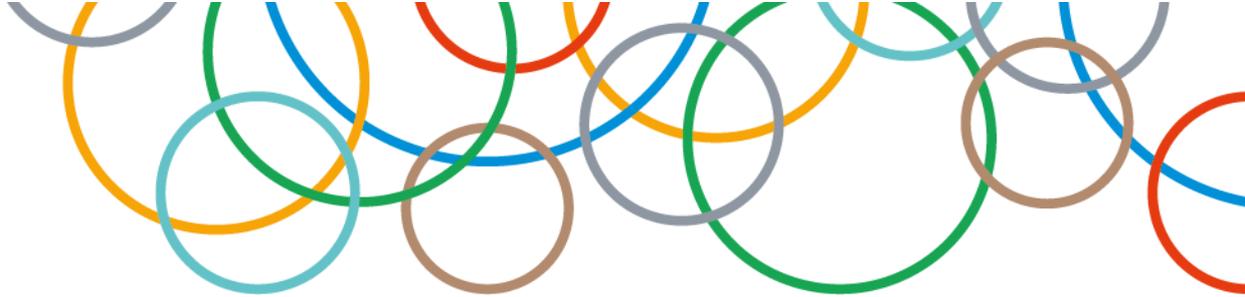




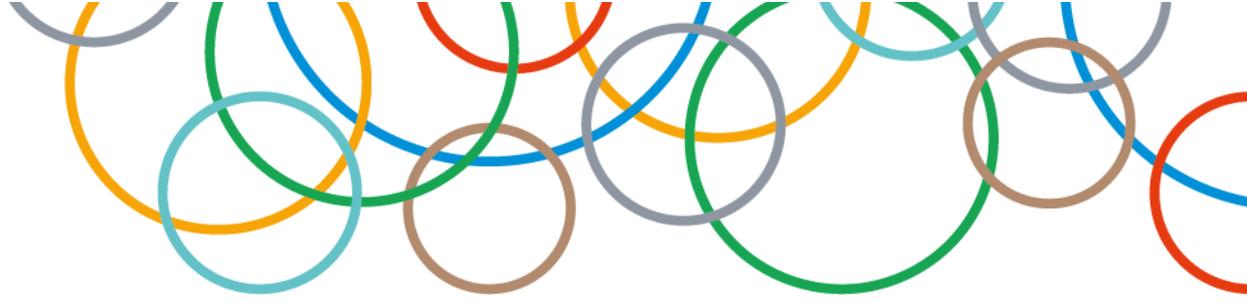
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## EGYPT

### Profile

### **Haya Mohamed Osama Elboraie**

**Age:** 16

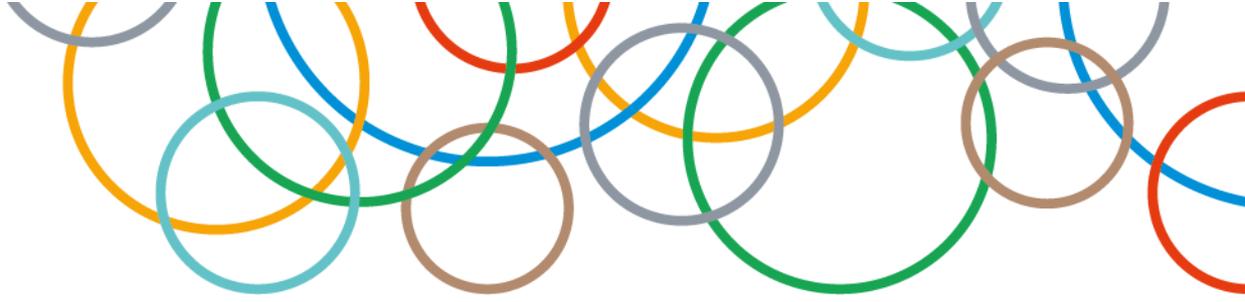
**Gender:** Female

**Country:** Egypt

**Team:** Africa

**Competing since:** 2015





## Questionnaire

### What's the best thing about riding horses?

The best thing about riding horses is that you feel a connection with horses that not everyone can feel.

