



**PIAZZA di SIENA**  
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## THE ROLEX SERIES HEADS TO ROME FOR THE CENTENARY EDITION OF THE CSIO ROMA PIAZZA DI SIENA

Rolex Series, Rome, May 27, 2026



The Rolex Series continues in Italy from May 27 to 31 with one of the most historic events in international show jumping: the CSIO Roma Piazza di Siena. Held in the spectacular setting of Rome's Villa Borghese, the event celebrates a remarkable milestone in 2026, its 100th edition.

First staged in 1926, the Official International Horse Show of Rome has become one of the sport's most prestigious and traditional competitions, welcoming generations of the world's greatest riders to compete in one of the most beautiful arenas in show jumping.

This year, 76 riders and 178 horses representing 20 nations will take centre stage in Rome's most famous arena from Wednesday 27 May until Sunday 31 May, confirming the CSIO Roma Piazza di Siena as one of the highlights of The Rolex Series calendar.

Blending world-class sport, history, elegance and Italian heritage, the CSIO Roma Piazza di Siena offers a unique atmosphere unlike any other event in the sport. The highlight of the week will once again be the Rolex Gran Premio Roma on Sunday at 12:30 PM, where many of the world's leading riders will compete in the heart of the Italian capital.



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## **THE WORLD'S BEST RIDERS SET TO GATHER IN ROME FOR THE CSIO ROMA PIAZZA DI SIENA**

The 100th edition of the CSIO Roma Piazza di Siena will welcome some of the world's leading riders to the Italian capital, with an exceptional international field set to compete throughout the week.

Brazil arrives in Rome with Yuri Mansur, winner of the 2025 Rolex Gran Premio Roma, returning with one clear ambition: to defend his title. He is joined by Olympic champion Rodrigo Pessoa and Pan American Games champion Stephan de Freitas Barcha, while the home nation will rely on Giulia Martinengo Marquet, Emanuele Camilli, Emanuele Gaudiano, Giampiero Garofalo and Piergiorgio Bucci in front of the Italian crowd.

Germany brings a formidable team led by reigning European champion and world No. 3 Richard Vogel, fresh from victory in the Rolex Grand Prix of Aachen this past weekend, alongside Sophie Hinners and Christian Ahlmann.



France is represented by world No. 6 Nina Mallevaey, one of the brightest rising stars in international show jumping, alongside Marie Demonte, Mégane Moissonnier and Nicolas Sers.

Austria will rely on Max Kühner, one of the sport's leading international riders.

The nations represented in the Intesa squad featuring Joseph Stockdale, Jack Whitaker, Adrian Whiteway, as well as Jessica Mendoza.

Belgium brings one of the most exciting teams of the competition, with reigning European team champion Thibeau Spits alongside world No. 5 Gilles Thomas, European team gold medallist and individual bronze medallist at the European Championships in La Coruña, European champion Nicola Philippaerts, as well as rising talent Emilie Conter, European team gold medallist.

Ireland also arrives with a strong line-up featuring Denis Lynch, Cian O'Connor, runner-up in the 2025 Rolex Gran Premio Roma, and 21-year-old Tom Wachman, one of the sport's most promising young talents.

The United States team features Olympic champion and world No. 11 Laura Kraut, winner of the 2025 Rolex Grand Prix of Dublin, adding further star power to the field assembled in Rome.

Mexico also returns to the Nations Cup in Rome this year, adding another strong nation to the exceptional international line-up expected at the CSIO Roma Piazza di Siena.

The nations represented in the Intesa Sanpaolo Nations Cup are Belgium, Brazil, France, Germany, Great Britain, Ireland, Italy, Mexico, Sweden and the United States.

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## **THE ROAD TO THE ROLEX GRAN PREMIO ROMA**

Throughout the week, riders will compete for one of the 45 qualifying places available for Sunday's Rolex Gran Premio Roma, the highlight of the CSIO Roma Piazza di Siena, taking place at 12:30 PM in the traditional arena of Rome's Villa Borghese.

The prestigious class will be held as a two-round competition under Table A rules at 1.60m, designed by renowned Italian course designer Uliano Vezzani.



