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## Family party



From June 11 to 14, 2026, the Stade François-André will host the Jumping International de La Baule – Officiel de France. Loyal supported by its partners, acclaimed by the world's top riders, and enjoying tremendous public success, the Officiel de France, while honoring its long history and always looking toward the future holds a place in the heritage of sport. Just two months before the World Championships qualifying for the 2028 Olympic Games, the 2026 edition will take on even greater significance.

**“See you in La Baule?” The answer is obvious. “Of course!”** Among equestrian sports enthusiasts, the question is merely rhetorical. Because the Jumping International de La Baule – Officiel de France is simply unmissable. It's a benchmark. A promise as well the promise of enjoying a unique atmosphere and witnessing the sporting performances of the world's greatest riders and horses.

Since 1960 and the beginning of a new era for the event, the greatest champions have written some of the most beautiful pages in equestrian sports history on the grounds of the Stade François-André. Just a few meters from the beach and the Atlantic sea spray, remarkable achievements have followed one another. With the same thrills in stands that grow fuller every year, with the same passion

and loyalty from spectators, as well as from riders, partners, and exhibitors. No matter the rider's nationality, the whole world is welcome in La Baule because the Jumping International de La Baule is, above all, a spirit.

### Pierre de Brissac, President of the Jumping International de La Baule

“Each year, the sense of happiness and pride remains the same. Happiness and pride in welcoming to the Stade François-André those who, for so many years, have offered us the finest and most intense equestrian sport. This June, the Jumping International de La Baule, with its magnificent grass arena, will give many nations the opportunity to look ahead to the World Championships in Aachen, the first step on the road to the Olympic Games in Los Angeles. A challenge we are fully committed to taking on.

Over the years, together with the entire permanent team Fleur Leroyer, Célia Langlais, and Quentin Dabir, who do an outstanding job we have always been committed to honoring our more than 60-year history, deeply rooted in the heritage of equestrian sports. Without ever forgetting to question ourselves, we strive to move forward in line with the evolution and modernity of our sport. “Change in continuity” is our guiding philosophy.



Our constant priority is to provide the best possible conditions for those who make the Jumping International de La Baule what it is: the riders, grooms, judges, volunteers, and of course, the horses. Significant investments have been made in recent years to ensure animal welfare, something that goes without saying.

**Our audience, known for its great sportsmanship and boundless enthusiasm, is another source of pride for us.** Heartfelt thanks to all the spectators who continue to turn out in such large numbers. This success would not be possible without the support of our partners. The City of La Baule and the French Equestrian Federation are key supporters of our projects; in particular, they help maintain free access for spectators to come and cheer on the world's best riders, ensuring that our Official of France remains a truly popular event.

In 2022, the arrival of Rolex, combined with the unwavering support of our partners (Saur, Demeures de Campagne, Laiterie de Montaigu, among many other loyal supporters), enabled us to further enhance the quality of the sport, our image, and our communication, while strengthening the position of our Official of France on the international stage.

As title sponsor of the Nations Cup, the Barrière Group will celebrate this year the 100th anniversary of the Hermitage, an important symbol for us, reflecting the shared history between the venue and the event. For this new edition, Taittinger champagne will add even more sparkle to the celebration. Welcome to the family.

**The Jumping International de La Baule family, eager and proud to once again welcome all the passion of the equestrian world."**



# SCHEDULE

2026

## THURSDAY 11, June

TIMINGS	LEVEL	CLASS	HIGHT / BAREME	PRIZE
08H30	CSIO5*	PRO-CONFORT	1M45 / DEUX PHASES TEMPS DIFFERÉ	10 000 €
10H45	CSIO5*	BOSS EQUESTRIAN	1M45 / DEUX PHASES TEMPS DIFFERÉ	28 200 €
13H50	CSIO5*	F.F.E. GENERALI	1M50 / BARÈME A AU CHRONO SANS BARRAGE	35 000 €
16H45	CSII*	CAPATLANTIQUE LA BAULE - GUERANDE AGGLO	1M10 / DEUX PHASES TEMPS DIFFERÉ	1 000 €
18H30	CSII*	OUEST FRANCE	1M20 / DEUX PHASES TEMPS DIFFERÉ	2 000 €

## FRIDAY 12, June

TIMINGS	LEVEL	CLASS	HIGHT / BAREME	PRIZE
08H15	CSII*	MARKEL ASSURANCE EQUINE	1M15 / BARÈME A AU CHRONO SANS BARRAGE	2 000 €
10H10	CSIO5*	HUS REPRODUCTION	1M45 / BARÈME A AU CHRONO SANS BARRAGE	28 200 €
13H30	CSIO5*	COUPE DES NATIONS BARRIÈRE	1M60 / BARÈME A AU CHRONO EN DEUX MANCHES	250 000 €
17H50	CSII*	DATANAUTE	1M25 / BARÈME A AU CHRONO SANS BARRAGE	2 500 €

## SATURDAY 13, June

TIMINGS	LEVEL	CLASS	HIGHT / BAREME	PRIZE
09H30	CSII*	LA BAULE EVENEMENTS - PALAIS DES CONGRÈS ATLANTIA	1M30 / DEUX PHASES TEMPS DIFFERÉ	3 500 €
11H30	CSIO5*	SAUR	1M50 / BARÈME A AU CHRONO AVEC BARRAGE AU CHRONO	110 000 €
15H00	CSII*	DERBY LAITERIE DE MONTAIGU	1M20 / BARÈME A AU CHRONO SANS BARRAGE	6 000 €
17H15	CSIO5*	DERBY DE LA BAULE - DEMEURES DE CAMPAGNE	1M50 / BARÈME A AU CHRONO SANS BARRAGE	56 800 €
19H15		MASTERCLASS avec ANDY BOOTH		

## SUNDAY 14, June

TIMINGS	LEVEL	CLASS	HIGHT / BAREME	PRIZE
08H00	CSII*	TOMATE JOUNO	1M15 / BARÈME A AU CHRONO AVEC BARRAGE AU CHRONO	3 500 €
10H20	CSII*	EMMA PÂTISSERIE	1M25 / BARÈME A AU CHRONO AVEC BARRAGE AU CHRONO	5 000 €
12H30	CSII*	RANGE ROVER	1M35 / BARÈME A AU CHRONO AVEC BARRAGE AU CHRONO	11 000 €
13H30	CSII*	REMISE DES PRIX - CHALLENGE HFI	MEILLEUR(E) CAVALIER(E) DU CSI 1*	2 500 €
14H30	CSIO5*	ROLEX GRAND PRIX VILLE DE LA BAULE	1M60 / BARÈME A AU CHRONO AVEC BARRAGE AU CHRONO	500 000 €

# Words of champions

Four days of competition, four days of top-level sport, four days of excellence. The Jumping International de La Baule – Officiel de France offers world-class events every day. Some of the great names in the history of the competition, as well as today's stars, reflect on its key highlights.