### What does it mean for you to compete at the Youth Equestrian Games?

It's an amazing achievement And honour and I'm very excited for the experience

### Who is your favourite rider of all time?

Henrik von Eckermann

### What music do you listen?

Hip hop

### What's your favourite movie or TV show?

My favourite movie is Home Alone

### What other sports do you enjoy besides Equestrian?

Padel and soccer

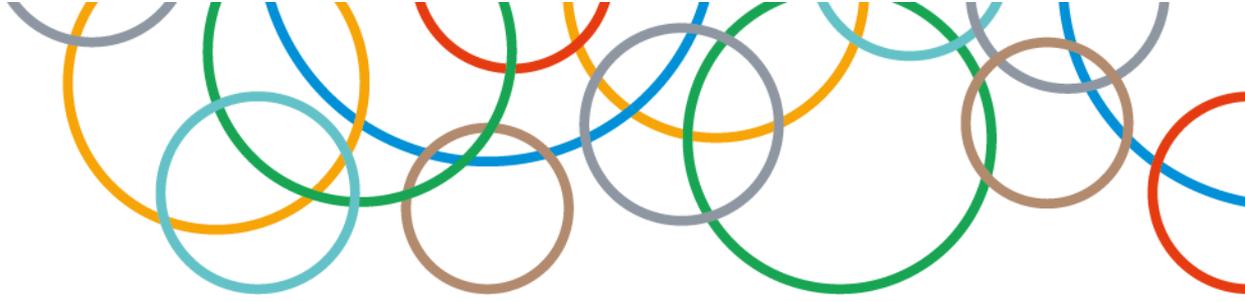
### How would you define yourself as a horse rider?

I would define myself as hardworking and determined

### What is your dream in Equestrian Sport?

My dream is to win an Olympic medal as well as be ranked in the top 10.





## **MOROCCO**

### **Profile**

#### **Jad Guerraoui**

**Age:** 15 years old

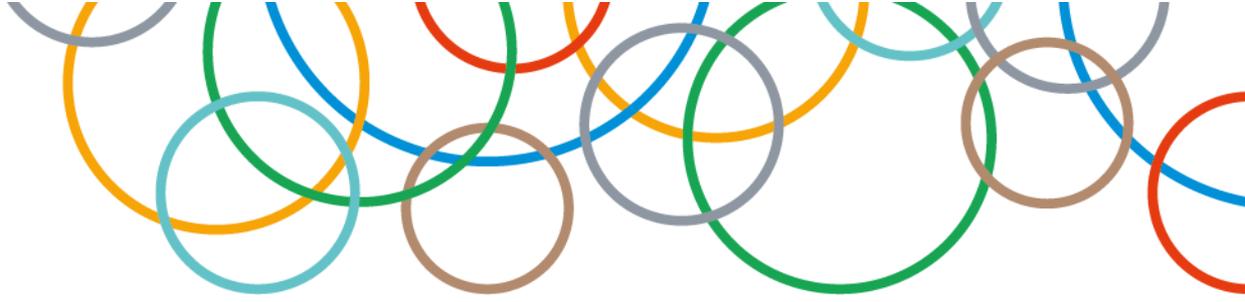
**Gender:** Male

**Country:** Morocco

**Team:** Africa

**Competing since:** since age of 7





## Questionnaire

### What's the best thing about riding horses?

Horses 😊. For me the best thing about riding horses is the jumping and the feeling of progress with a horse. Finding solutions for improvement is super interesting.

### What does it mean for you to compete at the Youth Equestrian Games?

I'm very excited. It is a great honour that I have been chosen to represent Morocco and the African continent. I feel very lucky to take part of this great event and I will do my best to live up to expectations.

### Who is your favourite rider of all time?

In Morocco it's Abdelkebir Ouaddar. Otherwise I like the way Marcus Ehning rides and Christian Ahlmann.

