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A TOP-TIER LINE-UP FOR A KEY STAGE OF THE FEI LONGINES JUMPING WORLD CUP™

The world's best riders will be putting on an amazing show for the crowds at Equita Lyon. From 28 October to 1 November 2026, Longines Equita Lyon, *Concours Hippique International*, will be hosting five days of top-class equestrian sport at Eurexpo. In the main international arena, some 60 riders representing 19 nations will be competing in the Lyon stage of the Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™. And this year's line-up certainly whets the appetite. Olympic medallists, world champions, former winners and up-and-coming talents: each rider will be aiming to defend their ranking points, prove they are in top form or taste victory in one of the world's finest arenas. Below is a quick overview of the line-up.

Steve Guerdat has won almost everything there is to win: Olympic gold in London, European gold in Milan, three Longines FEI World Cup™ finals and, this summer, the individual gold at the world championship in Aachen with Dynamix de Belhème. At 44 years old, the world number five could simply sit back and enjoy life. And yet he is coming to Lyon with just one idea on his mind: to secure another victory here. It must be said that the Swiss rider already knows what it is like to taste success in Lyon. In 2008, he won a particularly competitive 5* Grand Prix here riding Trésor V, before the competition became part of the FEI World Cup™. Since then, he has often come close to sealing another victory in the Lyon stage. "*Every year, we come here to win. Since 2008, I've often come really close to winning again, so I have lots of great memories of Lyon. But winning is always the goal,*" says the champion. Buoyed by his recent world title, Steve Guerdat could well achieve his objective in 2026: "*I feel sort of lighter. Winning the World Championships has lifted a huge weight off my shoulders. It makes it easier for me to put things into perspective and enjoy the little everyday things a bit more.*" Enjoyment re-found, but ambition undiminished. Steve Guerdat is definitely still hungry for success in Lyon.

The Germans remain serious contenders

The German delegation will also be confident they can be in the mix, with two of the four reigning world team champions entered for the event.

The current world number one, Richard Vogel, who is particularly known for his association with United Touch S, has already tasted victory in Lyon, having won the Longines FEI World Cup™ stage here in 2024. Since then, he has enjoyed a string of successes with his other horses, including Cloudio, whom he will be riding this year. Two years after his victory in Lyon, the horse may have changed but the drive and the will to win are still there!

Alongside him, Daniel Deusser, currently ranked no. 10 in the world, has also tasted victory in Lyon, having won the Longines FEI World Cup™ stage here in 2016. Ten years on, the German will be looking to return to winning ways again Lyon. This tenth anniversary might well inspire him to new heights!

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Will the French riders repeat their exploits of 2025?

There are plenty of contenders for the title, and they will certainly be doing their utmost to spoil the plans of their German and Swiss counterparts. Starting with the French. Since that magnificent all-French podium in 2025, the *Marseillaise* still echoes through the halls of Eurexpo. Last year, the crowd was buzzing like rarely before when cheering on the all-French one-two-three, led by Olivier Perreau, followed by Julien Épaillard and Antoine Ermann. And the spectators in Lyon would love to see the same thing happen again… Especially as the three riders are back this year!

Olivier Perreau will be riding GL events Dorai d'Aiguilly, the mare on which he won the Grand Prix in 2025. A home victory, with a mare he bred himself. "*I had always dreamt of winning a stage of the Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™. The fact that it happened in Lyon, in front of my family and the GL events teams whose colours I represent, was just incredible.*" A year on, but the victory still tastes just as sweet. And the desire to do it again remains as strong as ever.

Julien Épaillard also knows what it means to win in Lyon, since he tasted victory here in 2022 with Caracole de la Roque, at the end of a historic weekend. Having also won the 2025 Longines FEI World Cup™ final, the rider from Normandy possesses that rare ability to turn a jump-off on its head with a single turn, or a single stride. He knows how to entertain the Lyon crowds with sport and showmanship. After finishing third last year, Antoine Ermann is also keen to leave his mark in Lyon. Having established himself as a mainstay in the French team, the rider of Floyd des Prés has gone from strength to strength. And today, he can justifiably claim to be in the mix to win a stage as prestigious as the one in Lyon.

And what if Nina Mallevaey were to become the first female rider since Pénélope Leprevost in 2015 to win the stage here in Lyon? It has to be said that the 26-year-old champion has a strong case to make. Ranked eighth in the world, she is the only French rider and the only woman to feature among the world's top ten riders. She spends part of the year in the United States and has enjoyed a remarkable rise up the rankings in recent months. During the summer in Aachen, she finished eighth in the individual event at her first senior World Championships, riding Dynastie de Beaufour… who will be returning to competition this week in Lyon.

In addition to Nina Mallevaey, there are plenty of other French riders who will be pushing hard. Kevin Staut, who has been particularly consistent on the Longines FEI World Cup™ circuit, is in good form after his fifth-place finish in the final at Fort Worth last April. Marc Dilasser, who finished ninth in the Longines FEI World Cup™ Grand Prix in Oslo a few days ago, is also performing well on the winter circuit. Then there is Roger-Yves Bost, who won the Lyon stage in 2014, and knows exactly what it takes to succeed in this arena. Finally, Jeanne Sadran is currently climbing up the rankings, whilst Mégane Moissonnier, the local rider competing in this FEI World Cup™ stage, knows the arena well and will have the crowd behind her.

Martin Fuchs knows what it takes

The French have some exciting prospects to keep them in the mix. However, Switzerland also has some serious contenders, starting with Martin Fuchs, who knows what it takes to win. He has tasted success three times in a row: in 2018 and 2019 with Clooney 51, and then in 2021 with Chaplin. Three consecutive stages of the Longines FEI World Cup™ in Lyon, and three victories.

But Switzerland's hopes do not rest solely on the shoulders of Martin Fuchs and Steve Guerdat. With Edouard Schmitz, Janika Sprunger and Gaëtan Joliat, Switzerland will have five riders entered in the competition, with a mix of experience, youth and ambition… and, of course, a three-time winner who knows the Lyon circuit like the back of his hand.

A host of top riders with great ambitions

Ben Maher has also tasted victory in Lyon. With an individual Olympic gold in Tokyo, and currently ranked sixth in the world, the British rider won the Equita Masters presented by Hermès Sellier here in 2024. A year later, Petronella Andersson succeeded him. Prior to that, her compatriot Henrik von Eckermann, a former world number one, had already won the event back in 2021. Three former winners of the Equita Masters and three genuine contenders for victory in this year's FEI World Cup™ stage.

Various other top riders dream of adding their names to Equita Lyon's roll of honour. Italy's Piergiorgio Bucci, ranked eleventh in the world, and buoyed by some fine performances this season – including a fourth-place finish in the individual event at the World Championships in Aachen – could be a real contender. So too, Thibeau Spits, ranked 20th in the world and individual silver medallist at the world championships. José María Larocca could also be in the mix for the top spot. Following his victory in the 4* Grand Prix in Bourg-en-Bresse, the Argentine rider recorded a superb second place this season in the 5* Grand Prix in Aachen.

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All is still to play for in Lyon!

From 28 October to 1 November, the audiences in Lyon will be treated to the very best of equestrian sport with thrills, excitement and nail-biting jump-offs in the international arena at the Longines Equita Lyon, *Concours Hippique International*.

An impressive line-up of riders, all having clearly stated their ambitions, and not least the favourites. Steve Guerdat is aiming for victory, Martin Fuchs knows what it takes to win, the French are dreaming of another triumph on home soil, and the other contenders are determined to shake things up. Everyone will be out to achieve their ambitions. And the story remains to be written!

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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