

LE PRINTEMPS DES SPORTS ÉQUESTRES

LE GRAND PARQUET - FONTAINEBLEAU

21 - 27 AVRIL 2025

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PRESS RELEASE

LE PRINTEMPS DES SPORTS ÉQUESTRES 2025: THE FOURTH EDITION WILL PLAY HOST TO ALL THE CHAMPIONS, EVEN PONY RIDERS!

Le Printemps des Sports Équestres was created by GL events Equestrian Sport in 2022. It has become a key international event for riders over the last four years and will be held from 21 to 27 April 2025, at the Grand Parquet in Fontainebleau, the French horse capital. This fourth edition, organised in collaboration with the French Equestrian Federation and the Fédération Équestre Internationale and with the support of local institutions, features a very varied and innovative sports programme. In 2025, a CSI for ponies will also be organised alongside the traditional French FFE Master Pro Championships, the CSI 5* and CDI 5*, the highest level of international competition, the CPEDI 3*, the CSI YH1*, the CSI 2* and the Amateur Gold Tour FFE. Le Printemps des Sports Équestres 2025 will be a week-long event once again and will boast some great sporting moments in the idyllic setting of the Grand Parquet in Fontainebleau and its brand-new main arena.

THE CHAMPIONS WILL COME TOGETHER IN THE HORSE CAPITAL

In the CDI 5*, the stars of dressage will be present to try and unseat Great Britain's Charlotte Fry, the queen of the last two editions. Pauline Basquin, a firm favourite with the French public, who performed with her horse last summer at the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games in Versailles, will be keen to finish on the podium once again in this highest level of competition in the world.

As for the CSI 5*, Switzerland's Steve Guerdat, the individual silver medallist at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, will be aiming for a second win in the GL events Grand Prix on Sunday 27 April. The line-up is expected to be exceptional once again, and spectators in Fontainebleau will be able to cheer on some amazing French riders including Paris 2024 team bronze medallists Olivier Perreau, Julien Épaillard and Simon Delestre.

THE CSIP, THE NEW FEATURE IN 2025

The GL events Equestrian Sport team has decided to include a CSI for pony riders on Le Printemps des Sports Équestres programme this year. The best young riders and their ponies will shine at this new first-rate event which has been added to the competition calendar. They will also have several opportunities to meet the CSI 5* riders. Mégane Moissonnier, who is competing in the CSI 5* and a former member of the French pony team, has been chosen to be the patron of this first edition of the CSIP. *'I'm delighted to be the patron of this first CSIP. I took part in the European Pony Championships a few years ago, and know how important these classes are for the youngest riders. I would be delighted to be able to share my experience and offer advice to those who are interested.'* Sharing experience, advice, anecdotes... Passing on knowledge and sharing are the mainstay of GL events Equestrian Sport's events! Several challenges will also be organised during the competitions, with the chance to win some very attractive prizes.



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THE FRENCH FFE MASTER PRO CHAMPIONSHIPS: EVEN MORE POPULAR

The French FFE Master Pro Championships were showcased again as part of the first edition of Le Printemps des Sports Équestres in 2022. There will be some fierce competition as the French riders battle it out for the national showjumping titles from Wednesday 23 to Sunday 27 April. These French Championships, organised in collaboration with the French Equestrian Federation and only for professional riders, attract the most successful French combinations of the year. They provide plenty of unexpected developments and some great sporting highlights in the Pro 2, Pro 1, Pro Elite and, since 2024, the Young Rider categories. Let's not forget when in 2024, Cédric Hurel and Fantasio Floreval Z went up from the seventh place in the first round to be crowned the Pro Elite champions after an exciting second day of competition. The rider from Yvelines finished ahead of Simon Delestre, team bronze medallist a few weeks later at the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games, and Alix Ragot came third. Who will win the title as the best rider in France this year? All will be revealed on Saturday 26 April.