### What music do you listen?

I like all kind of music, but maybe mostly Pop and Hip-Hop music. I often listen to some music.

### What's your favourite movie or TV show?

One Piece (Manga) and the Marvel Movies.

### What other sports do you enjoy besides Equestrian?

I enjoy watching Formula 1 but I do fitness 3 times a week. I like sports in general.

### How would you define yourself as a horse rider?

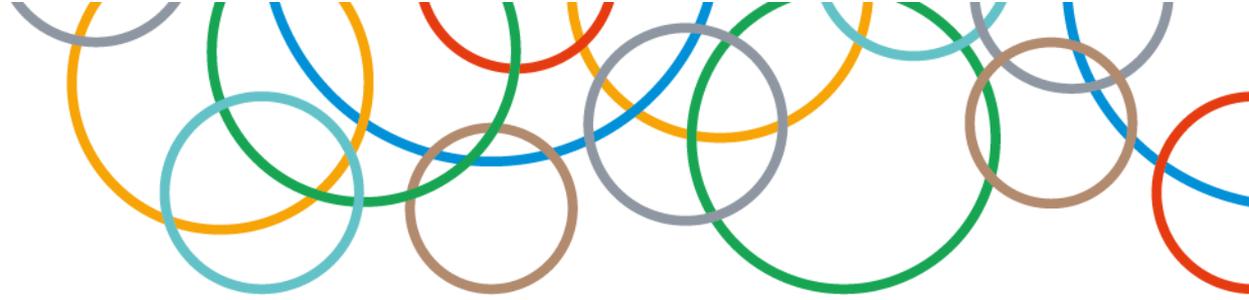
I'm passionate about horses. I do both show-jumping and some dressage. I am ambitious, demanding structured and try to be fair and understanding towards the horses I ride. I like to understand the horses character and both its strengths and weaknesses in order to allow a better collaboration and smooth progress.

### What is your dream in Equestrian Sport?

My ultimate dream is to become an Olympic or World champion one day.

But in little shorter terms and more down to earth, I would love to participate and win in International shows; in higher classes and later on Grand Prix classes.





## **SOUTH AFRICA**

### **Profile**

#### **Thomas van Rijckevorsel**

**Age:** 17

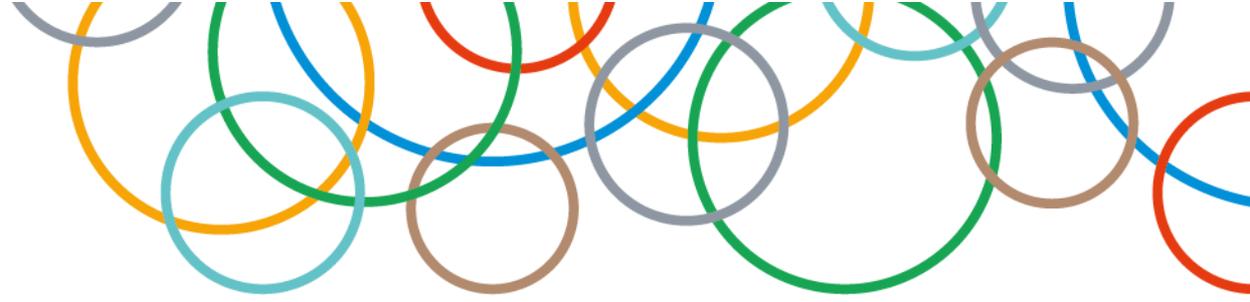
**Gender:** Male

**Country:** South Africa

**Team:** Africa

**Competing since:** 2016





## Questionnaire

### What's the best thing about riding horses?

When I look into the eyes of a horse I do not see an animal, I see a friend, I feel a soul. It's a relationship and a passion. Having a passion for something is a really great way to live your life, and what can be better than to have a passion for horses.