## Friday June 12

### Barrière Nations Cup - 1 : 30 PM

[Prize : € 250.000]

Nick Skelton (GBR, individual Olympic champion 2016 and team champion 2012, winner of the La Baule Grand Prix in 2012 with Carlo 273):

"Competing in La Baule has always been a great pleasure. I came here for many years. **The event is one of the finest traditional competitions on the circuit.** The Nations Cup is always a special moment, of course. Representing your country, wearing your national team jacket, is an honor. It is actually one of my best memories in La Baule with Big Star. **In May 2016, he was coming back from injury and delivered a perfect double clear round. It set us on the right path to Rio, where we went on to win the Olympic title.**"

Gilles Thomas (BEL, 2025 European team champion, member of the world Top 10):

"I came here for the first time last year, but I had been following the event for a long time. **A lot of people had told me about it. It is obviously one of the finest shows of the summer, with the Nations Cup and the Rolex Grand Prix.** The World Championships in Aachen are the main goal of the season, and with that in mind, the La Baule Nations Cup will be very important, especially with the same grass conditions. It will be one of the last shows before giving my horses a bit of rest, so it will be excellent preparation. **It is always an honor to ride for the Belgian team. The Nations Cup is actually my favorite class.** Belgium is a strong team, and being part of it means that victory is possible. We came close last year (2nd)."



**Saturday, June 13**

**La Baule Derby – Demeures de Campagne – 5 : 15 PM**

(Prize : € 56.800)

**Patrice Delaveau** (FRA, individual World silver medalist 2014 and team silver medalist in 2010 and 2014, winner of the La Baule Derby in 1993 with Orient de Frebourg, in 2013 and 2016 with Ornella Mail HDC, and in 2019 with Vestale de Mazure HDC; Grand Prix winner in 1990, 2013 and 2018):

**“The Jumping of La Baule is the Roland Garros of French riders. When you’re young, taking part in it is a dream.** The CSIO is often a stepping stone toward selection for a major championship, which makes it even more important. The Derby is a very special class. It used to be just as important as the Grand Prix. It has had to adapt with the evolution of the sport, but at one time there were up to 30 starters and riders even went outside the arena. The public loves it. It’s a class that is ridden differently, a bit like a cross-country course in eventing. You also have to prepare your horse for a longer effort.”



**Richard Vogel** (GER, individual European champion and team bronze medalist in 2025, winner of the Rolex Grand Prix of the Dutch Masters 2026 and the Rolex Grand Prix of Aachen 2023, member of the world Top 5):

**“I rode the La Baule Derby – Demeures de Campagne for the first time last year. It was truly a great experience.** I really enjoy this type of class. Courses often look similar, but in a derby there are many different obstacles, a lot of variety. There are not

many left nowadays, so it’s fantastic that La Baule can maintain such a traditional event. You need a very brave horse, one that isn’t afraid of water and doesn’t hesitate in front of these different obstacles. The distances can sometimes be tricky, for example when going downhill off a bank. But when you have the right horse, it’s really a lot of fun. More generally, the Jumping of La Baule is a fantastic show with ideal conditions for the horses. The grass arena in the stadium is perfect and we have a beautiful warm-up area. **The horses really feel good when they are in La Baule. There is also all the charm of the town and the pleasure, in the morning, of being able to ride our horses on the beach.”**





## Prix Saur – 11 : 30 AM

(Prize : € 110.000)

**Jessica Kuerten** (IRL, European team champion 2001, World Cup Final runner-up 2006):

“It is always wonderful to return to La Baule. It will be even more special for me this year as Chef d'Équipe of the Irish team especially with the World Championships in Aachen on the horizon, which should raise the level of competition even further. All classes are important, including this one, as its prize money offers valuable points for the world rankings. In consultation with the riders, we make strategic decisions. **As for my best memory in La Baule I hope to create it this summer.**”

**Jeanne Sadran** (FRA, member of the French team at the latest European Championships):

“The Jumping of La Baule has a special flavor. It's our CSIO of France, and the French crowd is always incredible I look forward to going every year. **The program is very appealing, with the 'major' classes as well as all the others, including the qualifiers.**

So I try to bring two good horses. Things change a bit if you compete in the Nations Cup, but it's our major event of the year. I try to field my best horses in the Nations Cup and the Grand Prix, but we always aim to place in as many classes as possible. **La Baule was my first CSIO5\* I was only 18. I took part together with Nina (Mallevaey). We were stable teammates, and it was simply incredible. Four years later, we competed together in the Nations Cup! We have wonderful memories of it.**”



**Sunday, June 14**

**Rolex Grand Prix Ville de La Baule – 2 : 30 PM**

(Prize : € 500.000)

**Michel Robert** (FRA, World team champion 1982, individual and team World silver medalist 1994, Olympic team bronze medalist 1988 and 1992, winner of the La Baule Grand Prix in 1981 with Gazelle d'Elle, 1983 with Grand Cœur A, 1989 with Vendamour II and 1996 with Vondéen, Derby winner in 1991 and 2007) :

**“La Baule is one of the greatest competitions on the calendar, with its grass arena, its location, its crowd, and its history. I was first placed here in 1972! Winning the Grand Prix four times is a great source of pride. It's a major challenge, especially with the Nations Cup on Friday, which is the other big class. You need your best horse to perform right from the start of the show and then keep that form through to Sunday. You never get used to winning such a Grand Prix, because each time it's a new story you write with a new horse. For example, my last victory with Vondéen was almost impossible to imagine.”**



**Nina Mallevaey** (FRA, world No.1 rider, member of the French team at the latest European Championships):

**“The Jumping of La Baule is truly an iconic competition. For a French rider, it is inevitably a special event. There is a very unique atmosphere, with a knowledgeable and passionate crowd. You can feel a real enthusiasm, and it always makes you want to perform at your best. The public is very close to the riders and horses, and there is always incredible energy. I was lucky to compete in the Nations Cup last year, and being French in La Baule during that class is something unforgettable. The Grand Prix is a class that makes every rider dream. When you look at the list of great champions who have won it, you understand how prestigious it is. It's a dream to have your name on that list. You approach the Grand Prix with the desire to push beyond your limits. When you enter the arena, you truly feel the support of the crowd. These are very powerful moments.”**



**Barrière Nations Cup – Friday, June 12**

**1:30 p.m.**

**(Prize money: €250,000)**

Ten teams at the start. In line with horse welfare, each nation is represented by four horse-and-rider combinations (with the three best scores counting).

Last French victory: 2017.

**2025 winner :**

**Ireland** (Bertram Allen with Qonquest de Rigo; Seamus Hughes Kennedy with ESI Rocky; Tom Wachman with Tabasco de Toxandria Z; Cian O'Connor with Bentley de Sury; Chef d'Équipe: Michael Blake).

**Prix Saur – Saturday, June 13**

**11:00 a.m. (Prize money: €110,000)**

The second most important individual class in terms of prize money. A major source of points for the world rankings, the Prix Saur also offers the opportunity to qualify for the Rolex Grand Prix Ville de La Baule.

**2025 winner :**

**Shane Sweetnam (IRL), with Gilona AO**

**Derby de la Baule – Demeures de Campagne – Saturday, June 13**

**5:00 p.m. (Dotation : 56 800 €)**

A traditional course featuring natural obstacles (water crossings, banks, drops, mounds) and lasting over 2 minutes 10 seconds.

Last French victory: Patrice Delaveau, with Vestale de Mazure HDC, in 2019

**2025 winner :**

**Steve Guerdat (SUI), with Easy Star de Talma**

**Rolex Grand Prix Ville de La Baule - Sunday, June 14**

**2:30 p.m. (Prize money: €500,000)**

The Rolex Grand Prix Ville de La Baule, part of the Rolex Series, is the grand finale of the event, featuring 50 riders at the start. A first round determines the clear rounds, which then qualify for the jump-off.

