

LONGINES

JUMPING EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP A CORUÑA 2025









Foreword By the FEI President

On behalf of the Fédération Equestre Internationale, it is my pleasure to welcome you to A Coruña for the Longines FEI Jumping European Championship 2025. Since 1957, this championship provides us with fantastic sporting moments in the years between Olympic Games and World Championships. Located in the beautiful region of Galicia, the Casas Novas Equestrian Center will welcome Europe's crème de la crème in Jumping all while celebrating its 25th jubilee.

To be selected to compete at such a championship is an incredible achievement and testimony to tremendous commitment, dedication and hard work. Over the coming days, we will be fully immersed into the sport-

ing action as participants aim for both national and individual glory. I would also like to highlight the important work of the grooms, and their essential role in the wellbeing of our equine athletes. As a community, it is our responsibility to proactively support and promote their important work and invaluable contribution to our sport.

I would like to thank Longines, title sponsor, official timekeeper and official watch of the European Championship for their unwavering support. Alongside major sporting events and series such as the Longines League of Nations[™] and the Longines FEI Jumping World Cup[™], Longines also supports the FEI Awards Gala and is presenting sponsor of RIDE magazine. We are thrilled to work hand in hand with Longines on this prestigious event, promoting heroes and top sport to a growing audience around the world.

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to Pablo Garcia Piqueres and Alvaro Arrieta Konyay, as well as all officials and volunteers for their tireless work in providing us with an unforgettable week of FEI Jumping, and thank you also to the sponsors and the media present here at A Coruña for your support. To the athletes and their entourage, supported by their national federations, I wish the best of luck. And I hope that all our passionate fans, will have a great time enjoying the best our sport has to offer!







Foreword By Longines CEO

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

Dear Friends of Equestrian Sports,

On behalf of Longines, I would like to extend a warm welcome to you all to the Longines FEI Jumping European Championship 2025. Longines is proud to be part of this thrilling event from July 16th to 20th 2025. Through this close partnership, we assure you of great sports moments and a unique experience.

As the Title Partner, Official Timekeeper and Official Watch of this exciting event, we look forward to supporting the finest jumpers of the discipline and attend-

ing five days of sensational competitions.

On this special occasion, we are proud to highlight the Official Watch of the event – a 42 mm chronograph model from the Conquest collection. With its balanced blend of sporty elegance and robustness, the Conquest line demonstrates Longines' commitment to creating watches for all aspects of life.

Ladies and Gentlemen, dear Equestrian Sports Enthusiasts, we wish you a great time in A Coruña and many memorable sporting moments at this elite-level showjumping event.

Patrick Aoun Longines CEO



INTRODUCTION

The history of the FEI Jumping European Championship began in Rotterdam (NED) in 1957 for men, where Hans Gunther Winkler (GER) became the first male European Champion, with a separate "Ladies Championship" in Spa (BEL) for women, with the Brit Patricia Rosemary Smythe as the inaugural winner. Even though they already competed side by side at Olympic Games, the male/female division continued until 1973.

As of 1975, the male and female Championships were united and participation increased steadily, but it was not until Hickstead (GBR) in 1999 that a woman took the individual title, France's Alexandra Ledermann riding Rochet M.

Germany (combined with FRG) has been the most successful nation at this competition, earning 58 medals, closely followed by Great Britain with 54 medals. This edition of the FEI Jumping European Championship will welcome 92 elite pairs, from 23 different nations. They will be competing to become the successors of Steve Guerdat (SUI) and Sweden as the new continental monarchs.

From 16-20 July 2025, A Coruña (ESP) will become the epicentre of European Jumping.

Benvidos a Coruña!





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ABOUT THE VENUE FOR THE LONGINES FEI JUMPING EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP 2025 – CASAS NOVAS



Located in Larín, Arteixo (A Coruña), the Casas Novas Equestrian Center, created in 2000, is much more than an equestrian centre. It has stables for its own horses and for the horses that participate in the competitions that are organised throughout the year. The jumping surfaces are the result of collaboration with the best professionals. In addition to classes for children and adults, other activities are organised, such as summer camps, gallop exams, Gymkhanas or Adapted Riding Classes.

