

# LONGINES EQUITA LYON

## CONCOURS HIPPIQUE INTERNATIONAL

LYON  
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Lyon, Rhône  
1<sup>st</sup> December 2025

EQUITA LYON, THE SALON DU CHEVAL DE LYON,  
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**ALMOST 200,000 VISITORS PRESENT IN 2025**

Equita Lyon, the Salon du Cheval de Lyon, once again boasted exceptional results for its 31<sup>st</sup> edition. The Lyon event confirmed its appeal in 2025, with attendance figures of nearly 200,000 visitors, on a par with 2024's record edition. Horse and equestrian sports enthusiasts once again gathered at Lyon-Eurexpo for five days to celebrate horses. It was an exciting edition, crowned with success on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, with an all-French podium and the victory of Olivier Perreau, GL events' partner rider, in the Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™ Grand Prix.

### Progressing with skill and passion: key elements of the GL events Equestrian Sport brand

The 2025 edition of the Salon du Cheval de Lyon and Longines Equita Lyon, Concours Hippique International showcased stable attendance figures, despite having one less public holiday\* than in 2024. This was a source of satisfaction for all the teams of GL events Equestrian Sport, who work hard every day to ensure the success of the GL events Group's equestrian events. Nearly 200,000 visitors gathered around the eleven arenas to admire the artists, ponies and horses, for five days, cheered on the competitors and discovered the latest trends in horse and rider equipment offered by the 850 exhibitors and breeders. At the Health Area, everyone was able to learn about horse and rider health, and even discover the world of an equine operating theatre, thanks to a new virtual reality experience. Equine Welfare Day provided an opportunity for discussions and feedback about horse welfare in equestrian centres. A review will soon be available online at [equitalyon.com](http://equitalyon.com). At the Hippolia Start-up Village, the focus was on innovation in a sector that is constantly evolving. At the *Place des métiers et de l'orientation*, (Careers and Guidance Fair), visitors could meet professionals and learn about training courses focusing on horses. The Equita Lyon Western Horse Show brought together the best Western riding horses and riders, for competitions at the highest international level.

At Equita Lyon, the entire equestrian sector comes together and shares its passion with enthusiasm. *"For more than three decades, we have been committed to bringing together a very wide range of visitors, by creating a programme that combines the exhibition, sport and entertainment. This unique blend — between competitions, entertainment, amateur, pony and high-level classes — has been developed by my enthusiastic team, the vast majority of whom have been working at the event since it began. This is our hallmark today. At GL events Equestrian Sport, we strive to offer this unique experience every day. We are proud to see how much everyone enjoys getting together, year after year,"* says Sylvie Robert, President of GL events Equestrian Sport.

\* This year 1<sup>st</sup> November fell on a Saturday.



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#### Longines Equita Lyon, Concours Hippique International: intense sporting emotions and a spectacular finale

The 2025 edition of Longines Equita Lyon, Concours Hippique International, showcased some incredible sport. The FEI Dressage World Cup™, the first of three FEI World Cup™ legs held in Lyon, offered the public a timeless moment with the victory of the reigning European champions, Justin Verboomen (BEL) and Zonik Plus, who were incredibly light and harmonious, setting a new personal best in Thursday's Grand Prix.

On Friday, another reigning European champion took the honours. Germany's Richard Vogel won the Longines Grand Prix with the Selle Français Gangster Montdésir.

On Saturday evening, after two thrilling rounds of the Equita Masters presented by Hermès Sellier, Sweden's Petronella Andersson made history with Odina van Klapscheut, becoming the second female rider to win the class. Who was the last woman to win the Lyon show's signature class? Edwina Tops-Alexander - back in 2011!

In the FEI World Cup™ Driving leg presented by Laiterie de Montaigu, in front of packed and excited stands, Australia's Boyd Excell left his rivals in his wake. His fifth appearance at Longines Equita Lyon allowed the master to notch up his fifth victory.

The highlight of Longines Equita Lyon, Concours Hippique International, the Longines FEI World Cup™ Grand Prix, kept the 7,000 people gathered around the International Arena on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November on the edge of their seats. The Lyon audience enthusiastically cheered on the victory of GL events' partner rider, Olivier Perreau. To top it all off, the podium of this 5\* Grand Prix, which only featured French riders, was completed by Julien Épaillard and young Antoine Ermann, who were second and third respectively. It was a fitting end to five days of great sport.