Last French victory: Nicolas Delmotte, with Urvoso du Roch, in 2021.

**2025 winner :**

**Daniel Deusser (GER), with Otello de Guldenboom.**

**CSI 1\***

**Lola Courbet, CSI 1\* rider for the past ten years:**

“For amateur riders, it’s incredibly impressive. Every time, we feel like we’re taking part in our own Olympic Games. In the warm-up arena and in the stables, we come across the greatest champions. **It’s like being in Disneyland with our eyes wide open.** It’s also special for our horses, because with the large crowds, the grass arena, and the whole setting, the environment is unusual. **You never get used to moments like these.**”

From Thursday, June 14, CSI 1\* participants will compete on the same arena as the world’s top riders. On Saturday, June 16 (2:45 p.m.), the CSI 1\* Derby, sponsored by Laiterie de Montaigu, will offer the same thrills as the champions’ event.

The highlight of the CSI 1\* is scheduled for Sunday at 12:30 p.m. with the CSI 1\* Range Rover Grand Prix (prize money: €11,000).

The total prize money for the CSI 1\* amounts to €39,000.





# 450 000

## SPECTATEURS

### CÔTÉ CONCOURS



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DE PAILLE ET DE FOIN

16 000 MÈTRES CARRÉS  
DE PISTE EN HERBE

+ DE 300 000 SPECTATEURS  
PRÉSENTS SUR LE LIVE  
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### CÔTÉ PALMARÈS

6 RECORDS DE VICTOIRES DANS LE DERBY  
DU « SORCIER » BRÉSILIEN NELSON PESSOA

10 SUCCÈS DE L'ÉQUIPE DE FRANCE DANS LA  
COUPE DES NATIONS

13 CHAMPIONS OLYMPIQUES INDIVIDUELS  
OU CHAMPIONS DU MONDE INDIVIDUELS À  
AVOIR REMPORTÉ LE GRAND PRIX OU LE  
DERBY.

24 VICTOIRES FRANÇAISES DANS LE GRAND  
PRIX DU DIMANCHE

10 VICTOIRES FÉMININES  
DANS LE GRAND PRIX

4 FEMMES VICTORIEUSES  
DANS LE DERBY

### CÔTÉ

#### ORGANISATION

2 TONNES DE FRUITS  
ET LÉGUMES

65 EXPOSANTS

100 PRÉCIEUX BÉNÉVOLES

130 JOURNALISTES ACCRÉDITÉS

250 PERSONNES EMPLOYÉES

845 NUITÉES  
RÉSERVÉES PAR LE COMITÉ  
D'ORGANISATION

# 120 CAVALIERS

## VENUS DU MONDE ENTIER

dont plusieurs champions du monde et olympiques

Whether CSI 5\* or CSI 1\* riders, volunteers, or service providers, everyone returns each year to the Jumping International de La Baule with the same sense of anticipation.

## Kevin Staut – Olympic team champion

“La Baule is one of the most beautiful competitions of the year, with that strong CSIO identity and two major highlights: the Nations Cup and the Rolex Grand Prix Ville de La Baule.

The event has managed to preserve its identity, with the Derby on Saturday and a major qualifying class for the Grand Prix as early as Thursday. It is essential to maintain historic competitions like this one so that we can practice our sport on a different level. I remember my first La Baule in 2007. I was both a competitor and a spectator, because even though I had seen the event on TV, I had never been there in person.

The team selector, Gilles de Balanda, gave me an individual spot at La Baule. I was initially a reserve rider, and after Thursday’s class, I made it onto the team. First La Baule and straight into the Nations Cup. It was incredible.”



## Matthieu Volz – Director

“My best memory at the Jumping International de La Baule remains my first time directing the event in 2021, which marked its return after a year’s interruption due to Covid.

With the enthusiasm of a crowd delighted to be back at the Stade François-André, Nicolas Delmotte’s victory in the Grand Prix Ville de La Baule was a standout moment.

I also vividly remember Daniel Deusser’s victory last year in the Rolex Grand Prix Ville de La Baule. His fluid style and great humility made it a beautiful sporting moment that we were fortunate to capture on film.”



## Marguerite Griffin – Accreditation Manager

“I have been in charge of accreditations at the Jumping International de La Baule for over 10 years. It’s a wonderful opportunity to meet remarkable people at the highest level. As a passionate rider, I would never have imagined this when I was a little girl, following show jumping events through specialized magazines or on television. Welcoming such personalities and athletes is a real pleasure for the entire accreditation team. This week is firmly marked in the calendar from one year to the next!”



## Lola Courbet – CSI 1\* Rider

“I’ve had the privilege of taking part in the Jumping of La Baule for nearly ten years. **Each time, I feel like I’m competing in my own Olympic Games.** For an amateur rider like me, it’s incredibly impressive and every year, it’s the same feeling. You never get used to it. In the warm-up arena and in the stables, you come across the greatest champions. **It’s like being in Disneyland with your eyes wide open!** It’s also special for our horses, because with the crowds, the grass arena, and the whole setting, the environment is unusual. Mine, Bonzail, loves it and is always very happy to come back. If I had to keep one memory, it would be my first clear round. **With his first placing in the legendary La Baule arena, it’s a moment you can never forget.”**



## Anthony Boughaba – Technical Coordinator

“I joined the organizing team of the Jumping in 2016. Each edition brings great sporting moments, an incredible atmosphere, and an exceptional setting. **But my greatest memories are the people I’ve met. That’s what makes me come back every year with the same enthusiasm.** Whether it’s with the volunteers, riders, course crew, officials, city staff, or of course the permanent organizing team everyone shares this same enthusiasm and the joy of experiencing an intense and emotional week together. As a coordinator, I’m a bit at the crossroads of every part of the organization. **So feeling this team spirit almost like a family is truly rewarding.”**





## GRAND PRIX

2025 : Daniel Deusser (GER), Otello de Guldenboom  
 2024 : Kent Farrington (USA), Greya  
 2023 : Nicola Philippaerts (BEL), Katanga V/H Dingshof  
 2022 : Beth Underhill (CAN), Dieu Merci Van T & L  
**2021 : Nicolas Delmotte (FRA), Urvoso du Roch**  
 2019 : Simone Blum (GER), DSP Alice  
 2018 : Patrice Delaveau (FRA), Aquila\*HDC  
 2017 : Pedro Junqueira Muylaert (BRA), MFS Prince Royal Z  
 2016 : Jérôme Guery (BEL), Grand Cru van de Rozenberg  
 2015 : Bertram Allen (IRL), Romanov  
 2014 : Eric Lamaze (CAN), Powerplay  
 2013 : Patrice Delaveau (FRA), Orient Express \*HDC  
 2012 : Nick Skelton (GBR), Carlo273  
 2011 : Eric Lamaze (CAN), Hickstead  
 2010 : McLain Ward (USA), Sapphire



## NATIONS CUP

**2025 : Irlande**  
 2024 : Allemagne  
 2023 : Brésil  
 2022 : Belgique  
 2021 : Suisse  
 2019 : Suisse  
 2018 : Brésil  
 2017 : France  
 2016 : Pays-Bas  
 2015 : Grande Bretagne  
 2014 : France  
 2013 : Pays-Bas  
 2012 : Belgique  
 2011 : Irlande  
 2010 : France



