history was that of Aliyat Al Shorta, the most successful of the Police teams between 1962 and 1974. The logo consisted of a star with the words 'Shorta Al-Iraq' in the centre, surrounded by laurel leaves.



AI Shorta's crest between August 1974 (when AI Shorta became a single sports club) and August 2002 was a green harp, reflective of the club's nickname.



AI Shorta adopted a new logo at the start of their title-winning 2002-03 season. The green harp remained part of the logo, but was now surrounded by laurel leaves. The Olympic rings featured at the bottom of the badge to signify that AI Shorta are a sports club, not just a football club.



AI Shorta changed their logo in February 2004, ahead of their 2004 AFC Champions League campaign. The new logo was a circular Iraq flag, with 'Police' written in the red band and 'Iraq' written in the black band.





Al Shorta adopted a brand new logo at the start of the 2005-06 campaign, which was again circular but this time was blue. The club's name was written in green bands at the top and bottom of the logo (in Arabic and English), while a green harp featured in the centre of the crest with the Iraqi flag. 1975 (the first full year of Al Shorta's existence as a sports club) also featured.



Al Shorta's logo changed again in March 2006, before the start of the elite stage of the 2005-06 league. This crest was the 2002-03 logo inside a white shield with a green outline.



In February 2007, before the 2006-07 season started, Al Shorta reverted to their previous logo.



A new crest was adopted in February 2012. Based on the logo of Beijing Guoan, this logo was green with a green harp in the middle. The three bands of the Iraq flag made up the strings of the harp, with two footballs either side. Al Shorta's name in Arabic and year of foundation were displayed at the bottom.



Just two months later, Al Shorta returned to using the blue logo.





The start of the 2012-13 season, October 2012 to be precise, saw Al Shorta return to using the green crest.



In December 2012, Al Shorta adopted a brand new white circular logo with a green outline. Inside the logo was the 2002-03 logo, with 1932 written in black text in Arabic underneath it, with the club's name in English and Arabic displayed at the bottom of the circle. This was the logo that Al Shorta clinched the 2012-13 Iraqi Premier League title with.



In October 2013, at the start of the 2013-14 season, Al Shorta reverted once more to using the all-green logo.



On 12 December 2013, Al Shorta changed their logo once more. This new logo is a mixture of gold and

green. The year of foundation of the club is at the top, while the club's name features in a golden banner at the bottom above the Iraq flag. In the centre of the crest is a golden harp on a green and white background. A gold star features above the logo to signify that Al Shorta are the only Iraqi club with a Champions League title. This was the club crest when Al Shorta won their landmark tenth league title in the 2013-14 season and has remained as the club's logo ever since.



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