### What does it mean for you to compete at the Youth Equestrian Games?

5 Years ago I dreamed about where I am now! I've had to learn a lot in a short timeframe so this opportunity is exceeding my wildest expectations. It is both a privilege and an honor to compete at YEG as representative and ambassador of South Africa.

### Who is your favorite rider of all time?

Marcus Ehning who's favorite show happens to be Aachen and my coach Dominey Alexander.

### What music do you listen?

I enjoy Rap music.

### What's your favorite movie or TV show?

Top Boy

### What other sports do you enjoy besides Equestrian?

After a rugby injury had me off horses for six weeks I opted to concentrate on riding but I enjoy watching F1, and football.

### How would you define yourself as a horse rider?

I would say a hardworking, dedicated, competitive and animal loving rider.

### What is your dream in Equestrian Sport?

My goal posts are set to one day be one of the best in the sport.

In the words of Nelson Mandela: " It always seems impossible until it's done."



# TUNISIA

## Profile

### **Elyes Chaouachi**

**Age:** 17 years

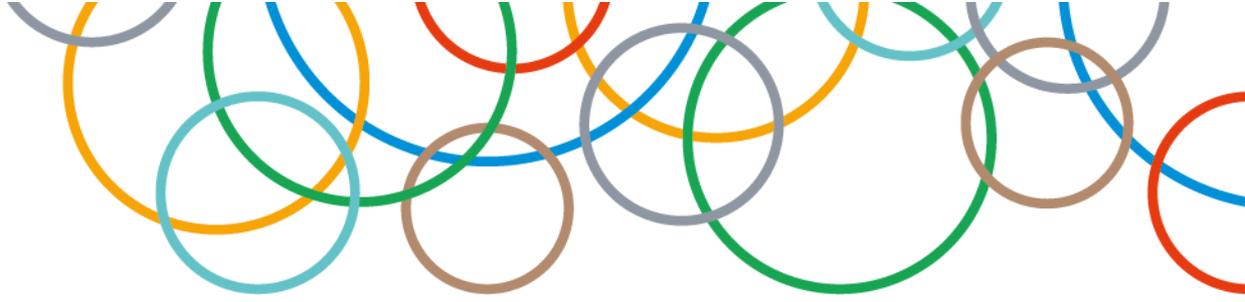
**Gender:** Male

**Country:** TUNISIA

**Team:** Africa

**Competing since:** 2012





## Questionnaire

### What's the best thing about riding horses?

The best thing about riding horses is, the deep connection between the rider and the horse, the feeling I get when I jump is very intense and I have fun doing the sport I like the most.

### What does it mean for you to compete at the Youth Equestrian Games?

Competing at the Youth Equestrian means an excellent deal because it has always been my dream to compete at higher levels, especially internationally

### Who is your favourite rider of all time?

Marcus Ehning is my favorite rider of all time. Since I was young, he has always been my model

### What music do you listen?

I usually listen to french rap

### What's your favourite movie or TV show?

Jappeloup has been my favorite movie since I was young.

### What other sports do you enjoy besides Equestrian?

I really enjoy football; whenever I have free time, I go and play with my friends.

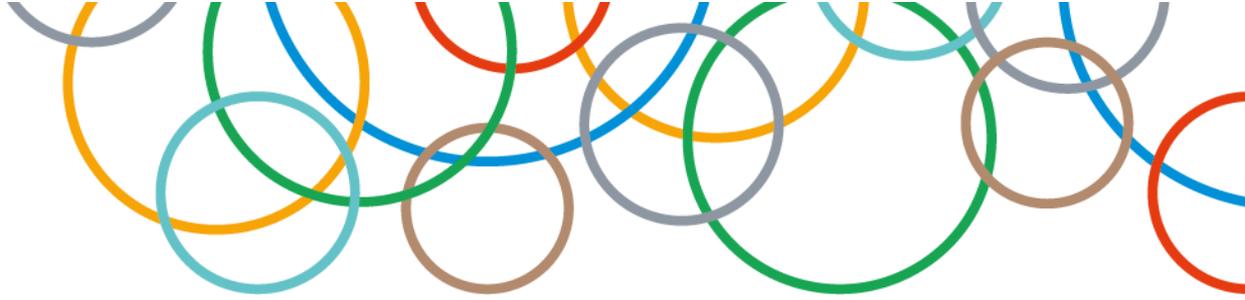
### How would you define yourself as a horse rider?