## DERBY DE LA BAULE

2025 : Steve Guerdat (SUI), Easy Star de Talma  
 2024 : Shane SWEETNAM (IRL), Irlandole du Flot  
 2023 : Shane Breen (IRL), Scarteen  
 2022 : Denis Lynch (IRL), Rubens LS La Silla  
 2021 : Holly Smith (GBR), Fruselli  
**2019 : Patrice Delaveau (FRA), Vestale de Mazure\*HDC**  
 2018 : René Lopez (COL), Destiny's Child  
 2017 : Maikel van der Vleuten (NED), Vdl Groep Quatro  
 2016 : Patrice Delaveau (FRA), Ornella Mail HDC  
 2015 : Bertram Allen (IRL), Wild Thing L  
 2014 : Michel Hécart (FRA), Nokia de Brekka  
 2013 : Patrice Delaveau (FRA), Ornella Mail \*HDC  
 2012 : Denis Lynch (IRL), Night Train  
 2011 : William Funnell (GBR), Kannelle de la Baie  
 2010 : Richard Spooner (USA), Pako

# CSIO 5\* - Les engagés

**A** Preview of the World Championships The Jumping International de La Baule – Official de France (June 11–14) will welcome an exceptional field, including 9 of the world’s top 12 riders. Most of the world’s best riders and horses will be present for a competition that is crucial just two months before the World Championships.



The event has become a premium fixture in the riders’ season. With the Aix-la-Chapelle World Championships (August 19–23 for show jumping) only two months away—and with the first Olympic qualification quotas for the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games at stake for the leading nations—the Jumping International de La Baule – Official de France is considered by riders and team managers alike to be a key milestone.

Held on grass, just like Aix-la-Chapelle, the major competitions over the four days will provide valuable preparation and benchmarks. “The Jumping International de La Baule has always been a very important event,” French team selector Édouard Coupérie has emphasized in recent months. “It will be even more important this year with the World Championships on the horizon. We can enter a large number of horse-and-rider combinations and carry out a comprehensive review of our squad. There will still be two months to go before the Championships. Of course, many things can happen with horses in that time, but I should have a very good idea of my French team after La Baule.” This view is shared by all the team managers coming to La Baule this year with highly competitive squads.

## Teams Entered in the Barrière Nations Cup

### GERMANY

**7 victories in the La Baule Nations Cup: 1974, 1977, 1998, 2004, 2006, 2007 and 2024.**

Defending champions from 2024, Otto Becker’s German team returns to La Baule with a world-class squad led by **Richard Vogel (World No. 2) (\*)**, recent winner of the last two Rolex Grand Slam Grand Prix events in Aix-la-Chapelle and at the Dutch Masters (also winner in Geneva in 2023), and reigning European Champion. He will be joined by **Daniel Deusser (World No. 20)**, winner of the latest Rolex Grand Prix of La Baule, **Andre Thieme**, 2023 European Champion, **Sophie Hinners (World No. 21)** (runner-up in Aachen), and **Pia REICH**.

### SAUDI ARABIA

**Abdullah Alsharbatly**, 2010 World Championship silver medalist and team bronze medalist at the 2012 Olympic Games, **Ramzy Al Duhami**, who was also part of the team in London, **Abdulrahman Alrajhi**, and **Khaled Almoby**.

### BELGIUM

**4 victories in the La Baule Nations Cup: 1999, 2008, 2012 and 2022.**

At only 28 years old, World Top-5 rider and individual bronze medalist at the latest European Championships, **Gilles Thomas** will lead the Belgian team, reigning European Champions, who won the Nations Cup in La Baule in 2022 and finished second in 2023 and 2025 (third in 2024). **Nicola Philippaerts (World No. 15)**, winner of the Rolex Grand Prix of La Baule in 2023, will also be present, along with **Grégory Wathelet (World No. 28)**, third in the 2024 Rolex Grand Prix of La Baule, **Pieter Devos (World No. 34)**, and **Emilie Conter**.

### UNITED STATES

**1 victory in the La Baule Nations Cup: 2005.**

**McLain Ward (World No. 10)**, winner of the La Baule Grand Prix in 2010, and **Laura Kraut (World No. 11)**, who was part of the only American team to win the Nations Cup here, will bring all their experience. Both were team Olympic silver medalists at Paris 2024 and have won multiple Olympic and World Championship medals. **Lillie Keenan**, **Nathalie Dean**, and **Jessica Springsteen** (team Olympic silver medalist in 2021) will also compete.

### FRANCE

**10 victories in the La Baule Nations Cup: 1987, 1993, 1995, 1996, 1997, 2001, 2003, 2010, 2014 and 2017.**

Team bronze medalists at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games in the grounds of the Palace of Versailles, **Julien Épaillard (World No. 11)**, winner of the 2025 World Cup Final, **Kevin Staut** (2016 Olympic team champion, 2009 Individual European Champion),

and **Olivier Perreau** will wear the French team jacket. Team manager Édouard Couperie will also rely on the world's highest-ranked female rider, **Nina Mallevaey, World No. 7** at just 26 years old, and **Antoine Ermann, World No. 2 in the Under-25 rankings**. Runners-up in the 2024 Barrière Nations Cup, the French team will be eager to return to the top step of the podium for the first time since 2017.

## GREAT BRITAIN

**1 victory in the La Baule Nations Cup: 2015.**

The British team will field **Scott Brash, World No. 3**, double Olympic team champion (2012 and 2024), reigning European silver medalist, and winner of numerous five-star Grand Prix events in recent months. Alongside him, Di Lampard has selected **Jessica Mendoza, Harry Charles** (team Olympic gold medalist in 2024), and **Joseph Stockdale**.

## IRELAND

**3 victories in the La Baule Nations Cup: 1994, 2011 and 2025.**

Defending champions of the Barrière Nations Cup, Ireland returns aiming for back-to-back victories, including three members of the winning 2025 team: **Cian O'Connor (World No. 23)**, **Bertram Allen**, and **Tom Wachman**. **Shane Sweetnam, World No. 6** and Ireland's highest-ranked rider, winner of the Derby in 2024 and the Prix Saur in 2025, will also compete alongside **Darragh Kenny**.

## ITALY

Italy's highest-ranked rider, **Piergiorgio Bucci (World No. 22)**, winner of last weekend's Rolex Grand Prix of Rome, will lead the Italian squad, which also includes **Riccardo Pisani**, **Giampiero Garofalo**, **Paolo Paini**, and **Fabio Brotto**.

## SWEDEN

Seeking their first-ever victory in La Baule, reigning

World Champions Sweden will count on **Henrik von Eckermann**, World No. 1 for 33 consecutive months after winning Olympic team gold (2021), World Championship team gold (2022), European team gold (2023), and the 2023 and 2024 World Cup Finals. **Petronella Andersson**, **Thomas Ryan**, **Amanda Landeblad**, and **Angelie Von Essen** have also been selected.

