

LONGINES EQUITA LYON

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LONGINES EQUITA LYON, CONCOURS HIPPIQUE INTERNATIONAL THE FEI DRESSAGE WORLD CUP: WERTH/VERBOOMEN: A SHOWDOWN BETWEEN DRESSAGE GIANTS

Thrilling performances and top-level competitions

Longines Equita Lyon, Concours Hippique International will be hosting the Lyon leg of the FEI Dressage World Cup from 28 October to 3 November. With 15 horse-and-rider combinations representing eight nations, the stage is set for a thrilling showdown between Isabell Werth, a five-time winner in Lyon, and last year's winner Justin Verboomen. With a host of ambitious challengers, talented French riders and rising stars also in the mix, this promises to be a fiercely contested World Cup leg.

Five wins in Lyon versus a win on his very first attempt.

Isabell Werth knows the Longines Equita Lyon arena almost by heart; as for Justin Verboomen, he has only experienced one victory there. On Thursday 29 and Friday 30 October, the German and the Belgian riders will come face to face in a showdown that promises to be one of the highlights of this World Cup leg. The elegant Wendy de Fontaine will take on the expressive Zonik Plus.

With a string of victories to her name, Isabell Werth has secured her place in Lyon's World Cup leg history. At 57, the German rider, currently world number three, continues to demonstrate the remarkable consistency that has kept her at the top of the sport across generations, winning at the biggest events and continually reinventing herself with horses she has turned into champions. She returns to Lyon to an arena she knows very well, with Wendy de Fontaine, her partner at the most recent FEI World Championships.

As for Justin Verboomen, he only came to Lyon for the first time last year. The Belgian rider has "very fond memories" of his first appearance there, and rightly so: riding Zonik Plus, he triumphed in his very first test in the ring in Lyon, achieving a personal best in the Grand Prix. A year later, the world number two has no intention of making it easy for "Queen Werth" to reclaim her crown in Lyon. And his approach is simple: to stay relaxed and have fun. *"I really want to enjoy myself. That's the approach I'm taking at the moment. I'm trying to trust myself, enjoy myself and feel that Zonik is enjoying it too, with that same sense of lightness. At the moment, we're really finding that sense of relaxation at home, and it makes me eager to take that feeling into the competition arena. Lyon will be our first show since Aachen; I can't wait to be back with the crowd and experience the atmosphere of the indoor arena."*

Both have previously been world number one. Currently ranked second and third respectively, Justin Verboomen and Isabell Werth have their sights set on victory. Lyon will host the first leg of this circuit where both riders will try to reclaim the top spot.

Two riders, two very different horses, but a single goal: to win.



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Five-star performers

Unless other contenders challenge this much anticipated German-Belgian showdown, as fifteen combinations, representing eight nations will be competing in Lyon.

Among them will be Dutch rider Marieke van der Putten, who was sixth at the World Championships in Aachen.

The world number eight has already proved she is on a par with the best riders when it matters most. She'll be hoping to challenge the favourites with Kuvasz RS2.

Larissa Pauluis has the same objective. The Belgian rider, world number 12, and her horse Flambeau are familiar faces at Longines Equita Lyon, having regularly been well placed in the FEI World Cup leg. Several victories in 5* Grand Prix Freestyle World Cup legs over the past year have cemented her place among the sport's leading riders. Alongside Justin Verboomen, she is helping to put Belgian dressage firmly in the spotlight.

France sets its sights on victory

The French riders have no intention of being overshadowed by the world's best riders. Alexandre Ayache, a key member of the French team, will enter the arena with his trusted partner, Ruling Olivia, with his sights firmly set on success. This experienced combination used to competing at the highest level will return to Lyon with the support of the home crowd.

For Alizée Roussel and Bel Amour, the story is quite different. The combination has been very determined since they took part in the World Dressage Championships in Aachen in August. A pivotal moment for the rider, who has known Bel Amour since his earliest days and has trained him from scratch, leading to performances in some of the world's most prestigious arenas.

A new chapter is beginning for them in Lyon. *"This will be Bel Amour's first World Cup leg, and I don't know how he'll react in the arena. But my friends Pauline Basquin and Larissa Pauluis, often come to Lyon and have nothing but good things to say about it! I'm sure I'm going to enjoy myself here!"*

Will Spain come out on top?