Casas Novas is known for hosting internationally renowned competitions in its annual winter and summer editions, as well as being the venue for numerous regional competitions. In addition to an indoor and an outdoor arena, its facilities include training tracks specifically dedicated to horses and riders, modern stables, and rest areas for riders, companions, and the public.

Since its beginnings, it has had a riding school that offers basic training programs for riders of all ages and levels; within this school, therapeutic riding activities are also carried out for minors with functional diversity.





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ABOUT THE CITY – A CORUNA

ÉQUESTRE

Lively and welcoming, known as The Crystal City thanks to its beautiful galleries, A Coruña is an open and friendly city with the visitor. The city where no one is a stranger surprises travelers by being the perfect destination to discover Galician culture and gastronomy. The city centre offers visitors numerous options to enjoy the local way of life through great walks and impressive landscapes.

Sit in María Pita square to enjoy the atmosphere and discover its exciting history. Stroll along the promenade and the beach where young Picasso was inspired and took his first steps as a painter. Let yourself be surprised by the view from the top of the Tower of Hercules. Fall in love with its old town and its charming squares.





COMPETITION PREVIEW

European titles up for grabs at A Coruña

By Louise Parkes

In just two weeks' time the Longines FEI Jumping European Championship 2025 will get underway at Casas Novas in A Coruña, Spain, with the flags of 23 nations flying high at this 38th edition.

The action runs from 16 to 20 July, with 18 countries fielding teams and five more represented by individuals.

This is only the third time in its 68-year history for the FEI Jumping European Championship to take place in Spain. The first was staged 32 years ago, in 1993 in Gijón where Switzerland's Willi Melliger, Lesley McNaught, Stefan Lauber and Thomas Fuchs pipped Great Britain for the team title while Melliger steered Quinta to individual gold.

In 2011 the Championship was held in Madrid, and it was Germany's Marco Kutscher, Carsten-Otto Nagel, Janne Friederike Meyer and Ludger Beerbaum who finished best of the 16 nations, while France took team silver and Britain team bronze. Nagel went on to claim individual silver behind Sweden's Rolf-Göran Bengtsson and Ninja La Silla in gold medal position.



FIRST TIME

When the FEI European Championship was staged for the first time in Rotterdam (NED) in 1957 there were only individual medals up for grabs, and gold, silver and bronze went to Germany's Hans Günter Winkler on Sonnenglanz, Bernard de Fombelle and Bucephale from France and Italy's Salvatore Oppes with Pagoro.

When team medals were first introduced at Munich (GER) in 1975, it was Germany's Alwin Schockemöhle, Hartwig Steenken, Sönke Sönksen and Hendrik Snoek who came out on top. And it was a complete German whitewash for the individual medals that year, with gold going to Schockemöhle riding Warwick, silver to Steenken with Erle and bronze to Sönksen and Kwept.

Germany holds pole position on the European Championships Roll of Honour, with seven team and 15 individual gold medals collected down the years, three of the latter going to the legendary partnership of Paul Schockemöhle and Deister over three consecutive editions in the 1980s.

DEFENDING

The defending champions are Sweden who were on a roll when adding European team gold to the Olympic and World titles they already had in their possession at the last edition at San Siro racecourse in Milan (ITA) two years ago. It was an historic result, as it was Sweden's very first European team victory.

Henrik Ankarcrona's foursome of Henrik von Eckermann (Iliana), Wilma Hellström (Cicci BJN), Jens Fredricson (Markan Cosmopolit) and Rolf-Göran Bengtsson (Zuccero HV) claimed the honours when both the overnight leaders from Germany and the defending champions from Switzerland lost their grip on the final day. Ireland rose to silver medal spot ahead of Austria in bronze.

