

FROM PASSION TO PODIUM

SAEED ABOURA

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IN THE WORLD OF EQUESTRIAN SPORTS, SAEED ABOURA HAS EMERGED AS A DEDICATED AND ACCOMPLISHED RIDER. WITH A JOURNEY THAT BEGAN AS A HOBBY IN 1994, HIS LOVE FOR HORSES AND JUMPING SOON TRANSFORMED INTO A COMPETITIVE PURSUIT. IN THIS ARTICLE, WE DELVE INTO SAEED ABOURA'S EQUESTRIAN JOURNEY, HIS NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS, AND HIS THOUGHTS ON THE CHALLENGES AND FUTURE OF THE SPORT.





Saeed Aboura's passion for horses and equestrian sports was ignited in 1994 when he started riding as a hobby with friends. His love for the sport deepened, and he began actively participating in equestrian events. In 1995, he embarked on a remarkable two-month journey to England, accompanied by the Egyptian Coach Samir Abdelfatah. This experience proved to be transformative, as Saeed immersed himself in the equestrian community, learning valuable lessons on self-improvement, horse care, and management.

Saeed Aboura's dedication and perseverance have resulted in numerous achievements throughout his career. One of his most cherished victories

was winning the **Saudi Arabian Grand Prix in Riyadh**, a dream come true for Saeed, who had recently joined a horse club in the city. He also qualified for the **World Cup**, although unfortunate circumstances prevented him from participating. In 2007, Saeed secured **second place in the Olympic qualifiers in Doha**, earning certification from the FEI for his exceptional performance. Furthermore, his success extended to winning the **Nations Cup for the Jordan team** on multiple occasions and achieving a **fifth-place** finish in the **Pan Arab Games**. Saeed has consistently triumphed in international shows held in countries such as the **Emirates, Kuwait, Bahrain, Egypt, and Holland**.

Saeed Aboura's love for horses is evident in his commitment to their well-being and development. He currently owns two horses with whom he works diligently every day. Like his own children, these horses have become an integral part of his life, and he strives to elevate their performance to the highest possible level. Saeed's son also shares his passion for horses, actively participating in the sport alongside his father. Saeed emphasizes the importance of nurturing young horses, often purchasing them and dedicating himself to their growth and progression. While horse riding is not his primary profession, Saeed's dedication to the sport remains unwavering, and he plans to continue riding and training with the ambition of

participating in the Olympics.

Saeed Aboura acknowledges that equestrian sports can be demanding and highly competitive. The level of competition is intense, necessitating sponsorships and support from federations. While his father initially provided assistance, Saeed now relies on self-sufficiency. He highlights the challenges posed by the evolving landscape of the sport, emphasizing the need for strategic thinking when selecting competitions and assessing the skill level and development of his horses. Saeed acknowledges the difficulties in competing against the world's best riders with the finest horses but remains resolute in his determination to continue fighting, competing, and achieving success.



In conclusion, **Saeed Aboura extends his best wishes to his friends**, the Saudi Olympics team, the Emirati team, and the Egyptian team in upcoming shows. Additionally, Saeed Aboura shared inspiring words for young riders, stating,

"Just believe in yourself, trust your horse, and you will reach the best level in the world."