Qualification for the Rolex Gran Premio Roma will be determined through the following competitions:

#### COMPETITION N.5 – NATIONS CUP INTESA SANPAOLO

Two rounds competition – 1.60m

The 22 best-placed team riders according to penalties and time from the first round will qualify for the Rolex Gran Premio Roma.

#### COMPETITION N.4

Against the clock competition – Table A – 1.55m

The 10 best individual riders will qualify for the Rolex Gran Premio Roma.

#### COMPETITION N.3

Against the clock competition – Table A – 1.50m

The 5 best-placed athletes, excluding those already qualified through Competitions N. 4 and N. 5, will qualify for the Rolex Gran Premio Roma

#### COMPETITION N.7

Against the clock + jump-off competition – 1.55m

The remaining quota to reach 45 qualified athletes will be completed through this competition, excluding riders already qualified.

Prequalified athletes who do not qualify through Competitions N.4, N.5 or N.3 will be taken into account before selecting additional riders from Competition N. 7 to complete the final field of 45 athletes.

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### **THIBEAU SPITS READY FOR THE CSIO ROMA PIAZZA DI SIENA**

Belgium's rising star ThibEAU Spits is set to make his debut at the CSIO Roma Piazza di Siena, one of the most prestigious and historic events on The Rolex Series calendar. For the young Belgian rider, competing in Rome represents a special milestone in his career.



“For me, it’s very special,” Spits explained. “The CSIO Roma Piazza di Siena has always been very high on my wish list. Over the last few years, I always tried to get in but never managed yet. This year, it fitted perfectly into the schedule and my horse is in very good shape, so I’m really looking forward to it.”

Spits is expected to compete in the Nations Cup and Rolex Gran Premio Roma aboard Impress-K van't Kattenheye Z, a horse currently enjoying excellent form.

“Normally, Impress-K will do both the Nations Cup and the Rolex Gran Premio Roma there,” he explained. “He is in amazing shape at the moment, with already a second and third place in ’s-Hertogenbosch and Geneva earlier this year.”

Belgium will head to the CSIO Roma Piazza di Siena with one of the strongest and youngest teams in the field, something that gives Spits even more confidence ahead of the week.

“Belgium is going with a very strong and young team,” he said. “Impress-K has already proved himself, Gilles Thomas and Ermitage Kalone have won multiple Grands Prix 5\*, and Emilie Conter and her horses are also in great form after finishing second in Hamburg last week. It’s a team with a lot of quality and confidence at the moment.”

For Spits, that collective strength only adds to the motivation ahead of one of the sport’s biggest events.

“It’s even more motivating knowing that the chances for good results are very high,” he concluded. “My ambitions are to perform well with the team, which I think we can definitely do, and then hopefully also achieve a strong result in the Rolex Gran Premio Roma.”

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## **ROLEX SERIES EVENTS 2026**

- Winter Equestrian Festival - Rolex Finale Week | March 24-29, 2026
- CSIO Roma Piazza di Siena | May 27-31, 2026
- Jumping International de La Baule - Officiel de France | June 11-14, 2026
- Falsterbo Horse Show | July 8-12, 2026
- Jumping International de Dinard | July 30-August 2, 2026
- RDS Dublin Horse Show | August 5-9, 2026
- Brussels Stephex Masters | August 26-30, 2026

## **ABOUT THE ROLEX SERIES**

The Rolex Series brings together seven of the world's most iconic showjumping events, each of them supported by Rolex. The pinnacle of each of these events is the Rolex Grand Prix, where the best horses and riders in the world compete for seven of the most coveted Grand Prix-titles in the sport of showjumping.

United through the Rolex Series, which was launched in 2024, these seven unique events all have their own distinctive qualities but also share certain common denominators. Firstly, each of the events that are part of the Rolex Series honours the heritage and traditions that so uniquely characterize the sport of showjumping. Furthermore, the venues that make up the series many of them with a rich equestrian history offer facilities and infrastructure which are globally renowned. The seven venues are also all especially valued for their highly enthusiastic and knowledgeable spectators who create an unparalleled atmosphere known to make horses and riders perform at their absolute best.