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## A long-awaited return!

**From 3 to 6 February the best riders and drivers of the international circuit will be at the Parc des Expositions in Bordeaux. After a long break, the FEI Longines World Cup Jumping resumed on Sunday 17 October in Oslo with a Dutch victory by the young Kevin Jochems, followed by Swiss rider Martin Fuchs winner in Lyon and then a French double with Simon Delestre's victory in Verona and the one of Julien Epailard's in Madrid. With the launch of a complete season, the magic of the most prestigious circuit will once again enchant its spectators who are truly passionate about this sporting event that travels around the world.**

The Jumping International de Bordeaux is also a show with an exceptional line-up this year as the Cadre Noir will present two performances, the first as the opening event on Wednesday 2 February and the second on Thursday 3 February. There is also the unmissable Salon du Cheval and its professional meetings, in particular the Salon des Etalons de Sport de Bordeaux.

### The best of international showjumping!



The Jumping International de Bordeaux is always a decisive turning point in the season, usually the last or penultimate (as it is this year) leg before the final, and the seeded riders often come here to get the last points they need to reach the final. It is a little like the Hare and the Tortoise because often these great champions are somewhat... relaxed on the first qualifying rounds where they do not necessarily give their all whereas those who

still need a lot of points to enter the final, will give their everything. This exceptional challenge is well understood by the Bordeaux public and the largest horse show venue in France is always sold out.

This FEI Longines World Cup qualifying Grand Prix, taking place on prime time on Saturday evening, is not the only highlight of the Jumping International de Bordeaux. Another key class of the showjumping program is the Land Rover Grand Prix, a sort of rematch of the previous day's World Cup leg. In all, seventeen classes will be held on the arena of Hall 3, including both world elite and amateur.

## Great moments in other disciplines

This sport meeting offers other "events within the event" covering other equestrian disciplines.

Thus, Bordeaux has become a mecca for **driving**, hosting the very spectacular FEI World Cup, two thrilling sessions where the incredible speed of the four-horse carriages slaloming between the technical difficulties set by the course designer enliven the spectators.



The **Devoucoux Indoor Derby** offers yet another exhilarating atmosphere. This indoor cross-country class which takes place on both the main and the warm-up arenas with a course of about one thousand meters brings about the noisy enthusiasm of the spectators. A sports show with almost only Olympic champions as its winners, well, actually two of them: French Karim Laghouag, winner on four occasions and German Michael Jung, the best eventing rider of all time who, in Bordeaux, takes the opportunity to also participate in the 5\* showjumping classes, a discipline in which he also excels!

## A reunion celebrated with the Cadre Noir

There will be another Olympic eventing champion on the Jumping de Bordeaux arena as of Wednesday evening: Lieutenant-Colonel Thibaut Vallette, who was part of the French gold medal team at the 2016 Rio Olympics, was appointed last August as Ecuyer en Chef (chief equerry) of the prestigious Cadre Noir de Saumur. Quite an equestrian career! The new "Grand Dieu" - as the man in this position is usually called - will therefore lead the show entitled "Au cœur du Grand Manège" in Bordeaux, which evokes in fifteen scenes the history of this renowned equestrian institution which spreads its influence beyond France. See you on Wednesday 2 and Thursday 3 February at 8.30pm.



## See you at the Salon du Cheval in Bordeaux

The Salon du Cheval de Bordeaux has become one of the most important annual events for horse lovers. With nearly 250 exhibitors, experts in equipment, transport, care, feed, infrastructure, leisure activities... with a rich program of more than fifty hours of entertainment for young and old, and bistronomic stops - an important aspect in Bordeaux, the Salon du Cheval is the ideal destination for horse gear, information and entertainment!



A perfect combination in a particularly friendly and relaxed atmosphere that revolves around the relaxation areas where you can watch the world's best riders prepare their horses for the classes: a unique riding lesson accessible to all.

The **Salon des Étalons de Sport** de Bordeaux is the first "breeding meeting" of the season. Each year, the greatest private stud farms in France and even Belgium come to present the world's top sport horse studs to breeders in the South-West.



The **Forum Santé Equine** (equine health forum) is also a highly anticipated event for professionals in the equestrian sector and all riders. At this crossroads of ideas, the speakers offer experts and even a wider target group of horse people, conferences on themes like for example well-being and performance. There will be five conferences per day, which can sometimes be illustrated by a complementary activity in the Silvana arena.

Attracting the big horse family, in the broadest sense of the word, offering high-level sport, products, entertainment and an exclusive equestrian show to as many people as possible: this is the trademark of Jumping International de Bordeaux...

## USEFUL INFORMATION

Bookings: [www.jumping-bordeaux.com](http://www.jumping-bordeaux.com)

- Sport competitions
- Le Cadre Noir Show: Wednesday 2 and Thursday 3 February at 20h30
- Le Salon du Cheval de Bordeaux

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