Steve Guerdat returns to defend the individual title he won with Dynamix de Belheme two years ago in Milan where Germany's Philipp Weishaupt and Zineday claimed silver ahead of the French partnership of Julien Epaillard and Dubai du Cedre in bronze.

The Swiss squad for A Coruña also includes 2019 individual European champion Martin Fuchs (Conner Jei) along with Nadja Peter Steiner (Mila), Janika Sprunger (Orelie) and Géraldine Straumann (Long John Silver 3).

All-girl

Wilma Hellström and her wonderful one-eye Cicci BJN are the only pair from the 2023 winning side to line out again this time around when the all-girl Swedish selection will also include Petronella Andersson (Opaline de W&S), Amanda Landeblad



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(For Killy), Erika Lickhammer-Van Helmond (I.Comme Tessa VHL) and Angelie Von Essen (Voila DK Z).

Di Lampard's British squad includes two riders from her Paris 2024 Olympic gold-medal-winning side, world number two Ben Maher with Point Break and Scott Brash with Hello Folie, while Irish Chef d'Equipe Michael Blake has chosen the 2023 Young Rider gold-medal-winning partnership of 22-year-old Seamus Hughes Kennedy and ESI Rocky to join his otherwise more experienced selection following an impressive run of form.

The 2023 individual bronze medallist, Epaillard, heads the French team with Donatello D'Auge, while Otto Becker's German pool looks mighty strong with Hans-Dieter Dreher (Elysium), Marcus Ehning (Coolio 42), Sophie Hinners (Iron Dames My Prins), Richard Vogel (United Touch S) all lining out alongside reigning Olympic champion Christian Kukuk (Just Be Gentle).

HIGHLY COMPETITIVE

Team Belgium should be highly competitive too, with Pieter Devos (Casual DV Z) and



Gilles Thomas (Ermitage Kalone) joined by Nicola Philippaerts (Katanga VH Dingeshof), Abdel Saïd (Bonne Amie) and Thibeau Spits (Impress-K van't Kattenheye Z).

There was no hiding the surprise on the faces of the Austrians when they won their very first-ever European team medals when taking bronze in Milan and earned one of the three Olympic qualifying spots on offer that year. Three members of that side will be lining out again in 14 days' time - Max Kühner (EIC Cooley Jump the Q), Katharina



Rhomberg (Cuma 5) and Alessandra Reich (Oeli R) - and nobody will be taking them for granted.

And of course the Dutch can never be under-estimated, especially when their side includes the extraordinarily consistent, reliable and successful partnership of Maikel van der Vleuten and Beauville Z N.O.P. who took their second successive Olympic individual bronze medal in Paris last summer.

The full list of competing teams is: Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Great Britain, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Switzerland and Sweden. Individuals from Cyprus, Estonia, Finland, Liechtenstein and Slovakia will also compete.

TIMETABLE

The Championship timetable begins with the first horse inspection on Tuesday morning 15 July which will be followed by a training session before the draw for order-ofgo in the evening. The first competition, judged under Table C, is open to teams and individuals and takes place on Wednesday 16 July, with the score for each athlete converted into penalties at the end of the day.



The second competition begins with one round on Thursday 17 July and is open to all teams and individuals, but only the top 10 teams and top 50 individuals go through to the second round on Friday 18 July when the team medals will be decided.

The top 25 go through to the first round of the individual final on Sunday 20 July, with the top 12 returning for a second round to decide the fate of the European individual title for 2025.

Don't miss a hoofbeat.....



