



# JUMPING INTERNATIONAL OFFICIEL DE FRANCE 2006

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## CSIO\*\*\*\*\* SAMSUNG SUPER LEAGUE FEI

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### NEWS BULLETIN

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#### ● Programme

Eleven jumping classes will be take place over the four days of the Jumping International Officiel de France, CSIO\*\*\*\*\* Samsung Super League FEI.

Note that the competition will finish on Sunday evening at the occasion of the individual Grand Prix, and will therefore leave the visitors free to travel back home, without having to worry about potential traffic caused by the weekend (Monday 8th of May being a bank holiday in France).

The Jumping International Officiel de France still has its traditional structure: basically from Thursday to Sunday, with three major classes which will be distributed after the warm-up courses on Thursday.

- Friday : the Samsung Super League FEI of France (Nations Cup)
- Saturday : Derby de la region des Pays de la Loire.
- Sunday : Grand Prix Longines de la Ville de La Baule.

#### ● Frédéric Cottier on his own

The French, Frédéric Cottier will be the single course builder who will design the courses of the eleven classes for the 2006 Official Jumping of France. After having been with Flambeau, one of the mainstays of the French team during the 80-90's, this designer reaching the top of the tree in his profession. Last year, he was the course builder of the Dublin (IRL) CSIO\*\*\*\*\* Super League. This year, at the occasion of the World Championships in Aix-la-Chapelle, he will entitle the role of Technical Delegate by approving the courses in collaboration with the legal German course builder, Frank Rothenberger. This is a real performance for a "French" and for an ex top level rider, especially within a domain where changing its occupation in this way is not common practise.

In the meantime, he will design courses all around the world: Arrezzo in Italy, Monterrey in Mexico, and at the end of July: the first European Championships dedicated to children at Istanbul in Turkey.

#### ● France 3

Faithful over three years, the Sport Department of France Télévisions will broadcast the whole 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the Grand Prix Longines de la Ville de La Baule on the Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> of May between 4 and 4.45 pm. This means a live TV programme of 45 minutes.

#### ● On the partner side

They will also be present in 2006 : Samsung, Longines, PMU, Pommery, SAUR and GPA to look after the riders comfort and well-being by offering them a relaxing room.

#### ● Press location

The Lucien Barrière group extends its partnership with the Jumping International Officiel de France and becomes for the first time the hotelier who will welcome the press at preferential rates. This establishment called the Hôtel International du Golf is located on the boundary of the La Brière regional park. It will be a country mission for journalists who will get the advantage of subjecting preferential rates to relax in a haven of silence, around 10 km (6,5 miles) from sea. A frequent shuttle service between the hotel and the François André stadium will run all day. For more information about the hotel, please visit the website: [www.lucienbarriere.com](http://www.lucienbarriere.com).

For the reservations, please contact Uni-d-fox agency which is in charge of the press service in La Baule, to get the specific reservation form.



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## SAMSUNG SUPER LEAGUE FEI - 2006 CALENDAR

- 4-7 May 2006 : La Baule (FRA)
- 17-21 May : Aachen (GER)
- 25-28 May : Rome (ITA)
- 1<sup>er</sup>-4 June : Lucerne (SWI)
- 22-25 June : Rotterdam (NED)
- 26-30 July : Hickstead (GBR)
- 9-13 August : Dublin (IRL)
- (Worldchampionships, Aachen (GER). Showjumping, from 29 August to 3 September)
- 14-17 September : Barcelona (SP)

## TEAMS QUALIFIED FOR THE 2006 SAMSUNG SUPER LEAGUE FEI

### Goodbye Belgium, Hello Sweden

France, Germany, Great Britain, Ireland, Netherlands, Sweden, Switzerland, United States

The new team is Sweden, winners of Division 2 in 2005, who have taken the place of Belgium who have been relegated to D2.

## \* LEXICON

- CSIO\*\*\*\*\*SL: Official International Showjumping Competition Super League. Only La Baule carries this label in France.
- The 'O' label is for 'Official': It authorizes the organization of the two classes of Olympic format with classifications by team and individual. Each country can organize one official competition per annum and by discipline.
- Stars: The hierarchy of international competitions (outside of the OG, and World or European Championships) is established according to a star system, from 1 to 5 for showjumping.
- SL for Super League: The elite world jumping circuit created in 2003 runs in the form of a challenge in eight stages during the outdoor season (May at September) with team classes called Nations' Cups. It includes the best eight nations qualified according to their previous year's results. At the end of each season, the team that finishes last in the Samsung Super League FEI is relegated to the lower division, called the Samsung Nations' Cup Series. The team that finishes at the head of the lower series, is promoted to the Samsung Super League FEI.