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# LONGINES EQUITA LYON, CONCOURS HIPPIQUE INTERNATIONAL THE LONGINES FEI JUMPING WORLD CUP™ LEG IN LYON: ALL SYSTEMS GO

The countdown has begun. Riders and drivers are honing their techniques and strategies are taking shape. It's time to get down to business.

From 29th October to 2nd November, 2025, Eurexpo's international arena will host the Lyon leg of the Longines FEI Jumping World Cup<sup>TM</sup>, the highlight of Longines Equita Lyon, Concours Hippique International. In Lyon, everything moves fast. The pace is on from the first stride, riders master tight turns and speed is redefined. For more than ten years, the leg in Lyon has been a cornerstone of the world circuit, where top riders affirm their status, emerging talent makes its mark, and the next generation steps into the spotlight.

For five days, the international arena of Longines Equita Lyon, Concours Hippique International, becomes the heartbeat of world show jumping, where fierce competition goes hand-in-hand with pure, raw emotion. The 2024 edition of the event illustrated this perfectly.

#### Is a rematch on the cards?

Last year, Richard Vogel, riding the incredible United Touch S, won in front of a spellbound Lyon audience following an epic jump-off. Five riders finished within the same second - a remarkable feat! An electrifying instant, caught in the fragile balance between silence and thunderous applause. This year again, the pressure promises to be as intense as the stakes. The German rider who was recently crowned European individual champion, is coming back to Lyon this year to defend his title. But the competition will be fierce.

Belgium's Grégory Wathelet, who finished fifth last year in this incredible event, is back and is determined to settle the score. The ring in Lyon definitely suits him well: he already won the leg in 2023 and is set on triumphing again at Eurexpo in 2025.

But he will also have to contend with Sanne Thijssen, the recent winner of the opening leg of the 2025 Longines FEI World Cup™ in Oslo. Riding her mare Cupcake, the Dutch rider took the win in commanding style, in a dazzling jump-off, finishing two seconds faster than the other riders competing. She could well repeat the performance in Lyon.

## Other big names are fine-tuning their skills and determining their goals.

These include Ben Maher, World number two and Olympic team champion in Versailles, and the experienced Christian Ahlmann, who never bows to second place. Experience could well play a decisive role at this show, with its demanding courses designed by French course designer





Grégory Bodo. Swiss rider Martin Fuchs knows this all too well, having already won this Longines FEI World Cup™ leg three times in a row. An absolute record!

As for the French riders, Julien Épaillard, who won the Longines FEI World Cup™ Final in Basel in the spring, is coming back to a ring he knows like the back of his hand. With his speed, instinct, and fearlessness, he is set for an unforgettable performance once again. Kevin Staut is also a regular in Lyon, where he has consistently delivered lightning-fast rounds.

## Up against these seasoned champions, the next generation of riders is rising to the occasion.

Beyond the competition, the Lyon show is about passing on wisdom and experience. The rising stars of French show jumping are confident and ready to make their mark: Jeanne Sadran and Antoine Ermann, once hopeful newcomers, have grown into consistent, accomplished competitors, who are now at home among the world's best riders. Now regulars on the podiums at prestigious international shows, they personify a new generation which is ambitious, and unfazed by pressure. One that is set on seizing the spotlight and continuing to shine among the international elite.

## What if a woman claimed the top spot?

Since 2009, only two female riders have added their names to the winners' list, including Pénélope Leprévost, who in 2025, has marked her return among the best riders. After finishing third at the French FFE Master Pro Elite Championships in April, she's eager to make a strong comeback on the Longines FEI World Cup<sup>TM</sup> circuit. But other contenders are equally determined to prove that women can claim the top spot, such as Sweden's Wilma Hellström, America's Eve Jobs and Liechtenstein's Jennifer Hochstadter.

## Riders who are eager to shine where it matters most: in their region.

What if local riders such as Olivier Perreau from Loire, team bronze medallist at the 2024 Paris Olympic Games, stole the show? He knows what is at stake and is at home at the Lyon show. Mégane Moissonnier from Ain, the winner of this year's CSI4\* Grand Prix in Bourg-en-Bresse and fourth in the CSIO5\* Grand Prix in Barcelona, could find luck on her side again, returning to the show in Lyon where she has already enjoyed success and to fans that adore her.

## Then comes the moment when emotion takes the stage.

Philippe Rozier, the Laiterie de Montaigu rider and a regular at Equita Lyon, will be competing in his last five-star show as a rider in Lyon. The Olympic team champion in Rio will close a chapter of high-level competition here, to the heartfelt applause of spectators, for every excellent performance he's shared with them.





Top-level sport and intense emotions: Longines Equita Lyon International Horse Show, Concours Hippique International is a lot more than a single FEI World Cup<sup>TM</sup> leg. It's a signature event, showcasing sport that is lived to the full, and makes the heart of world show jumping enthusiasts skip a beat, every autumn.

View the complete list of entries here.