THE MAIN ARENA RENOVATED FOR THE DISCIPLINE'S YOUNG HOPEFULS

After a long renovation period, the main grass arena, treasured by riders for decades, now has a new layout and a state-of-the-art sub-irrigation system. It will play host to international show jumping's young hopefuls in the CSI YH 1* from 24 to 27 April. Seven and eight-year-old horses will be the first to compete in the newly revamped main arena!

THE PARADRESSAGE RIDERS WILL KICK OFF THE EVENT

The week will begin with the CPEDI 3*, reserved for paradressage riders. Although the American delegation preparing for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games won the team competition last year, France's Marie Vonderheyden was the winner of the Grade I Freestyle Grand Prix. The members of the French team and the best riders of this discipline will be competing once again in Grade I to V categories.

THE GL EVENTS EQUESTRIAN SPORT TOUCH

GL events Equestrian Sport events are not only renowned for the quality of the organisation of the sporting classes, but also for their warm atmosphere. So, once again in 2025, the event will offer a wide range of activities for families, sharing the love of horses with young and old alike around the competition arenas. In the heart of the Discovery Village, there will be pony rides, a grooming workshop, a hobby horse race, a merry-go-round, a drawing competition, etc. There's something for everyone to discover the wonderful world of horses and ponies. The French Republican Guard, the flagbearers of French equestrian art, will also perform an original show several times.

In the lively and well-stocked *Place des Exposants* (exhibitors' area), competitors and visitors alike will be able to find the latest brands in horse and rider equipment, as well as a wide range of food and beverage outlets to enjoy with family and friends.



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THE FENCES PERFORMERS AUCTION

For the third year in a row, Fences, a pioneer in horse auctions, will be organising an exceptional sale of twenty or so sport horses aged between 5 and 8, plus embryos with a promising future, on Saturday 26 April in the evening.

GL EVENTS EQUESTRIAN SPORT IS COMMITTED TO WELL-BEING AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Since it was created in 2022, Le Printemps des Sports Équestres has been awarded the Equures Event label and is continuing its long-term commitment to animal welfare and respecting the environment. Since 2024, veterinary surgeon Richard Corde has been the Horse Welfare Coordinator at all the competitions organised by GL events Equestrian Sport. He provides a link between competition officials, riders and the public, support to ensure that horses are well treated, and that there is good communication between all those involved in animal welfare at the showground.

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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 and GL events Equestrian Sport delivered the equestrian events for the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games. It has also organised events for the Fédération Équestre Internationale, the House of Hermès and in its own name, which have contributed to the finest hours of equestrian sports for more than 30 years. In Lyon, GL events Equestrian Sport organises one of the most renowned equestrian events on the international scene, Equita Lyon, the Salon du Cheval de Lyon, and its Longines Equita Lyon, Concours Hippique International, which plays host to four Longines FEI World Cup legs in show jumping, dressage, driving and the FEI Jumping Ponies Trophy. GL events Equestrian Sport was the organiser of both the Longines FEI World Cup Jumping and the FEI World Cup Dressage Finals in 2014 in Lyon and in 2018 in Paris. Since 2022, GL events Equestrian Sport has been organising Le Printemps des Sports Équestres at the Grand Parquet in Fontainebleau alongside the FFE (French Equestrian Federation) and the FEI (Fédération Equestre Internationale).



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PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Le Printemps des Sports Équestres
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Free entry

Address: RN 152 Route d'Orléans - 77300 Fontainebleau

Opening time: start of the classes: 8am – First rider into the ring –closing time: end of the classes

Free car park

On-site food and beverage outlets

Free shuttles from Friday 25 April to Sunday 27 April 2025

Outward journey: FONTAINEBLEAU-AVON TRAIN STATION <> FONTAINEBLEAU TOWN CENTRE <>
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Return journey: GRAND PARQUET > TOWN CENTRE > FONTAINEBLEAU-AVON TRAIN STATION

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