## SWITZERLAND

**3 victories in the La Baule Nations Cup: 2009, 2019 and 2021.**

Olympic Champion in 2012, three-time World Cup winner, winner of numerous Rolex Grand Slam and Rolex Series events, **Steve Guerdat (World No. 10)**, who won the Derby Demeures de Campagne last year, will return to La Baule. Alongside him in a Swiss team that achieved back-to-back victories in 2019 and 2021 (there was no edition in 2020), are **Martin Fuchs (No.27)**, 2019 Individual European Champion, **Barbara Schnieper**, **Gaëtan Joliat**, and **Adrian Schmid**.

## 18 french Riders in the starting list

Several riders competing as individuals will also be among the leading contenders. In addition to the riders selected for the Barrière Nations Cup team, France will present a strong contingent including: **Mathieu Billot**, **Roger-Yves Bost** (2016 Olympic team champion, 1990 World team champion, 2013 Individual European Champion), **François-Xavier Boudant**, **Marie Demonte**, **Marc Dilasser**, **Cédric Hurel**, **Nicolas Layec** (runner-up in last year's Derby Demeures de Campagne), **Robin Le Squeren**, **Charlotte Léoni**, **Mégane Moissonnier**, **Margaux Rocuet**, **Nicolas Sers**, et **Lara Tryba**.

Among the international riders, **René Lopez** of Colombia, runner-up in last year's Rolex Grand Prix of La Baule, will return. Brazilian stars **Rodrigo Pessoa**, 2004 Olympic Champion, 1998 World Champion, three-time World Cup winner, and winner of the La Baule Derby in 1999, as well as **Pedro Muylaert Junqueira**, who triumphed at Stade François André in 2017 with MFS Prince Royal Z, will also compete. Also worth following are Canada's n°1 **Erynn Ballard** (n°25), Mexico's **Federico Fernandez** and **Patricio Pasquel**, Canada's **Kyle Timm**, Spain's top-ranked rider **Armando Trapote**, Egypt's No. 1 **Nayel Nassar**, **Luke Dee** from New Zealand and South Africa's **Oliver Lazarus**.

(\*) : World ranking June 26



CHECK THE RIDERS ENTRIES

# The Jumping International de La Baule, one of the stars of the Rolex Series

The Jumping International de La Baule is one of the seven stages of the prestigious Rolex Series, a mark of recognition and a guarantee of excellence.

The Rolex Series brings together seven of the most respected equestrian competitions in the world, each supported by Rolex. Seven events, seven must-attend fixtures for all lovers of top-level sport. The finest settings for the very best of the equestrian world. For all, the same promise: to experience intense emotions and to watch the greatest riders and the most exceptional horses in action. Associated with Rolex since 2022, the Jumping International de La Baule perfectly reflects the excellence at the heart of the Rolex Series DNA. "The arrival of Rolex, combined with the unwavering support of our long-standing partners, has enabled us to enhance the quality of the sport, our image, and our communication, while strengthening the position of our Officiel de France on the world stage," emphasizes Pierre de Brissac, President of the Jumping.

The sublime conclusion to four days of competition, the Rolex Grand Prix Ville de La Baule crowns the very best such as Germany's Daniel Deusser, last year's winner, or American rider Kent Farrington, who claimed victory two years ago. Two outstanding champions, both Rolex Testimonees, like many others Steve Guerdat, Kevin Staut, Rodrigo Pessoa, and so many more loyal to the Stade François-André and united by the same values: excellence, precision, and performance.

Deeply rooted in the spirit of equestrian sport, the Jumping International de La Baule embodies its heritage while embracing innovation and a constant drive to progress. The hallmark of greatness is the signature of the Rolex Series.

## Rolex Series 2026

**March 24–29: Winter Equestrian Festival (USA)**

**May 28–31: CSIO Roma Piazza di Siena (Italy)**

**June 11–14: Jumping International de La Baule (France)**

**July 8–12: Falsterbo Horse Show (Sweden)**

**July 30 – August 2: Jumping International de Dinard (France)**

**August 5–9: RDS Dublin Horse Show (Ireland)**

**August 25–30: Brussels Stephex Masters (Belgium)**

## NEWSROOM

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The 2025 winner, Daniel Deusser, Rolex Testimonial, and his brilliant Guldenboom Otello (above).  
Rosie, the Rolex Series mascot, greets the La Baule crowd (below).



# On the road to Aachen... and Los Angeles

The Jumping International de La Baule and in particular its Barrière Nations Cup represents a key milestone just two months ahead of the World Championships in Aachen (Germany), which serve as qualifiers for the 2028 Olympic Games in Los Angeles.

For a long time, many riders and team selectors have made the Jumping International de La Baule one of their top priorities, especially so this year.

Around two months before the World Championships in Aachen (August 19–23 for show jumping), the first qualifying stage for the future Olympic Games in Los Angeles (with the seven best nations, excluding the United States, securing their spot), the La Baule event will offer a valuable opportunity to establish key benchmarks.



Appointed head coach of the French team in 2025, Édouard Coupérie emphasizes the importance of this 2026 edition: “The Jumping International de La Baule – Officiel de France is always a very important event in our season,” confirms this regular competitor, who won the Grand Prix there in 2001 with Pro Pilot III and the Nations Cup in 1993 with Quat’Sous, alongside Éric Navet (Quito de Baussy), Hubert Bourdy (Razzia du Poncel), and Michel Robert (Nonix). “It will be even more important this year with the World Championships ahead, also held on a grass arena.

Some horses are more or less comfortable on this surface, so many teams will aim to compete on grass this summer to gather information. It will also allow us to test certain things, such as studs, for example. Our advantage is being able to enter many horse-and-rider combinations individually, which allows us to carry out a thorough review of our squad. Of course, there are still two months to go before the World Championships, and with horses, a lot can

happen. But I should have a good idea of my French team after La Baule.”

Despite this outlook, the Jumping International de La Baule will mainly its identity. “As a course designer, I don’t necessarily have those Championships in mind,” explains Grégory Bodo. “Of course, I could draw some parallels, particularly with the same grass footing, but it wouldn’t be appropriate for me to design with the challenges of Aachen in mind even if some selectors will use the event to test combinations before establishing their short list. A championship is a competition at a specific moment. La Baule is a different event with its own DNA. I have to respect that. So I will approach it as I do every year, thinking first and foremost about the athletes, horses and riders who are competing in La Baule.”

Still, there is no doubt that, in the arena, some will already have one eye on the Soers Stadium in Aachen.



## Andy Booth Masterclass, Ambassador for Horse Wel-



**A**s a matter of course, animal welfare has always been part of the DNA of the Jumping International de La Baule. Significant investments have been made in recent years to provide horses with the best possible conditions, both in their stabling and in the arena where they perform. Not to mention the unique privilege of being able to take them for a walk on La Baule's beach each morning.

For this 2026 edition, Andy Booth, an internationally recognized expert in equine ethology will host a Masterclass on Saturday, June 13 at 7:15 p.m. A chance to meet the man many call "the horse whisperer."

### - Andy, what is your definition of animal "well-being"?

That the horse feels well mentally, emotionally, and physically in all circumstances that is, in daily life as well as in training and that its fundamental needs are respected: social interaction, access to forage, and movement.

But well-being is not only about living conditions. It also concerns the way we communicate with the horse. A horse that does not understand what is being asked of it can quickly find itself in a situation of stress or conflict. Respecting its well-being also means respecting how it learns and understands.

