

On the Internet!

Egypt's Pioneer
Horse Web Site

<http://www.horsetimes.com>

Here's an easy, entertaining
way to learn more about
the horse world in Egypt.

Plus link up with information
and people who love horses
as much as you do.

About The Magazine
Past Issues

Subscribe Online

Contacts

Equine Listings

Horse Welfare

Sport News

Breeders Review

Tack and Equipment

Lifestyle and Fashion

Health Guidelines

Riders Ranking

Riders Profile

Equestrian Centers

Online Events Info.

Links

Online Meeting
Place for
Horse People

horsetimes.com

ABSOLUTELY *Natural*

JUNIORS VIEW POINT

'Better late than never.' The 2000-2001 showjumping season was postponed more times than we can count, but at last it has actually started!! It is so nice to be back together again.

This article is mainly designed for us juniors to give (freely) our ideas, opinions, comments, complaints, and the like, about the Egyptian equestrian life.

We will start by giving you the NEW FEI rules & regulations, which may be to some extent confusing at first, but once we get used to them, they will be just like the old ones.

One point per exceeded second

This means more than three seconds above the allowed time is equal to knocking down an obstacle.

Only one disobedience allowed

Indeed the second, instead of the third disobedience, will determine the elimination. For the competitions on high level this is a normal and good decision. If a rider has already nine penalties what can he reach in the final result?

Disobedience, like a knock-down obstacle, will now also receive four penalties.

45 Seconds

Since the 1st of January 2000 the rule is only 45 seconds allowed (instead of 60 seconds) from the time the Ground Jury sounds the bell to the time the competitor crosses the starting line. "Count down", visible on the score-board, has to be available so the rider can see how much time he has before he must start.

For the first time, we will not go too deeply into this (Fences, warm-up arena, ground..), but we do have some comments:

Many Riders were annoyed when the man at the starting line, who was sitting too close to the first fence, waved the flag down suddenly, scaring their horses and costing them 4 penalty points on the first fence in the 'Under 18' (120-130 cm.)

In the warm-up arena of the 'Under 14' (110-120 cm), we noticed that even though there were 3 individual fences (1 for a cross, 1 for an upright, 1 for an oxer), at times, there were 3 verticals and neither a cross nor an oxer! Somebody should be supervising that whenever a rider wants to jump a specific fence, it should be there!

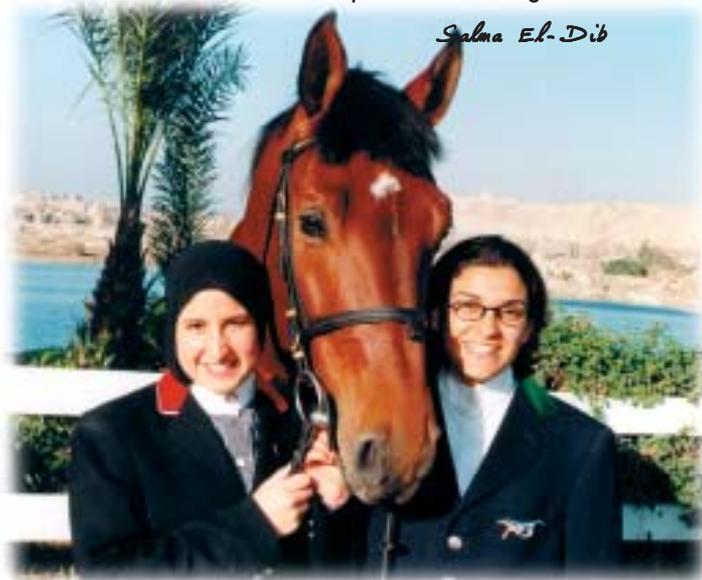
One of the high points of this show, and a brilliant start for a new season, was having Adham Hammad with his 'Vision' back, not only as horse and rider, but as the champions they have always been.

Let's keep our fingers crossed for them.

To wind this piece of writing up, we want all you juniors out on those horses to prepare yourselves for our questions.

'Horse Sense is just stable thinking'

Salma El-Dib



We would appreciate any suggestions. You can e-mail us at

Salma El-Dib

"Sallouma"

folanty@hotmail.com

Nahla El-Sawaf

"Kika"

sugardababe@hotmail.com