

LE PRINTEMPS DES SPORTS ÉQUESTRES

LE GRAND PARQUET - FONTAINEBLEAU

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FONTAINEBLEAU: LE PRINTEMPS DES SPORTS ÉQUESTRES 2026 TWO WEEKS OF SPORT AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL

In just a few days' time, Le Printemps des Sports Équestres at the Grand Parquet in Fontainebleau will play host to the world's best riders and horses for two weeks of exceptional competition. Dressage, para-dressage and show jumping will be showcased throughout this unmissable two-week-long event, with major sporting stakes ahead of the FEI World Championships in Aachen.

Dressage and para-dressage riders will have pride of place from 16th to 19th April, while show jumpers will take centre stage with the discipline's finest riders, from 22nd to 26th April. Here's a look at the highlights of this sporting fortnight.

WEEK 1 – THE EVENT WILL GET UNDERWAY! **Dressage & para-dressage - balance and excellence**

Le Printemps des Sports Équestres kicks off with a first week focusing on dressage and para-dressage. All levels of international dressage will be represented at the Grand Parquet, from the CDI1* to the CDIO5*-NC – hosting the first FEI Nations Cup organised at Le Printemps des Sports Équestres, to the youth and pony circuits. With just a few months to go before the FEI World Championships in Aachen, the best riders will be able to iron out the final details, whilst the up-and-coming generations take part in competitions that will help them to progress.

Thursday 16th April

Each category will go into the ring to kick off this first day of competition. The combinations will get their bearings and set the tone for a week marked by precision and excellence.

Friday 17th April

The competition will pick up pace with the first young horse finals and the start of the team competitions. The future high-level riders will hone their skills here in the many classes specifically for them (CSIJ, CDIYH, CDIP, CDIY, CDICH, CDIU25) and are already starting to shape the future of dressage.

An unmissable event!

8 am - CDI3* Grand Prix Cheval TV - *Carrière des Princes*

8.30 am - CDIJ - Junior Team Competition - Prix de la Ville de Fontainebleau - *Petit Parquet*

9.45 am - CDIYH - 5-year-old horse Final - Prix Le Grand Parquet - *Puits du Cormier*

12.45 pm - CDIP - Pony Team Competition - Prix Horseware - *Petit Parquet*

4.30 pm - CDIYH - 6-year-old horse Final - Prix De Sutter Naturally - *Puits du Cormier*

5.15 pm - CDIY - Young Rider Team Competition - Prix Fontainebleau Tourisme - *Petit Parquet*



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Saturday 18th April

The event will move up a gear with the FEI Dressage Nations Cup taking centre stage. The Grand Prix marks the start of the first showdown at the highest level, on a very exciting day, where every performance counts towards the team standings.

A must-see competition for all dressage fans!

8.30 am - CDIU25 - Grand Prix Lambey - *Puits du Cormier*

11.15 am - **CDIO5*-NC FEI Nations Cup - Grand Prix FFE - *Carrière des Princes***

11.30 am - CPEDI3* / 2* Test B - Prix Fiducial - *Puits du Cormier*

3.45 pm - CDIYH* - 7-year-old horse Final - Prix Toubin & Clément - *Puits du Cormier*

5 pm - CDICH - Children's Team Competition - Prix Horseware - *Puits du Cormier*

5 pm - CDI3* - Grand Prix Freestyle CAPF - *Carrière des Princes*

Sunday 19th April

The final day will culminate in a grand finale with the freestyle classes, where artistic expression will enhance the sporting performances. The CDIO5* Freestyle Grand Prix will bring this world-class competition to a close in style.

An unmissable event!

9 am - **CDIO5*-NC Grand Prix Spécial presented by Saur - *Carrière des Princes***

9 am - CPEDI3* Freestyle Prix Fonds Éperon - *Puits du Cormier*

1.30 pm - **CDIO5* - NC Freestyle Grand Prix Région Île-de-France - *Carrière des Princes***

Equine Law Conference: aligning practices with the civil procedure reform

On Friday 17th April, Le Printemps des Sports Équestres will be hosting a conference on equine law, in partnership with the *Institut de Droit Équin* (French Equine Law Institute), focusing on the recent civil procedure reform and its implications for expert evidence.