Could Lyon be dancing to a Spanish tune this year? Three Spanish combinations will be competing there. Lucia Gallardo, with Hip by Johnson, will be performing alongside Claudio Castilla Ruiz and Jota das Figueiras, whilst the experienced Juan Antonio Jimenez Cobo, aged 67, is counting on Quartar. Three combinations, three generations of riders and the same goal: to bring a touch of Spanish flair to Lyon and prove that Spain is a force to be reckoned with.



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Portugal's Maria Caetano also boasts an impressive track record. The rider, who is currently world number 21, will be competing with Hit Plus, with whom she was fifth in the Grand Prix Freestyle at Le Printemps des Sports Équestres in Fontainebleau in April.

Nothing is set in stone...

But there are plenty of other riders with their sights set on victory. Britain's Lewis Carrier has already proved that you don't need years of experience to be successful. At just 29, he is the youngest rider in the field and, alongside Diego V, is part of a new generation of talented riders making its mark at the highest level.

Wim Verwimp (BEL) and Jedai de Massa, Tamar Zweistra (NED) and Hexagons Mr Magnum N.O.P.T, and Rebecca Mauléon (SWE) with Johnnie Walker BCN complete a line-up that brings together riders of different generations, styles and backgrounds, all competing to showcase the very best of dressage and put on an incredible performance for spectators.

The music builds, and excitement fills the stands. Who will win the leg in Lyon in 2026? Lyon is set for a spectacular display of dressage with harmonious and perfectly choreographed performances.

[View the full list of entries here](#)

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

Thursday 29 October

- . The FEI Dressage World Cup - Grand Prix presented by CRE-ARA

Friday 30 October

- . The FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy, the CWD Grand Prix
- . The FEI Dressage World Cup - Grand Prix Freestyle presented by FFE Generali
- . The Longines Grand Prix, CSI5*-W, followed by the equestrian show *One Night at Equita*

Saturday 31 October

- . The FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy, the CWD Grand Prix
- . The FEI Driving World Cup presented by Laiterie de Montaigu, first round
- . The Equita Masters presented by Hermès Sellier, followed by the equestrian show, *One Night at Equita*

Sunday 1 November

- . The FEI Driving World Cup presented by Laiterie de Montaigu, second round
- . The Longines FEI Jumping World Cup leg

PLEASE NOTE:

All the FEI World Cup Dressage, Driving and the FEI Jumping Ponies' Trophy classes are open to everyone, who has an "exhibition" entry ticket. The Longines FEI Jumping World Cup 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 leg (specific tickets are required for these three classes).

WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE WESTERN AREA

Saturday 31 October

- . The NRHA European Derby Open Final Section 2

Sunday 1 November

- . The NBHA European Barrel Racing and Pole Bending Cup



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PRACTICAL INFORMATION

EXHIBITION OPENING TIMES*

- From Wednesday 28 to Friday 30 October from 8 am to 8.30 pm
- On Saturday 31 October, from 8 am to 10.30 pm (*late night opening*),
- On Sunday 1 November from 8.30 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, €22.50;
- 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 30 October, at 8 pm*, show jumping: from €40₂
 - The Longines Grand Prix followed by the equestrian show
- On Saturday 31 October, at 8 pm*, show jumping: from €40₂
 - The Equita Masters presented by Hermès Sellier, followed by the equestrian show
- On Sunday 1 November, at 3 pm*, the Longines FEI Jumping World Cup leg,
 - from €40₂

To make your experience at these events even more special, a limited number of exclusive packages are also available on our online ticketing website. Check them out now!

INTERNATIONAL REINING TICKET SALES

- On Saturday 31 October, at 5.30 pm*, The NRHA European Derby Open Final Section 2: €55₂
- On Sunday 1 November at 12.30 pm, the NBHA European Barrel Racing and Pole Bending Cup: €45₂

*Times likely to be modified

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

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 prioritising 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.

- *GL events Equestrian Sport is the organiser of Equita Lyon and Longines Equita Lyon CHI,*
- *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 Championships,*
- *And the Fédération Équestre Internationale, for the 2014 and 2018 World Cup Finals.*

GL events Equestrian Sport also used all its expertise to contribute to the success of the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games, 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 organised the CDIO5, Officiel de France for dressage, at the Grand Parquet in Fontainebleau, during Le Printemps des Sports Équestres.*