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FULL PROGRAMME

| Tuesday - 15 July | 09:00 | Chefs d'Equipe Meeting | |
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| | 10:30 | 1st Horse Inspection | |
| | 15:00 | Training Session | |
| | 18:00 | Draw | |
| Wednesday - 16 July | 09:30 | Horse Re-inspection | |
| | 15:00 | Competition 1 | |
| Thursday - 17 July | 15:00 | Competition 2a | |
| Friday - 18 July | 16:45 | Competition 2b - Team Final | |
| Saturday - 19 July | 09:30 | 2nd Horse Inspection | |
| | | Competition 3 - Individual Final Round A | |
| | 16:30 | Competition 3 - Individual Final Round B | |



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COMPETITION FORMAT

COMPETITION 1 (CH-EU-S ACC. TO ARTICLE: 325) - 16 JULY

One round under table C Speed and Handiness Competition First Qualifying Competition – Individuals and Teams Jump-off: No Height of obstacles: 150 cm Time limit: 120 or 180 seconds depending on the length of the course **PRIZE MONEY : 50,000€**

COMPETITION 2A (CH-EU-S ACC. TO ARTICLE: 326) - 17 JULY

Two rounds under table A Round 1, Team Final and Second Individual Height of obstacles: 160 cm Speed: 400 m/min

COMPETITION 2B (CH-EU-S ACC. TO ARTICLE: 326) - 18 JULY

Two rounds under table A. Round 2, Team Final and Second Individual Jump-off: Yes Height of obstacles: 160 cm Speed: 400 m/min **PRIZE MONEY: 225,000€**

COMPETITION 3 (CH-EU-S ACC. TO ARTICLE: 327) - 20 JULY

Two rounds under table A. Individual Final. Jump-off: Yes Height of obstacles: 160 cm Speed: 400 m/min **PRIZE MONEY: 225,000€**

TOTAL PRIZE MONEY: 500,000 €

Check the Longines FEI Jumping European Championship 2025 official schedule here



OFFICIALS

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Ground Jury President - Carsten Andre Soerlie (NOR) Foreign Technical Delegate - Elio Travagliati (ITA) Chief Steward - Charles Maudlin (IRL) President Veterinary Commission - Rosa Sanmartín (ESP) Course Designer - Santiago Varela (ESP)

DEFINITE ENTRIES

Check all the athletes participating at the FEI Jumping European Championship 2025 in A Coruña <u>here</u>

LONGINES RANKINGS (JULY 2025)

| Ranking | Athlete | Points |
|---------|------------------------------|--------|
| 1 | Kent Farrington (USA) | 3,161 |
| 2 | Ben Maher (GBR) | 3,040 |
| 3 | Henrik von Eckermann (SWE) | 2,886 |
| 4 | Christian Kukuk (GER) | 2,879 |
| 5 | Mclain Ward (USA) | 2,848 |
| 6 | Steve Guerdat (SUI) | 2,775 |
| 7 | Martin Fuchs (SUI) | 2,723 |
| 8 | Simon Delestre (FRA) | 2,705 |
| 9 | Richard Vogel (GER) | 2,686 |
| 10 | Cian O'Connor (IRL) | 2,625 |
| 11 | Kevin Staut (FRA) | 2,606 |
| 12 | Scott Brash (GBR) | 2,571 |
| 13 | Abdel Saïd (BEL) | 2,567 |
| 14 | Maikel van der Vleuten (NED) | 2,564 |
| 15 | Daniel Deusser (GER) | 2,560 |
| 16 | Daniel Coyle (IRL) | 2,555 |
| 17 | Darragh Kenny (IRL) | 2,542 |
| 18 | Julien Epaillard (FRA) | 2,532 |
| 19 | Harrie Smolders (NED) | 2,496 |
| 20 | Conor Swail (IRL) | 2,484 |

Check the full Longines Rankings here



LONGINES FEI JUMPING EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP 2025 IN NUMBERS



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Total number of athletes



Total number of horses



Total nations



Nations with a team



Nation competing for the first time -Cyprus



Athletes competing for the first time



Horses competing for the first time



Youngest Athlete -Geraldine Straumann (SUI)



Oldest Athlete -Radovan Sillo (SVK)

Most Appearances:

MALE:

Michael Whitaker (GBR) 14 appearances

FEMALE:

Giulia Serventi (ITA) Lucia Diniz (BRA) Malin Baryard-Johnsson (SWE)

