

JUNIOR PROFILES

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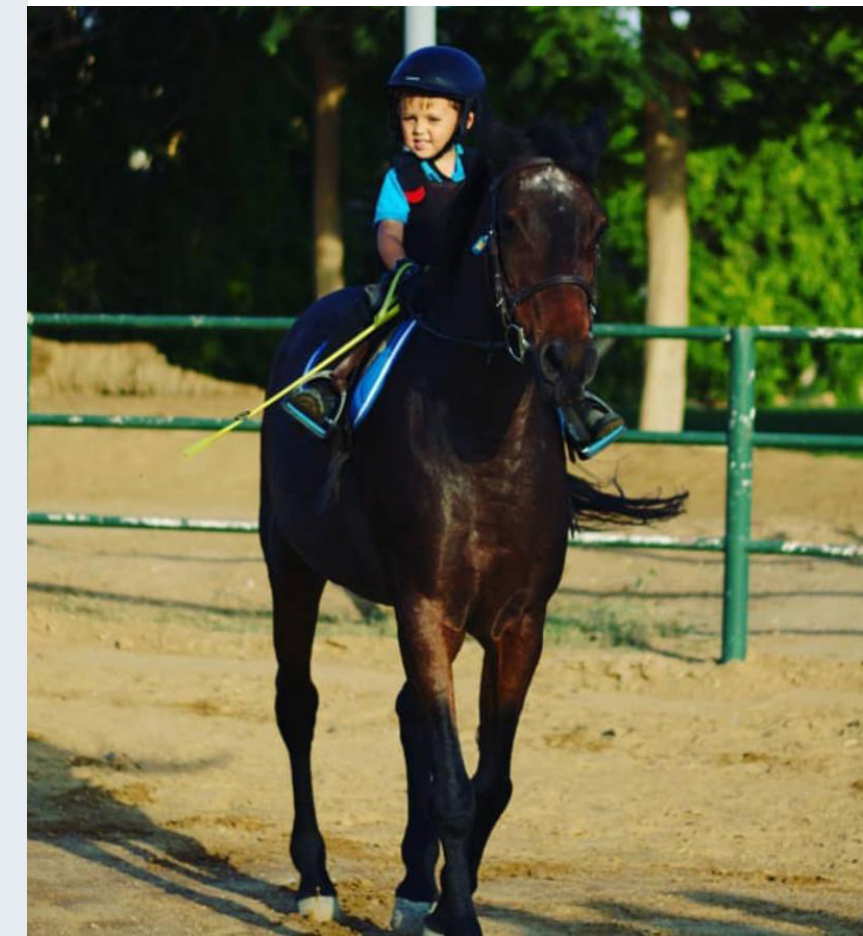
MEET 11-YEAR-OLD EGYPTIAN PRODIGY WITH A HEART FULL
OF DREAMS AND A SPIRIT AS FIERCE AS THE DESERT SUN.
WITH HIS SEEMINGLY UNWAVERING DETERMINATION AND
EXTRAORDINARY TALENT, HE MIGHT BE DESTINED TO MASTER
SHOWJUMPING SPORT AND INSPIRE YOUNGSTERS THAT WILL
FOLLOW. HIS FEARLESS PASSION FOR THE SPORT COULD
JUST, POSSIBLY WIN HIM MEDALS.



STARTED RIDING: my father owns the oldest private riding school in Egypt, so horses have been part of my life since before I could walk. As my mother likes to say, “instead of blood, you have horses running in your veins”. I sat on a horse for the first time at just two years old, practicing simple exercises on our trusted school horses. By the age of three, I was already jumping mini fences! My parents encouraged me to try other sports, but none could compete with the bond I had with horses — every new sport ended as quickly as it began. Equestrian sport isn’t just my sport, it’s my heritage, my lifestyle, and my passion.

TRAINERS: throughout my entire riding journey, I’ve only had one coach — my father. Mohamed Shaher Khalifa is not just a father to me, but a true mentor and horseman. He is an FEI Level 3 Coach, FEI Official Tutor, and FEI Coaching Expert. His coaching goes far beyond technique — he’s always focused on bringing out the very best in me, while making sure I never lose the “real horseman attitude” toward the sport, the horses, and the people around me. What I admire most is how he challenges me constantly, yet trusts me enough to make my own decisions — especially in the competition arena. Whether it’s managing pressure, taking responsibility, or facing setbacks, he’s taught me to grow through every experience. Under his guidance, I’ve learned that being a rider isn’t just about winning — it’s about respect, dedication, and lifelong learning.