### - What will your Masterclass at the Jumping of La Baule focus on? How will it work?

I will base this Masterclass on equine learning. I'll explain the difference between educating and controlling, and guide riders toward the goal of performing exercises with minimal constraint and restraint using the body more effectively, relying less on the hands, and encouraging horses to respond to subtle aids rather than physical force.

We will also demonstrate how to motivate a horse to jump obstacles, by showing how to make the rider's idea become the horse's idea.

In training, it's important for riders to respect both the horse's cognitive abilities and its limitations. Horses don't have a concept of "right" or "wrong" something either benefits them or it doesn't.

It is essential to respect the horse's learning process by understanding how horses learn and perceive riding. Horses learn through the release of pressure: pressure encourages the horse to find a solution, but it is the release that truly teaches.

### - What is the main message you would like to convey?

The priority is to understand how to educate the horse. There is a significant difference between motivation/education and restraint/handling.

Riders should not be just "pilots," but true animal educators, in order to build greater collaboration with the horse and reduce the need for constraint and conflict.

Better understanding how horses learn leads to more ethical riding and improved performance.

## Three villages for a nice moment

The Jumping International de La Baule is an experience that goes far beyond sport it's a celebration. This year, visitors can stroll through the various partner and exhibitor villages, as well as enjoy the activities and talks offered in the Horse Welfare Village.

Sixty-five professionals will be delighted to showcase their latest products and collections. A fantastic opportunity to wander between competitions, discover new things, learn, connect, share and of course... enjoy a bit of shopping!



### The Partners' Village

A refined space open to all, this exclusive 1,000 m<sup>2</sup> area brings together around ten exhibitors in beach huts with beige and white stripes. It is a place for exchanges between professionals, athletes, owners, and visitors, with friendliness as the guiding spirit.

**Opening hours: 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. / Free entry**

### The Exhibitors' Village

With nearly 50 stands spread along the Avenue des Rosières and in the shops located beneath the stands of the Stade François-André, the Exhibitors' Village brings together professionals from the equestrian world (nutrition and care, equipment, transport, services), as well as fashion and accessory brands, artists, regional producers, and more.

**Opening hours: 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. / Free entry**

**Find the map and the full list of exhibitors: <https://www.labaule-cheval.com/en/villages/>**

### Horse Welfare Village

The concept of animal welfare is now closely linked to that of the human who works with the horse encompassing their physical, mental, and emotional state.

By bringing together the perspectives of field professionals and experts, the Village highlights



practical approaches for developing a more coherent form of horsemanship, where taking care of the human becomes a way of better caring for the horse. A series of talks and discussions will help shed light on the often invisible connections between humans and horses. It's an opportunity to gain a new perspective on performance and well-being in equestrian sport, and to engage in discussions around a widely embraced topic.

**Conferences will be held throughout the event** on themes such as "Feeling good in your profession to be better with your horse," "From ground to hoof," and "The rider's mental and physical preparation."

The full program will be available online :

**<https://www.labaule-cheval.com/fr/village-bien-etre-du-cheval/>**

**Located near Boutique 9, close to the Partners' Village**

### « Champagne Bar »

At the heart of the Village, the Jumping International de La Baule Champagne Bar offers a varied menu. Season after season, Edouard Set's team has developed thoughtfully crafted recipes, always highlighting finished products, including those from the Brittany region, dear to its creator Hervé Thomazo.

**At the end of each day, Edouard Set's teams will liven up your evenings with a DJ set!**

**Open until 11:00 p.m.**



## “Each lunch will be a performance”

**J**érôme Jouadé, Michelin-starred chef at Château des Pères near Rennes, will for the first time be the creator behind the lunches served in the hospitality areas of the Jumping International de La Baule. Throughout the event, 1,000 guests will have the pleasure of enjoying the chef’s Michelin-starred cuisine guided by values of authenticity, simplicity, and craftsmanship, shared with those of the Jumping.



### What will you be offering for the Jumping?

“My proposals will above all be inspired by the venue and the very spirit of the event. It’s no longer just about celebrating products with maritime influences, which are close to my heart and well known in the region, but also about offering cuisine rooted in the rural terroir, with all the nobility that defines it. It is a wonderful recognition to be able to express this vision within such a prestigious event.”

### What defines your cuisine at Château des Pères?

“My cuisine is above all simple, with a clarity that highlights the product and its intrinsic flavors. I transform ingredients very little; instead, I prefer to pair them to create dialogues, stories that speak to the sensitivity of our guests. Each dish is an invitation to share a way to touch people’s hearts while never straying from the roots of French cuisine, and always keeping indulgence as our guiding thread.”

### What is the challenge of catering at an event like the Jumping?

“The first challenge and not the least is to satisfy our guests with cuisine specially designed for the occasion. We have to step away from the routines of the restaurant, leave our comfort zone, and imagine unique menus worthy of this international competition. I have no intention of simply reproducing dishes I already prepare. Each lunch will be a performance in its own right, much like those of the riders the guests come to admire. Even though we prepare in advance, everything ultimately comes down to the moment itself.”

### What values do haute cuisine and equestrian sport share?

“It is striking to see how much these two disciplines share fundamental values. First, relentless hard work. To achieve excellence, you must train tirelessly and constantly learn from your mistakes in order to improve. Then, collaboration. In a kitchen like ours, everything depends on the team just as between a rider and their horse, where listening and partnership are essential at every moment. And finally, passion that driving force that inspires us and pushes us to start again each day, always striving to do better. It is what brings everything together and gives meaning to all the other values.”





## LA BAULE-ESCOUBLAC, A SPORT TERRITORY

**F**or all sports enthusiasts, whether amateur or professional, La Baule-Escoublac is a magnificent playground by the ocean. The town is the very embodiment of sport and its values, a vision deeply ingrained in its DNA.

Few municipalities in France can boast of providing their residents with so many high-quality sports facilities, allowing everyone to participate in physical activity across a wide range of disciplines, or even to host prestigious competitions. The environment of La Baule-Escoublac, with its bay, its magnificent stadium, and its natural diversity, is a constant source of encouragement for sport, with numerous amenities conducive to outdoor recreation (bike paths, hiking and cycling trails, etc.).

As the 65th edition of the La Baule International Show Jumping competition begins, the seaside town proudly displays its passion for horses through its top-notch facilities, numerous equestrian centers, the legendary François André Stadium, and the environment conducive to equine well-being, including the beach and the forest. **La Baule in 2026 embodies the spirit of the game.**

## LA BAULE-ESCOUBLAC, A TRUE «GARDEN CITY» ON THE OCEAN

There are towns where a few moments are enough to create a wealth of memories. Places where the atmosphere is so special that it transports visitors to a climate of peace and serenity. La Baule-Escoublac belongs to this select group of extraordinary

places where one readily imagines living or simply «spending time,» when the mind yearns for escape.

You find yourself wandering through these narrow streets where elegant villas, some dating back to the late 19th century, and their gardens nestled in the shade of pine trees, live in perfect harmony with nature. The murmur of the ocean is never far away. You remember a delicious meal by the sea, a stroll along the pier or in the port of La Baule-Le Pouliguen. Athletes revel in the feeling of well-being experienced during a long run along the vast golden sand beach shared with the towns of Le Pouliguen and Pornichet, one of the most beautiful beaches in Europe.