## The FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy: an extremely promising line-up!

The FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy in Lyon will bring together many European medallists. Let's take a look! The 2025 European Children's Champion, Liselot Kooremans (NED), and the Irish gold and bronze medallists at the European Pony Championships in Le Mans, Cian McMunn and Charlie Flynn, will be there. Great Britain's Nelly Lock, European team gold medallist, will also be competing, along with her teammate, Darcy Honeybunn Daisy Breen who secured the individual silver medal in Le Mans as well. Switzerland's Victoria Bek and Jordan Scherbakov, team bronze medallists, will also take part in the second leg of the circuit. A line-up that promises thrilling competitions, especially as France will also be well represented! Olivier Bost has selected eleven of his best riders for the event. Brune Faivre, Gabrielle Richard, and Victoire Duhamel, all three of whom took part in the European Championships in Le Mans this summer, where France finished fourth, will be competing. Alice Duray, Paul Barussaud and Baptiste Bougault from Loire, will also be in the ring for the second leg of this world circuit dedicated to the most experienced pony combinations internationally. We look forward to seeing you on Friday, 31st October and Saturday 1nd November for two unmissable classes!

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# LONGINES EQUITA LYON, CONCOURS HIPPIQUE INTERNATIONAL'S UNMISSABLE SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

## On Thursday 30th October

. 8 am : The FEI Dressage World Cup™ - Grand Prix presented by CRE-ARA

## On Friday 31st October

. 8 am : The FEI Jumping Ponies'Trophy - Prix CWD

. 1.15 pm : The FEI Dressage World Cup™ - Grand Prix Freestyle presented by FFE

. 7.30 pm : The Longines Grand Prix, CSI 5\*-W followed by the equestrian show One Night at Equita

## On Saturday 1st November

. 8 am : The FEI Driving World Cup™ leg presented by Laiterie de Montaigu, first round

. 1 pm : The FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy Grand Prix CWD

. 8 pm : The Equita Masters presented by Hermès Sellier (CSI5\*),

followed by the equestrian show, One Night at Equita

#### On Sunday 2nd November

. 10.30 am : The Amateur Gold Tour FFE - Vicomte A. Final

. 12.30pm : The FEI Driving World Cup™ leg presented by Laiterie de Montaigu, second

round

. 3 pm : The Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™ Grand Prix

#### PLEASE NOTE:

All the FEI World Cup<sup>TM</sup> Dressage and Driving classes and the FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy are open to everyone, who has an "exhibition" entry ticket. The Longines FEI Jumping World Cup<sup>TM</sup> offers a majority of classes with free access, and three high-flying classes that the world's best riders dream of adding to their list of wins: the Longines Grand Prix, the Equita Masters presented by Hermès Sellier, and the Longines FEI Jumping World Cup<sup>TM</sup> leg (specific tickets are required for these three classes).





## About GL events Equestrian Sport

GL events Equestrian Sport, the GL events Group's equestrian department, is renowned for its expertise throughout the world. The GL events Group has been involved in all the Olympic and Paralympic equestrian events since 1992.

From its creation, GL events Equestrian Sport has actively supported equestrian sports, while always giving priority to equine welfare. Its team has a long-term involvement in the international promotion of equestrian disciplines, organising and installing the facilities of top-class events.

- It is the organiser of Equita Lyon and Longines Equita Lyon, Concours Hippique International
- It is the creator of Le Printemps des Sports Équestres in Fontainebleau
- It is the provider and partner of the Saut Hermès at the Grand Palais for the House of Hermès
- It works in collaboration with the French Equestrian Federation for the Masters Pro Show Jumping Championships
- And the Fédération Équestre Internationale, for the 2014 and 2018 World Cup<sup>TM</sup> Finals

GL events Equestrian Sport also used all its expertise to contribute to the success of the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games, in particular for the equestrian and para-dressage competitions in the magical setting of the Gardens of the Palace of Versailles.

In 2026, GL events Equestrian Sport will organise the CDIO5\*, Officiel de France for dressage, at the Grand Parquet in Fontainebleau, as part of Le Printemps des Sports Équestres.



# **INFORMATIONS PRATIQUES**

#### **EXHIBITION OPENING TIMES\***

From Wednesday 29th October to Friday 31st October from 8 am to 8.30 pm On Saturday 1st November from 8 am to 10.30 pm (late night opening)
On Sunday 2nd November from 8 am to 7 pm

#### **EXHIBITION TICKETS**

Free for children under 6-years-old and disabled people 1,3

Full price: €25

Reduced rates: French Equestrian Federation (FFE) licence holders, students and holders of Pass

Région cards, groups of 15 people and more, €21 1

Children from 6 to 12-years-old: €16

5 day-pass: €75

Family pass (2 adults and 2 children under 16-years-old): €65 (only sold onsite)

## "SPORT AND SHOW" EVENING TICKETS

On Friday 31st October, at 7.30pm\*, show jumping: from €402

The Longines Grand Prix followed by the equestrian show One Night at Equita

On Saturday 1st November, at 8 pm\*, show jumping: from €40 2

The Equita Masters presented by Hermès Sellier, followed by the equestrian show,

One Night at Equita

On Sunday 2nd November, at 3 pm\*, show jumping: from €402

The Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™ leg

#### INTERNATIONAL REINING TICKET SALES

On Saturday 1st November, at 5 pm\*, The NRHA European Derby Open Final Section 2: €50

- 1 Reservations are required for group prices: no group prices will be granted at the entrance of the exhibition. FFE licence holders, students and disabled people must present their card at the entrance of the exhibition.
- 2 Subject to availability.
- 3 To facilitate access to the site for disabled people, numbered seats in the stands can be reserved at the following e-mail address btoblive@fnac.com



<sup>\*</sup>Times likely to be modified