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## THE FEI DRIVING WORLD CUP: THE SEASON STARTS IN LYON!

As in 2019, the 2021-2022 FEI Driving World Cup will be launched in Lyon. The Longines Equita Lyon, Concours Hippique International will play host to the seven best drivers in the world for an exceptional and very intense performance in the Lyon-Eurexpo ring! A great atmosphere is guaranteed on Saturday 30 and Sunday 31 October!

Reserved for the best drivers in the world, the FEI Four-in-Hand Driving World Cup is a breath-taking discipline, in which drivers demonstrate exceptional dexterity with their teams on two courses with a drive-off. When the first FEI Driving World Cup legs were organised in Lyon in 2018 and 2019, the stands were full for each of the rounds. *“The public in Lyon is incredible. The class on Saturday starts early in the morning and as soon as the competition begins, there are a lot of people in the stands who cheer on all the teams. It’s very impressive to see so many people who come together for this sport. It’s really magical!”* says Jeroen Houterman, the course designer who is in charge of the tracks this year once again.

The FEI Driving World Cup explained by Jeroen Houterman the course designer

*An FEI Driving World Cup leg is organised in two rounds. On Saturday, the first round allows drivers and horses to get their bearings. The horses have to become familiar with the course, the lights, and the audience, and the drivers try out their teams over the difficulties of the course, which is exactly the same as it will be the next day. The ranking from this first round determines the starting order for the second round. The drivers have fifteen minutes to memorise the course and choose their options. They often try out the tracks on the first day, then watch the videos to decide on the best options for the second round. On Sunday all the drivers have to start again from scratch and go round the course as quickly as possible, without knocking anything over as they go. So everything is possible! ”*

The drivers entered in the Equita Lyon, Concours Hippique International FEI Driving World Cup leg

- . Boyd Exell (AUS), eight-time winner of the FEI Driving World Cup Final; the current titleholder of the FEI Driving World Cup leg in Lyon (2019)
- . Koos de Ronde (NED), winner of one FEI Driving World Cup Final
- . Mareike Harm (GER)
- . Glenn Geerts (BEL), 3<sup>rd</sup> in the FEI Driving World Cup Final in 2019
- . Dries Degrieck (BEL)
- . Benjamin Aillaud (SUI)
- . Jérôme Voutaz (SUI), 2<sup>nd</sup> in the FEI Driving World Cup Final in 2017 and 2018; winner of the FEI Driving World Cup leg in Lyon in 2018

**THE FEI DRIVING WORLD CUP CLASSES**

The FEI Driving World Cup™ presented by Laiterie de Montaigu, first round: Saturday 30 October, at 8.30 am

The FEI Driving World Cup™ presented by Laiterie de Montaigu, second round: Sunday 31 October, at 4.40 pm

From 27 to 31 October 2021 at Lyon-Eurexpo.

Open every day from 8.30 am to 8.30 pm, except:

on Thursday 28 October: access to the international arena's stands from 8 am for the FEI Dressage World Cup™ Short Grand Prix presented by CREARA,

on Saturday 30 October, from 8.30 am to 10.30 pm (late-night opening),

and on Sunday 31 October from 8.30 am to 7 pm

**“SPORT AND SHOW” EVENING TICKETS**

On Friday 29 October, at 7.30pm\*, show jumping: from €36\*\*, the Longines Grand Prix followed by the equestrian show “Signature”

on Saturday 30 October, at 8pm\*, show jumping: from €36\*\*

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

on Sunday 31 October, at 1pm\*, the Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™ leg: From €36 \*\*

*\*Times likely to be modified.*

*\*\* Admission to the exhibition on the ticket holder's day of visit is offered with this ticket.*

**THE LYON WESTERN HORSE SHOW TICKET SALES**

On Saturday 30 October, in the evening\*, the NRHA European Open Derby Section 2 Final: € 36\*\*

*\*Times likely to be modified.*

*\*\* Admission to the exhibition on the ticket holder's day of visit is offered with this ticket.*

**THE EQUITA APP IS NOW AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE!**

The Equita app is now available on Apple Store and Play Store! The Equita app is new, unique and free of charge. It allows you to discover the competition schedule, the different types of entertainment and conferences, and rapidly find the location of specific stands, in a few clicks.

Even better: the Equita app also allows you to follow the three competition arenas live and download each show jumping round and dressage test.

INFORMATION, COMPETITION SCHEDULE AND BOOKINGS ON [EQUITALYON.COM](http://EQUITALYON.COM)

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