Throughout the year, La Baule-Escoublac hosts a multitude of events, particularly sporting ones such as triathlons, golf, tennis, horseback riding, and many other disciplines. Along this beach, you can see the various sailing clubs launching their boats, riders giving their horses a few long gallops on the sand, and watersports enthusiasts taking to their boards or unfurling their kitesurfing sails. What a fantastic playground this bay is!

It's hard to imagine a more beautiful place to live, work, reside, or simply get away from it all, breathe in the fresh sea air, experience thrills, or relax and enjoy your stay.

A true garden city by the ocean, La Baule-Escoublac benefits directly from a vital and essential element: water, synonymous with well-being and rejuvenation. Whirlpool baths, jet showers, hydromassage, and massages under a marine rain shower are just some of the treatments offered by La Baule's thalassotherapy centers. You don't need to go far to appreciate the charms of the hinterland, whether on horseback, on foot, or by bike, exploring the hidden trails between land and sea.

On the edge of the Brière Regional Natural Park or in the heart of the Guérande peninsula, the various golf courses also blend seamlessly with nature. For thrill-seekers, mountain biking trails, treetop adventure courses, paintball, and more offer a variety of activities to challenge yourself!

The wild coast, the Guérande peninsula, a beloved city of the Dukes of Brittany, the salt marshes of the Pays Blanc, with their thousands of shimmering pools, and the work of the 250 salt workers who harvest 12,000 tons of salt each year—all these places leave an indelible mark on anyone who has managed to lose themselves there, far from the hustle and bustle of major urban centers.

**La Baule-Escoublac is a cocktail of emotions, sensations, flavors, and colors. It's memories, desires, longings, pleasure, and a precious feeling of well-being.**



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### ROLEX

#### ROLEX AND EQUESTRIANISM

Rolex celebrates human achievement, recognizing the journey marked by milestones and emotions that culminates in defining moments – determined by a path followed, not just a trophy. The

ties between Rolex and equestrianism were established in 1957 when the British show jumper Pat Smythe became the first Testimonee in the sport. A true pioneer, she won more grand prix events on her own horses in more countries than anyone in the sport's history. Since this partnership began, Rolex has cultivated an enduring legacy with equestrianism, standing alongside the finest international riders, competitions and institutions. The brand's contribution to excellence is based on a respect for this heritage, encouraging modernization while cherishing the tradition and elegance of this prestigious sport.

Rolex maintains a deep appreciation for the unique bond forged between horse and rider as they strive for perfect harmony on the greatest arenas. Considered the sport's ultimate prize, the Rolex Grand Slam of Show Jumping was introduced more than a decade ago, and comprises The Dutch Masters, the CHIO Aachen, the CSIO Spruce Meadows 'Masters' Tournament and the CHI Geneva. Rolex Testimonee Scott Brash is the only rider to achieve this feat, having ridden Hello Sanctos to victory in three Majors across 2014 and 2015. Today, fellow members of the Rolex family, including Kent Farrington, Martin Fuchs, Steve Guerdat, Sophie Hinner and Richard Vogel, continue their own quest to reach the highest levels of performance. Rolex's long-standing presence at the heart of equestrianism is highlighted by its affiliation with international competitions that represent the pinnacle of the sport, from the four Majors to the events making up the Rolex Series.

#### ABOUT THE ROLEX SERIES

The Rolex Series brings together seven of the world's most respected equestrian competitions, each supported by the Swiss watchmaker. These historic events have many qualities in common, offering some of the finest infrastructure and facilities, centuries-old traditions and the highest level of competition. All seven share the honour of having been won by some of the greatest riders to have graced the sport. They reflect the brand's own unwavering commitment to high performance and boast a background deeply rooted in equestrianism, capturing the timeless essence of the sport while embracing innovation with a continuous drive for improvement.

Rolex is Official Timepiece of the CSIO5\* Jumping International de La Baule, a Rolex Series Event held in France's picturesque Pays de la Loire region. For 65 years, this gathering has been a pillar of equestrian distinction, combining elite sport, a festive atmosphere and seaside charm. Its highlight, the Rolex Grand

Prix – Ville de La Baule, will take place in the François André Stadium on Sunday, 14 June 2026 at 2.30 p.m.

#### NEWSROOM

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### GROUPE BARRIÈRE

The 2026 edition of the La Baule International Jumping competition confirms the strength of the historic bond between Barrière and the equestrian world. This exceptional event reflects an unwavering commitment to excellence, elegance, and a passion for the sport.

Shining brightly in the heart of the finest equestrian destinations, from the vibrant energy of Paris to the timeless charm of Deauville and La Baule, the Group cultivates a lifestyle where the horse holds a place of honor. In La Baule, this history is deeply rooted in the heritage, as evidenced by its iconic Hôtel L'Hermitage, which celebrates its 100th anniversary this year. It was in 1960 that François André, founder of the Group, donated the land of the equestrian stadium to the town with a clear ambition: to make the seaside resort the stage for a sporting event of international renown.

Today, the La Baule International Jumping competition stands as one of the most prestigious in the world. For Barrière, it is a source of pride to support this excellence and offer enthusiasts a unique experience, blending top-level competition with the French art of living.

Under the leadership of Joy Desseigne-Barrière and Alexandre Barrière, the Group reaffirms its active support for the equestrian world each year. This commitment is embodied by the weekend's unmissable event: the Barrière Nations Cup.

From June 11 to 14, 2026, the world's greatest riders will gather on the arena of the François André Stadium to experience an intense sporting communion. More than just a competition, the La Baule International Jumping is a celebration of elegance and discipline, an unforgettable spectacle presented by 120 riders from around the globe, whom Barrière is honored to support.



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### SAUR

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Guided by our purpose “to advocate that everyone gives water the value it deserves,” Saur serves 20 million consumers and partners with 9,200 local authorities and industrial clients.

In 2025, the Group achieved over €2.3 billion in revenue and employed 12,000 people worldwide, operating in over 25 countries, including Cyprus, Finland, France, Italy, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Saudi Arabia, Spain, United-Kingdom, United States of America. We provide essential water distribution, wastewater treatment, and smart water solutions to communities and industries.

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## DEMEURES DE CAMPAGNE



For the third consecutive year, Demeures de Campagne, a Grape Hospitality brand, is proud to renew its partnership with the Jumping International de La Baule, an exceptional event that perfectly embodies our values.

Since 2025, we are particularly pleased to partner with the legendary Derby de La Baule: a spectacular event where horses navigate a natural obstacle course, a lovely nod to the lush surroundings of each of our properties and the spirit of authenticity that drives our hospitality business.

It is with great pride and enthusiasm that this wonderful event will be showcased throughout all our establishments throughout the Jumping International de La Baule, and more particularly in our Demeures de Campagne at Domaine de Maffliers, Fontainebleau, and Parc de Coudray, where the equestrian world holds a special place. We are delighted to share this breathtaking spectacle with our guests, offering them a unique experience, marked by emotion, the beauty of the sport, and the unique bond between man and horse.

A suspended moment, true to the spirit of Demeures de Campagne, where nature, sharing, and conviviality combine in a simply exceptional setting.

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Founded in 1932 in Vendée, Laiterie de Montaigu is world-renowned for its expertise and technical know-how.

Since 2012, Laiterie de Montaigu has been associated with equestrian sports, sharing common values: technical mastery, excellence, tradition, and passion.

