

**General Information**

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| Country:       | EGY         |
| Gender:        | M           |
| Handedness:    | Left-handed |
| Date of birth: | 1990-11-25  |
| Education:     | student     |
| License:       | 25111990000 |

**Further Personal Information**

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| Residence        | Cairo, EGY   |
| Occupation       | Athlete  |
| Languages        | Arabic, English, French  |
| Higher education | Engineering - Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport: Egypt |

**Sport Specific Information**

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| When and where did you begin this sport? | At age eight he stopped playing other sports to pursue fencing at the Al-Selah Al-Sakandry club in Alexandria, Egypt.  |
| Why this sport?                          | He did not like the combat aspect of karate and felt swimming was too difficult. He loved fencing. "It's a sport that depends on intelligence and technique, not only on force." |
| Name of coach                            | Tamer Tahoun [national], EGY   |
| Handedness                               | Left   |

**General Interest**

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| Memorable sporting achievement | Winning silver in individual foil at the 2012 Olympic Games in London. (FIE Fencing YouTube channel, 14 Oct 2020)  |
| Injuries                       | He was affected by several injuries in 2023. (tatweeg.news, 14 Dec 2023)<br><br>He injured his left shoulder in the first period of the individual foil final at the 2012 Olympic Games in London, which meant he required a medical break of 10 minutes. He ended up winning the silver medal. (ahram.org.eg, 01 Aug 2012; egypttoday.com, 01 Aug 2012)   |
| Awards and honours             | He and taekwondoka Hedaya Malak were flag bearers for Egypt at the opening ceremony of the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo. (olympics.com, 23 Jul 2021; alwafd.news, 23 Jul 2021)<br><br>In January 2013 he was given the Emerging Athlete award at the Creative Sports Awards. (sport360.com, 07 Jan 2013)<br><br>He has been presented with the First Class Sports Medal in Egypt. (alaaeldinabouelkassem.com, 15 Sep 2019)  |
| Milestones                     | He became the first fencer representing an African nation to win a medal at the Olympic Games when he claimed silver in individual foil at the 2012 Games in London. (SportsDeskOnline, 13 Jun 2019; aubervilliers.fr, 05 Jan 2015)  |
| Ambitions                      | To win a medal at the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris. (almsryeen.com, 28 Feb 2024)  |
| Other information              | <b>BRIEF RETIREMENT</b><br>He announced his retirement from competitive fencing in January 2024 before reversing his decision one month later with a view to competing at the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris. "After participating in the 2023 World Championships in Milan, I felt a lot of pressure and was in dire need of a rest period, whether on a psychological or physical level, due to my recurring injury. After I completely moved away from the sport and after taking an appropriate period of physical and psychological rest, I reconsidered, so I decided to return to training gradually and evaluate my level. I hope to end my career with an Olympic medal." (almsryeen.com, 28 Feb 2024; el-ahly.com, 05 Jan 2024; elbalad.news, 05 Jan 2024; Facebook page, 05 Jan 2024)<br><br><b>OTHER ACTIVITIES</b><br>He has served as a member of the International Fencing Federation [FIE] athletes' commission. In 2022 he began serving as sporting director of the Egyptian Fencing Federation. (almasryalyoum.com, 13 Apr 2023; Egyptian Fencing Federation Facebook page, 17 Jan 2022; fie.org, 07 Oct 2017)<br><br><b>HERITAGE</b><br>Born in Setif, Algeria, to an Egyptian father and an Algerian mother, he moved to Egypt at age four. (youm7.com, 17 Jan 2022; Facebook page, 07 Jun 2019) |