Expert reports play a key role when a dispute involves technical issues. They are used to assess a horse's health, determine the origin of an injury, establish the prior existence of a condition, evaluate a veterinary procedure, or determine damages.

The French Civil Procedure reform, known as "MAGICOBUS II", specifies the link between amicable and judicial expert reports, and redefines how they should be used. The conference will offer a practical overview of these changes to help those involved in the sector, such as owners, breeders, riders, veterinary surgeons, etc., to align their practices with the new requirements.

Created in 1994, the Institut de Droit Équin (IDE) is an organisation dedicated to the study, dissemination and promotion of law relating to horses and their uses.



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WEEK 2 – EVEN HIGHER!
Show jumping - Precision and audacity

From 22nd April, the pace will pick up and show jumpers will take to the Grand Parquet for another week of classes, where many of the most prestigious competition labels will be on offer. From amateur level right up to the 5* Grand Prix, to international competitions for young horses and the FFE Master Pro French Championships, the classes will follow one another in the rings and take over the legendary Fontainebleau Main Arena with its grass footing.

Wednesday 22nd April

The competition will get underway! The rising stars of show jumping will take centre stage for the first time.

An unmissable event!

10.30 am – CSIYH1* – 7-year-old horses – Prix SHF 1.30m – *Main Arena*
2.45 pm – CSIYH1* - 8-year-old horses – Prix Horseware 1.35m – *Main Arena*
6.30 pm – FFE Master Pro for Young Riders 1.45m – Prix Lambey - *Carrière des Princes*

Thursday 23rd April

The world's best riders will be in the spotlight with the first CSI5* classes. They are returning to the demanding Main Arena and its grass footing, in a setting that has once again become a benchmark throughout the world.

An unmissable event!

9 am – CSI5* - Prix Communauté d'Agglomération du Pays de Fontainebleau 1.45m – *Main Arena*
12.45 pm – CSI5* - Prix CWD 1.50m – *Main Arena*

Friday 24th April

The FFE French Master Pro Elite Championships will get underway. Meanwhile, the CSI5* qualifier will allow the top combinations to distinguish themselves ahead of the GL events Grand Prix on Sunday 26th April.

An unmissable event!

10.30 am – FFE Master Pro Elite 1.50m – *Main Arena*
2.20 pm – CSI5* - Prix Normandie Drainage 1.55m (Q) – *Main Arena*
5.40 pm – CSI5* - Prix Cheval TV 1.50m – *Main Arena*



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Saturday 25th April

A variety of outcomes are possible on this fourth and penultimate day of competition, maintaining the suspense for all those competing. The French Master Pro Elite Championships will crown the best French rider, following on from Nina Mallevaey, who won the title in 2025. And on Saturday evening, the Fences Performers Auction will put the champions of tomorrow in the spotlight.

An unmissable event!

8 am – CSIYH1* – 8-year-old horse Final - Prix Stepheux Horsetrucks 1.40m – *Main Arena*

8.15 am – FFE Master Pro for Young Riders- Final - Lambey 1.50m – *Carrière des Princes*

12 noon – FFE Master Pro Elite Final 1.55m – *Main Arena*

5.15 pm – CSI 5* - Prix Saur 1.55m – *Main Arena*

9 pm - The Fences Performers Auction – *Le Village du Printemps*

Sunday 26th April

A final day of incredible sport. The Grands Prix follow one after another throughout the venue, from the FFE Amateur Gold Tour – Vicomte A., which doubles the points awarded to qualify for the final in Lyon, to the GL events Grand Prix (CSI5*), the leading class of the weekend.

An unmissable event!

8 am – CSIYH1* – 7-year-old horse Final - Prix FFE 1.35m – *Main Arena*

11.15 am – Grand Prix Amateur Gold Tour FFE – Vicomte A. 1.25m – *Carrière des Princes*

12.15 pm – CSI1* Grand Prix Laiterie de Montaigu 1.35m – *Main Arena*

3.30 pm – CSI5* GL events Grand Prix 1.60m – *Main Arena*

#Long Live Sport!

[The detailed programme for each week can be found online here.](#)

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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.

- It 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 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 will organise the CDI05*, Officiel de France for dressage, at the Grand Parquet in Fontainebleau, as part of Le Printemps des Sports Équestres.



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