



The History of Al Shorta's Crest

1962-1974:

The first crest in Al Shorta's history was that of Aliyat Al Shorta, the most successful of Al Shorta's six representative teams between 1962 and 1974. The logo consisted of a star with the words 'Shorta Al-Iraq' in the centre, surrounded by laurel leaves, and it was proudly worn in the centre of the white sash on the team's purple shirts.



1974-2005:

In 1974, Al Shorta returned to being represented by a single team which led to the creation of a new club badge. This logo featured a green harp in the centre, which was surrounded by green laurel leaves. The Olympic rings featured below the harp to signify that Al Shorta were a sports club (not just a football club), with 1932 (Al Shorta's year of foundation) written in black text in Arabic underneath them. The club's name in English and Arabic was also displayed at the bottom of the circle. From 1974 to 2005, Al Shorta never actually wore this logo on their kits in its entirety. At first, only the green harp of the logo featured on kits, but the laurel leaves and Olympic rings were added to the shirts in 2002.



2005-2012:

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. Al Shorta's year of foundation also featured on the left and right of the crest in Arabic and English.



2012-2013:

In the 2012-13 season, Al Shorta reverted to the crest that they had used between 1974 to 2005, but this time the crest featured on the kit in its entirety.



2013-2014:



2014-2017:



2017-present:



On 12 December 2013, less than two months before the start of the 2014 AFC Champions League qualifiers, 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. After winning the 2013-14 Iraqi Premier League title, a gold star was added above the logo to signify Al Shorta's ten league titles (five Central League and five Premier League). In 2017, the decision was made to change this to two stars to represent Al Shorta's historic AFC Champions League and Arab Champions League successes of 1971 and 1982 respectively, feats made especially impressive by the fact that no other existing Iraqi club has even reached the final of either tournament. This remains the club's logo today and it looks set to stay that way for a long time.



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