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THE FEI DRIVING WORLD CUP™ PRESENTED BY LAITERIE DE MONTAIGU:
THE WORLD NUMBER ONE WILL TAKE ON THE WORLD'S BEST DRIVERS!

Get ready for speed and excitement at the Longines Equita Lyon, Concours Hippique International! The FEI Driving World Cup™ presented by Laiterie de Montaigu, one of four world-class competitions showcased in the International Arena, will bring together seven of the world's greatest drivers for two spectacular classes, taking place on Saturday 31 October and Sunday 1 November. Admission is free for all of the exhibition's visitors.

Seven carriages will be at the start of the FEI World Cup™ leg in Lyon, presented by Laiterie de Montaigu. Seven top-class drivers, each with an impressive international track record, are getting ready to compete on a course where every second counts.

The new world number one will be put to the test in Lyon

The change at the top of the rankings is very recent. In early October, Dries Degrieck (BEL) became the new four-in-hand driving world number one, having unseated Australia's Boyd Exell.

The Belgian driver is coming to Lyon with a track record that commands respect: the current European team silver medallist, world team bronze and individual silver medallist at the FEI World Championships in Aachen this summer also became the first Belgian to win the FEI Driving World Cup™ Final in Bordeaux in February.

He has also been successful in Lyon, competing there five times with four podium finishes. Dries Degrieck was second in 2021, third in 2023 and 2025, and the winner in 2024. He's back in Lyon this year, but this time with the added pressure of being world number one.

Very high-level competition:

But he won't be alone in the ring in Lyon. Four of the six best drivers in the world rankings will be competing in Lyon, promising a thrilling battle in the ring.
Isjbrand Chardon (NED), world number four, also won the world team gold medal in Aachen. He knows the Lyon event inside out, having finished second there in 2025, 2023 and 2022, each time behind Boyd Exell.

Anna Sandmann (GER), world number five, will also be competing. As the highest-ranked woman driver in the world, she has established herself as one of the leading figures in the discipline internationally. In Aachen, she had the best German performance and finished sixth individually in the FEI World Championships. She will be competing in Lyon for the first time and will be the only woman among the seven drivers entered. Could she become the first female driver to add her name to the winners' list in the FEI World Cup™ leg in Lyon?

Glenn Geerts (BEL), world number five, completes the group of the world's top six drivers competing in Lyon. The team bronze medallist in Aachen also has experience of competing at the biggest international events.

Anthony Hordé, world number 14 and France's highest-ranked driver internationally, will also be in Lyon, as will Benjamin Aillaud. The Laiterie de Montaigu partner rider and current world number 26, is no stranger to Lyon. His second-place finish in 2024 stands out in particular as one of his best performances in this FEI World Cup™ leg. The driver, who is a favourite with spectators, finished fourth in 2025 and will be keen to take centre stage once again in front of his home crowd.

Fasten your seat belts!

In this discipline, where precision must go hand in hand with speed, the seven drivers will have to tackle a challenging course, navigate obstacles and race against the clock. At the finish line, a few seconds – or even a few tenths of a second – could be all it takes to turn the final standings upside down.
Two events not to be missed, whether you're discovering four-in-hand driving for the first time or returning to experience the thrill of the sport up close with the champions.
All the exhibition's visitors have free admission to both classes of the FEI Driving World Cup™ by Laiterie de Montaigu.

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 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[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 30 October, at 8 pm*, show jumping: from €40[2]
  - The Longines Grand Prix followed by the equestrian show
- On Saturday 31 October, at 8 pm*, show jumping: from €40[2]
  - 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 €40[2]

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: €55[2]
- On Sunday 1 November at 12.30 pm, the NBHA European Barrel Racing and Pole Bending Cup: €45[2]

*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

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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,*
- *It works in collaboration with 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.*

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