8 appearances

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- The first Jumping European Championship were held in 1957 in Rotterdam (NED).
- In the first edition eight athletes took part.
- Individual gold went to Hans Günter Winkler (GER) and Sonnenglanz



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PAST MEDALLISTS

Number of Medals (per country)

| Country | Individual | Team |
|-----------------|------------|------|
| Germany (& FRG) | 40 | 18 |
| Great Britain | 39 | 15 |
| Switzerland | 15 | 16 |
| France | 16 | 7 |
| Netherlands | 8 | 8 |
| Italy | 12 | 1 |
| Belgium | 6 | 3 |
| Sweden | 4 | 4 |

Number of Medals per Athlete

| Country | Individual | Team |
|-------------------------|------------|------|
| John Whitaker (GBR) | 4 | 10 |
| Willi Melliger (SUI) | 3 | 10 |
| Michael Whitaker (GBR) | 3 | 9 |
| Ludger Beerbaum (GER) | 4 | 8 |
| Nick Skelton (GBR) | 2 | 7 |
| Paul Schockemöhle (GER) | 4 | 5 |
| Marcus Ehning (GER) | 1 | 7 |

Podium - FEI Jumping European Championship 2023 – Milano (ITA)

| Event | GOLD | SILVER | BRONZE |
|------------|--|--------------------------------------|---|
| Individual | Steve Guerdat & Dynamix de Bel- heme (SUI) | Philipp Weishaupt & Zineday (GER) | Julien Epaillard & Dubai Du Cedre (FRA) |
| Team | Sweden | Ireland | Austria |



In 2011, the Club de Campo in Madrid (ESP) dug up the grass arena that had hosted jumping for 100 years and put down all-weather footing for the European Jumping Championship. The grass was put back straight afterwards.

The first female Jumping athlete to claim the European title was France's Alexandra Ledermann in 1999.

In 2009 Juan Carlos Garcia represented Italy at both the Eventing and Jumping Championships, winning team silver at both.

Another multi-talented horseman was Switzerland's Bruno Candrian, who won team silver and individual bronze at Munich (GER) in 1981. He combined Jumping with a career as a jockey in the 1970s.

Paul Schockemöhle (GER) and Deister are the only jumping combination to have won three individual gold medals, proving invincible between 1981 and 1985.

Michael Whitaker, Jos Lansink and Harvey Smith have all won three European jumping medals without ever winning gold, while Alwin Schockemöhle made it sixth time lucky in 1975 after two bronzes and three silvers.

Between them, British brothers John and Michael Whitaker have won seven individual and 19 team European jumping medals.



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At San Patrignano (ITA) in 2005, Finnish Jumping athlete Sebastian Numminen made it to the Championship from the reserve list and got all the way through to the individual final with his 16-year-old Cruising son, Sails Away, finishing 18th overall.

Dutch Jumping athlete, the late Toon Ebben, won team gold and individual bronze in Vienna (AUT) in 1977 aged 47, but started life as an Eventing groom and began competing after grooming at the 1952 Olympic Games. He jumped at top level for 30 years.

Belgium not only won their first ever Team gold in the history of the FEI European Championships in Rotterdam 2019, but also secured their Team slot for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

Steve Guerdat became the third Swiss athlete in the 64-year history of the event to claim individual Jumping gold at the FEI European Championship 2023 in Milano (ITA).



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Schedules and results will be available <u>here</u>.



The Longines **FEI Jumping European Championship 2025** in A Coruña will be broadcast live on <u>FEI TV</u>, the FEI's official broadcasting platform and on **Eurosport**.





Images & Content: Free images for editorial purposes are available from the **FEI Flickr account** in the photostream and in the dedicated album. Biographies from the main participants are available here



You can find the FEI on <u>Face-</u> book, X, <u>Instagram</u> and <u>FEI</u> YouTube



Check the new **FEI Online Pressroom** to cover all the action live from A Coruña **here**



Access to the FEI Jumping European Championship 2025 in A Coruña press zone here



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