A loyal supporter of the Jumping de La Baule, Laiterie de Montaigu will also be a partner of the CSI\* derby.

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### BEINSPORTS

Friday 12th June - 1.30pm: Barrière Nations Cup  
Saturday 13th June - 5pm: La Baule Demeures de Campagne Derby  
Sunday 14th June - 2.30pm : Rolex Grand Prix Ville de La Baule  
with commentary by Philippe Jeunin and Pierre Durand.

### SPORTS EN FRANCE

Friday 12th June - 1.30pm: Barrière Nations Cup  
Saturday 13th June - 5pm: La Baule Demeures de Campagne Derby  
Sunday 14th June - 2.30pm : Rolex Grand Prix Ville de La Baule  
With commentary by Pascal Boutreau

### TV5 MONDE

Delayed broadcast of the Rolex Grand Prix Ville de La Baule with commentary by Olivier Jacquemin.

### CHEVAL TV

Friday 12th June - 1.30pm: Barrière Nations Cup  
Saturday 13th June - 5pm: La Baule Demeures de Campagne Derby  
Saturday 13th June – 11.05am - Prix Saur  
Sunday 14th June - 2.30pm : Rolex Grand Prix Ville de La Baule

### HORSE & COUNTRY

Friday 12th June - 1.30pm: Barrière Nations Cup  
Saturday 13th June - 5pm: La Baule Demeures de Campagne Derby  
Saturday 13th June – 11.05am - Prix Saur  
52-minute coverage of the Rolex Grand Prix Ville de La Baule.

### ARRYADA TV

Friday 12th June - 1.30pm: Barrière Nations Cup  
Saturday 13th June - 5pm: La Baule Demeures de Campagne Derby  
Saturday 13th June – 11.05am - Prix Saur  
52-minute coverage of the Rolex Grand Prix Ville de La Baule with commentary by Olivier Jacquemin

### Télé Nantes & TV Angers

Saturday 13th June - 5pm: La Baule Demeures de Campagne Derby  
Sunday 14th June - 2.30pm : Rolex Grand Prix Ville de La Baule with commentary by Pascal Boutreau

Find out the whole schedule : <https://www.labaule-cheval.com/en/program/>

## En streaming

**OFFICIAL EVENT WEBSITE** → All competitions, including the Barrière Nations Cup, the La Baule Demeures de Campagne Derby, the Saur Prize, and the Rolex Grand Prix Ville de La Baule, with commentary by Pascal Boutreau.

### WEBSITE OF ROLEX SERIES EQUESTRIAN

Sunday 14th June - 2.30pm : Rolex Grand Prix Ville de La Baule with commentary

### CHEVAL TV

Sunday 14th June - 2.30pm : Rolex Grand Prix Ville de La Baule with Commentary by Pascal Boutreau

### GRAND PRIX

All competitions, including the Barrière Nations Cup, the La Baule Demeures de Campagne Derby, the Saur Prize, and the Rolex Grand Prix Ville de La Baule, with commentary by Kamel Boudra.

### CLIP MY HORSE

All competitions, including the Barrière Nations Cup, the La Baule Demeures de Campagne Derby, the Saur Prize, and the Rolex Grand Prix Ville de La Baule.

### HORSE & COUNTRY

Sunday 14th June - 2.30pm : Rolex Grand Prix Ville de La Baule

### ICI PAYS DE LA LOIRE >Plateforme France.TV

Friday 12th June - 1.30pm: Barrière Nations Cup

## On Social Media

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## Royalty-Free Images

EVS Highlights will be available on a dedicated server (A download link will be sent via email to TV channels and Web TVs.).

# How it works ?

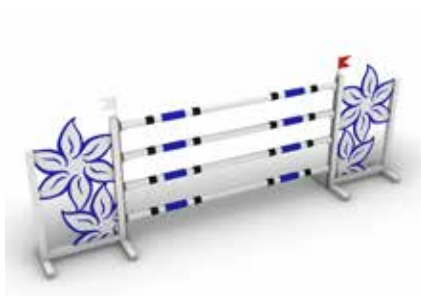
Show jumping competitions are governed by a set of rules designed to assess the precision, speed, and agility of horse and rider as they navigate a course of obstacles.

## Basic rules

Objective: The main goal is to complete a course of jumps, usually ranging from 10 to 16 obstacles, in the correct order with the fewest faults within a specified time.

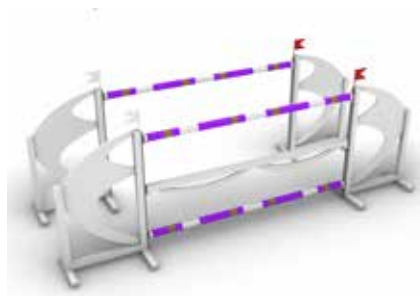
Faults: Faults are penalties that are accrued when certain mistakes are made. : Knocking down a rail, refusal to jump, Exceeding time allowed, fall of horse or rider...

Each course is unique, with obstacles set in varied sequences and distances. The course typically includes a mix of verticals, oxers, combinations, and other jump types, testing different aspects of horse and rider ability.



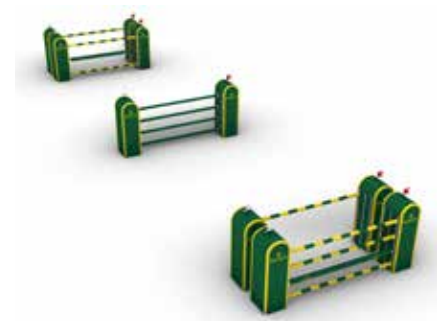
Vertical :

A single line of poles placed one above the other to create a straight-up-and-down obstacle. They have no spread, making them appear tall relative to their height.



Oxer :

A spread fence that consists of two poles set apart to form a wide jump.



Combinaison :

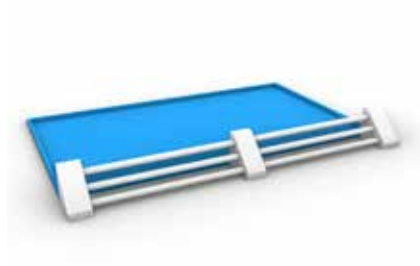
Consists of two or more fences placed in close succession to test the horse and rider's ability to maintain rhythm and accuracy. They can be labelled as:

Double combination: Two jumps placed one or two strides apart.  
Triple combination: Three jumps, each set one or two strides apart.



Triple bar :

A spread fence with three elements of increasing height, creating an ascending jump where the back pole is the highest.



Water jump :

A wide jump that involves a large open water tray. The primary challenge here is the width, and it often requires careful approach and takeoff.



Wall :

Designed to look solid and resemble brick walls or other solid structures. They are usually built of lightweight materials that easily fall if knocked.

# Practical informations & Contacts

**Dates :** 11 to 14 june 2026

**Time :** 8 am to 8 pm

**Venue :** Stade François André,  
Avenue de Rosières,  
44 500 La Baule-Escoublac

**Admission :** Free for 4 days

**Discipline :** Show Jumping

**Competition levels :** CSIO 5\* & CSI 1\*

**Total prize money :** € 1.057.200

**Dotation CSIO 5\* de France :** € 1.018.200

**Dotation CSI 1\* :** € 39.000

**Président of the show :** Pierre de Brissac

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## Teaser Vidéo



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