



Statement of Faith

The Bachar Houli Foundation was founded to support the needs of a diverse Muslim community using sport as a vehicle. We are diverse in our cultural and ethnic backgrounds, yet united in our faith Alhamdulillah.

As Allah (SWT) states in Surah (Chapter) Al-Imran, Ayah (Verse) 103:
“And hold firmly to the rope of Allah all together and do not become divided.”

As Muslims, we share a set of beliefs that are fundamental to the Islamic faith and unanimously agreed upon. The beliefs are articulated in the authoritative sources of the Holy Qur'an and Sunnah of the Prophet Muhammad (SAWS).

Our Beliefs

- Belief in Allah (SWT) – the One, the Eternal Refuge. He neither begets nor is He begotten. There is none comparable to Him.
- Belief in His Angels – created by Allah (SWT) from light and in a constant state of submission to His command.
- Belief in His Books – amongst them, the Zabur (Psalms), the Torat (Torah), the Injeel (Gospel) and the final book, the Holy Qur'an. The Qur'an is the unchanged, infallible word of Allah (SWT) and the final revelation to all of mankind.
- Belief in His Messengers including Ibrahim (Abraham), Musa (Moses) and Isa (Jesus), peace and blessings upon all of them. Prophet Muhammad (SAWS) is the seal of the Prophets, the final Messenger and the best example for all of mankind.
- Belief in the Day of Judgement – all mankind will be resurrected and judged according to our actions in this life. We will be rewarded or punished; our eternal destination will be either Jannah (Heaven) or Jahannum (Hell).
- Belief in Qadr (Divine Decree) – the knowledge that both good and bad are from Allah (SWT) and based on His decree.

Our Faith

Our faith is completed through our actions. Following the Sunni tradition, our sources of guidance are the authoritative sources of the Holy Qur'an and the Sunnah of the Prophet Muhammad (SAWS) as recorded in the Books of Hadith (including the Collections by Al Bukhari, Muslim and others).

While there is consensus on the fundamentals of our faith, we recognise that there can be scholarly differences of interpretation on matters of fiqh (Islamic jurisprudence). The primary sources of fiqh are the four schools of thought (madhab) – Hanafi, Maliki, Shafi and Hanbali. The Bachar Houli Foundation will accommodate the diversity of understanding if derived from the authoritative sources and consistent with a particular madhab. Beliefs or actions inconsistent with those sources will be respectfully corrected.

Where a matter requires the Foundation to take one position, it will be referred to the Foundation Imam and/or the Board of Imams Victoria.