*"We have had a remarkable week in terms of sport once again this year! I would like to thank the Fédération Équestre Internationale, the French Equestrian Federation and all our partners for placing their trust in us. I would like to congratulate the amazing riders and horses that we admired throughout the competitions. I was particularly touched by the incredible bond between Zonik Plus and Justin Verboomen. The podium of the Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™ Grand Prix was also very rewarding for all of us. The victory of Olivier Perreau and Dorai d'Aiguilly\*GL events, as well as the second place of Julien Épaillard and the third place of Antoine Ermann, are a symbol of our commitment to sporting excellence and the place given to young French riders,"* highlighted Sylvie Robert at the end of this 31<sup>st</sup> edition.



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#### **"We are always sad when this show comes to an end"**

Over the last thirty years, the GL events Equestrian Sport teams have built up a solid relationship of trust with many of the world's best riders. Through their constant commitment to sport and animal welfare, GL events Equestrian Sport events are now highly acclaimed by these champions.

Justin Verboomen, World number one and European individual dressage champion, said: *"The arena here is large and open, which makes it very pleasant to ride in. This is my first time in Lyon and I'm delighted to be here. The conditions are ideal, from how we are welcomed when we arrive, to the stables, where the horses feel very comfortable."*

European individual show jumping champion Richard Vogel also highlighted the special atmosphere of the Lyon show: *"These are the best conditions for performing well. There's such a great atmosphere, it's really inspiring."*

Multi-medal-winning Australian driver Boyd Excell also shared his enthusiasm: *"Lyon is an amazing show. The atmosphere is electric. The spectators have been incredible, they've given us a lot of support. We are really valued as athletes and everything is done to ensure our horses' welfare."*

Lastly, France's Julien Épaillard, team bronze medallist at the 2024 Paris Olympic Games and winner of the Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™ Final in April, summed up his feelings: *"Everything is done to make us feel at home here as well as our horses, and the crowd is very supportive. We are always sad when this show comes to an end!"*

This recognition from the athletes is a real mark of the quality of GL events Equestrian Sport's events. And this positive feedback is very rewarding for all the teams working behind the scenes at these events; they are an encouragement to continue with high standards, sporting spirit and passion.

*"With 3,500 horses, 140,000 m², 850 exhibitors and all levels of competitions, we hope to continue to expand, with a new hall currently under construction, which I hope will be operational next year,"* summed up Sylvie Robert. *"Before that, we look forward to seeing you at the fifth edition of Le Printemps des Sports Équestres from 16<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> April 2026, which will host the CDIO5\* Officiel de France and a CSI 5\*, among other competitions."*



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## GL EVENTS EQUESTRIAN SPORT'S EVENT DATES IN 2026

### FROM 16<sup>TH</sup> TO 26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

Le Printemps des Sports Équestres

Fontainebleau – Le Grand Parquet

From 16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026: CDIO5\*-NC of France, CDI3\*, CDI1\*, CDIYH, CDIU25, CDIY, CDIJ, CDICH, CDIP CPEDI3\* & 2\*

From 22<sup>nd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> April 2026: CSI5\*, CSI2\*, CSI1\*, CSIP, CSIYH1\*, CSIAM, Master Pro FFE

### FROM 28<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER TO 1<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER 2026

Equita Lyon, the Salon du Cheval de Lyon, Longines Equita Lyon,  
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### About GL events Equestrian Sport

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

*Since its creation, GL events Equestrian Sport has played an active role in supporting equestrian sports, while placing constant emphasis on the well-being of horses. The team is involved in the long-term international development of equestrian disciplines, as an organiser and overlay-provider to tier-1 events.*

- Organiser of Equita Lyon and the Longines Equita Lyon, Concours Hippique International
- Creator and organiser of the Printemps des Sports Équestres in Fontainebleau,
- Provider and partner of the Saut Hermès at the Grand Palais, on behalf of the Maison Hermès,
- Partner to the French Equestrian Federation for the FFE Masters Pro Jumping,
- And partner to the International Equestrian Federation (FEI) for the World Cup™ Finals in 2014 and 2018.

*GL events Equestrian Sport and its expert teams also contributed to the success of the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games, notably working on the equestrian and para-dressage events organised in the magical setting of the Gardens of the Château de Versailles.*

*In 2026, GL events Equestrian Sport will be organising the Official French Dressage CDI/O5\* at the Grand Parquet in Fontainebleau, as part of the Printemps des Sports Équestres.*



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