First of all, my passion for horses continued throughout the years. My skills have bettered, and the urge to compete has evolved. I would therefore define myself as a skillful and competitive rider.

### What is your dream in Equestrian Sport?

My dream in Equestrian Sport is to compete and hopefully win at the Equestrian Olympic Games.





## ZIMBABWE

### Profile

### **Amy Hay**

**Age:** 17 years

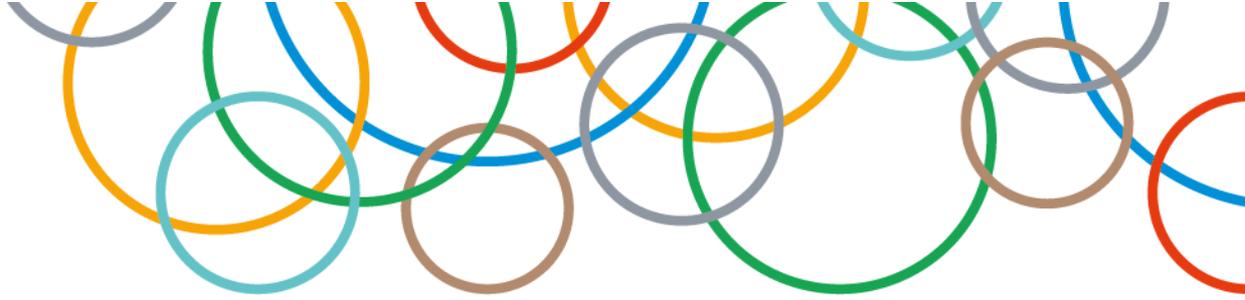
**Gender:** Female

**Country:** Zimbabwe

**Team:** Africa

**Competing since:** 2013





## Questionnaire

### What's the best thing about riding horses?

My older brother got cancer when I was about 6 and so as a family, we had to move country for his treatment. During that time, my mum wanted me to do something fun, that would distract me from my brother and so she took me to a little riding school and that's where my love for horses began, I got away from life's worries and realised that horses always make me happy. They are like my best friends.

### What does it mean for you to compete at the Youth Equestrian Games?

Qualifying Zimbabwe for the 2022 Youth Equestrian Games was a very special moment for me, especially after all the work I put in to achieve it. I relocated to South Africa for 10 months, so that I could ride almost all day, every day in order to prepare myself to compete against tough competition and push myself to achieve this goal. So, for me, to now be competing at the Youth Equestrian Games is a dream come true!! I am really honoured. It is something I've always wanted to do since I was a little girl.

### Who is your favourite rider of all time?

Marcus Ehning. His body is always so still and perfect and he always looks so calm.

### What music do you listen?

A wide variety of Pop (I used to be obsessed with One Direction)!

### What's your favourite movie or TV show?

TV Show - Friends. Movies - that's a tough one... I love the early 2000's, like How to Lose a Guy in 10 days, The Notebook, 10 Things I Hate About You etc.

### What other sports do you enjoy besides Equestrian?

Hockey is definitely one of my favourite sports and I still manage to play for and captain my school's first team. I used to dance but horse riding takes up a lot of time, so I had to stop. I enjoy running too and I try to run every morning.

### How would you define yourself as a horse rider?

Oh, I have so much to learn still. I have BMT – big match temperament and I seem to perform better under pressure. I am a perfectionist, so I am always striving to improve. I always respect my horses as we learn to trust each other and build a strong relationship.

### What is your dream in Equestrian Sport?

My dream is to compete around the world, against the best in the world. I hope to be a good ambassador for my country, and to one day be a role model to the young and upcoming athletes, just as some of the top showjumpers are to me.