HORSES: over the years, I’ve been lucky to ride many incredible horses, but each one has held a special place in my heart. It all began with Maximus, a miniature pony who is exactly my age, 11. He was the first to carry me over tiny jumps and introduce me to the thrill of jumping. Today, Maximus is still with me — growing old in our stable, a beloved part of the family who started it all. Currently, I compete



with three exceptional horses: Quansini, Garcia and Imalia. Quansini is a 17-year-old stallion, competes in the Medium Tour and is the most polite gentleman I’ve ever met. The moment I sit on him, he tunes in — focused, calm, and ready to give his all. He has a heart of gold, always trying his best, even when the distance isn’t perfect. My mother and sister adore him and spoil him endlessly. Garcia, my mare competing in the Small Tour, is elegant and precise. She does everything asked of her with grace — but she values her space and doesn’t tolerate pressure. She’s taught me one of the most valuable lessons in riding: patience. A real lady with a strong character. Both horses give me everything they have, and I ride every course with deep gratitude for their trust and partnership. Imalia is a stunning mare owned by Mr. Hany Amin, who has entrusted me with the honor of competing with her. She’s a true athlete—full of scope, heart, and determination. Her powerful canter stride and her consistent willingness to give her best make her a standout partner in every arena. I’m proud to ride such a talented and brave mare who’s always ready to rise to the occasion.



SPONSORS: my journey as a sponsored rider began early. At age six and seven, I proudly served as a brand ambassador for ‘Aztec Diamond Equestrian’, representing their elegant and functional riding apparel for young riders.

In the following years, I was sponsored by ‘Sir Lancelot Body Protectors’, a brand that supported me through several seasons of development and competition.

Currently, I am honoured to be sponsored by the Egyptian brand ‘Excellence’; they support the wellbeing and care of my horses — making sure they receive the best nutrition, maintenance, and support to perform at their best.

BEST RESULTS: due to my young age, I haven’t yet had the chance to compete abroad as often as I’d like — but I’m proud of the experiences I’ve already gained on international soil. At just five years old, I won 1st place at a beginner-level competition in Italy, and in January 2025, I earned a Bronze Medal in Qatar. The majority of my career so far has been built on Egyptian soil, where I’ve developed my riding, grown through each season, and collected a number of meaningful victories.

FAVOURITE ATHLETE: growing up, I was deeply inspired by Marcus Ehning. I watched his competitions and interviews over and over again — always learning, always admiring. I’m a huge fan of his calmness in the ring, his effortless style, and the way he approaches even the most difficult courses with quiet confidence and deep knowledge.

ASPIRATIONS: my ultimate goal in showjumping is to qualify for the FEI World Cup Final and, one day, represent Egypt at the Olympic Games. It’s a dream I’ve carried since I was a child — one that drives me every day in training, in competition, and in every challenge I face. I ride not only for personal success but to honour my roots, my country, and everyone who has supported my journey.

DREAM EVENTS: I dream of one day competing at the legendary CHIO Aachen, a place where the best of the best have made history — and would love to compete beneath the Eiffel Tower in Paris, one of the most breathtaking stages our sport has ever seen. For me, these aren’t just venues. They represent excellence, passion, and everything I strive for in this sport. 🏆



Some of my most memorable achievements include:

- 2nd Place – 2022 Egypt Cup (Overall & Under Age Category)
- 2nd Place – 2022/2023 Junior D Level Egyptian Final
- Team Winner – 2023 JCL Final
- Team Winner – 2024 JCL Final
- 1st Place – 2023/2024 Junior Small Tour Final
- 1st Place – 2024/2025 Junior Medium Tour Final

I look forward to growing further and representing Egypt internationally in the years to come.

MENTORS: my greatest mentors are my parents — my mother and father. They’ve guided me not only in sport, but in life — teaching me values like respect, resilience, and integrity. I owe everything I am, both in and out of the saddle, to their love, support, and example.

