

International Equestrian Meeting

1st – 4th of September 2022



A European Championship brought up-to-date in Lausanne

From 1st to 4th of September, the CCI3*-S European Cup will take place as part of equissima® in Lausanne, Switzerland. A new championship in eventing? Not at all ! This championship, formerly known as the Rural Riders European Championships, is the oldest equestrian championship in Europe and has been held every two years since 1953 at rotating venues around Europe. The British wanted to make the competition more attractive and henceforth called it the CCI3*-S European Cup.

How can riders who do not have the opportunity to compete in 4* eventing competitions or continental championships be offered a participation in a motivating international competition ? To answer this question, the European Championships for Rural Riders were created from 1953 onwards, which have been known as the CCI3*-S European Cup for some years now. These championships, held every two years, are a three-star level CC and competitors must never have finished a four- or five-star CC. What is special about it is that the competition opens with a group dressage with six riders, followed by an individual dressage, the cross-country day and the jumping.

Next September, Lausanne will host this European event in Switzerland for the fourth time after Basel (1963), Porrentruy (1977) and Holziken (1995). Riders who won the title at this tournament include Primula Buff with *Gummiball* in 1965 and Jean-Jacques Fünfschilling with *Dream* two years later. The Swiss team has also excelled throughout the history of these championships. In Lausanne, the Swiss team, led by its Chef d'Equipe Dominik Burger, will once again try to shine. It is still too early to announce the participating riders, but the organisers already know that they will welcome Germany, the defending champions in the individual and the team, as well as the delegations from Great Britain and Sweden.

On the fringes of the CCI3*-S European Cup, two other eventing competitions at levels of 3*-S and 2*-L, the *Trophées de Rham*, are also on the programme. This will give Swiss riders such as Mélody Johner and Robin Godel the opportunity to prove themselves on the grounds of Chalet-à-Gobet. Due to their participation in the last Olympic Games as well as in the upcoming World Championships in Italy in mid-September, they are not eligible to compete for the European Cup according to the rules.

Although a large part will be dedicated to eventing, jumping (six-barres), dressage (side-saddle) and driving (derby for two-in-hand and for four-in-hand) will of course still be on the equissima® programme. For its part, equissima® KID'S will offer the opportunity to discover the horse and equestrian sport through playful activities: pony carousel, drawing competition, mechanical horse and many other attractions. So for equestrian enthusiasts, but also for families, this event really has something to offer! Admission to the event is free.

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