



THE ROLEX SERIES HEADS TO THE FRENCH ATLANTIC COAST FOR THE 65TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE JUMPING INTERNATIONAL DE LA BAULE – OFFICIEL DE FRANCE

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The Rolex Series returns to France from 11 to 14 June 2026 for the Jumping International de La Baule – Officiel de France, one of the most esteemed and widely recognised events in international show jumping.

This year marks a special milestone as La Baule celebrates the 65th anniversary of the competition. Set in the legendary Stade François André, the event will once again welcome 72 riders, 166 horses and 18 nations for four days of world-class sport on France's Atlantic coast.

The 2026 edition comes at a crucial moment in the season. With the FEI World Championships in Aachen less than two months away, La Baule represents an important opportunity for riders to demonstrate their form and strengthen their case for selection. As the road to Aachen intensifies, every performance will count.

The week will culminate with two unmissable highlights. On Friday 12 June at 1:30 pm, the Coupe des Nations Barrière will see the world's leading nations go head-to-head in one of the sport's most prestigious team contests. Attention will then shift to the Rolex Grand Prix Ville de La Baule on Sunday 14 June at 2:30 pm, where the world's best horse-and-rider combinations will compete for one of the most coveted Grand Prix events in international show jumping, bringing this landmark 65th anniversary edition to a spectacular close.

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THE WORLD'S BEST RIDERS GATHER AT JUMPING INTERNATIONAL DE LA BAULE - OFFICIEL DE FRANCE

The 65th edition of the Jumping International de La Baule – Officiel de France will once again welcome some of the biggest names in international show jumping. Riders from Belgium, Germany, Great Britain, Ireland, Italy, Sweden, Switzerland, the

United States and France will travel to the iconic Stade François André for four days of world-class sport.

Germany is set to feature Daniel Deusser, who returns to Jumping International de La Baule - Officiel de France aiming to defend the title he claimed in the Rolex Grand Prix Ville de La Baule in 2025. Alongside him, Richard Vogel, current World No. 2, European champion and recent winner of the Rolex Grand Prix of Aachen, adds further star power to the German squad.

The home nation will be represented by several leading names, including Nina Mallevaey, currently World No. 7 and the highest-ranked French rider in the world, Julien Epailard, World No. 11 and reigning French champion, and Olivier Perreau, Olympic team bronze medallist.

Great Britain arrives with an impressive line-up led by World No. 3 Scott Brash, alongside Harry Charles, Jessica Mendoza and Joseph Stockdale.

Belgium brings a strong contingent headed by Gilles Thomas, European team gold medallist and individual bronze medallist at the last European Championships, together with Grégory Wathelet, Pieter Devos and rising talent Émilie Conter.

Among Ireland's leading contenders are World No. 6 Shane Sweetnam, Cian O'Connor and one of the sport's brightest young talents, Tom Wachman.

The United States can rely on an outstanding trio featuring World No. 9 Laura Kraut, Olympic medallists Jessica Springsteen and McLain Ward.

Switzerland is represented by two of the sport's biggest stars: Steve Guerdat, World No. 10 and Olympic champion, alongside Martin Fuchs.

Sweden also boasts a formidable line-up featuring Henrik von Eckermann and Petronella Andersson.

As many of these athletes continue their preparations for the FEI World Championships in Aachen later this summer, all the ingredients are in place for an exceptional week of competition in La Baule.

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THE RACE TO QUALIFY FOR THE ROLEX GRAND PRIX VILLE DE LA BAULE

Throughout the week, riders will compete for a place in the Rolex Grand Prix Ville de La Baule, the highlight of the event and one of the most prestigious competitions in international show jumping. Adding to the challenge, the courses will be designed by

renowned French course designer Grégory Bodo, who was responsible for the jumping at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. Widely regarded as one of the sport's leading course designers, Bodo is known for creating technical and demanding tests that reward precision, partnership and horsemanship, setting the stage for world-class competition throughout the week.

Qualification will be determined as follows:

- The 22 best-placed athletes following the first round of the Nations Cup Barrière (Competition No. 8, Nations Cup: 2 rounds against the clock, all riders in 2nd round, 1 rider in jump-off - 1m60) will automatically qualify for the Rolex Grand Prix Ville de La Baule.

In the event of a tie for the final qualifying position, riders will be separated by their time in the first round of the Nations Cup Barrière. Should the tie remain, all tied athletes will be permitted to compete in the Rolex Grand Prix Ville de La Baule.

- The eight best-placed individual riders and non-team athletes in the Prix SAUR (Competition No. 11, Table A, one round against the clock with one jump-off against the clock - 1m50) will also earn qualification.
- The remaining qualification places will be allocated through the Prix Fédération Française d'Équitation (Competition No. 3, Table A, one round against the clock - 1m50) to complete the final field.
- Should a pre-qualified athlete also finish among the 22 qualifiers from the first round of the Nations Cup Barrière (Competition No. 8), their qualification place will not be reallocated to another rider.

With a place in one of the sport's most coveted Grand Prix at stake, every rail and every second will count as riders battle for a place in Sunday's showcase event.

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DANIEL DEUSSER: "EVERYBODY WANTS TO WIN A ROLEX GRAND PRIX ONCE"

You are heading to La Baule this week. Which horses will you be bringing, and what made you choose them for this event ?

I will bring Otello de Guldenboom, Pepita van T Meulenhof BR and Devino van't Langeveld Z. Otello de Guldenboom because he felt very comfortable in that arena last year. Pepita van T Meulenhof BR enjoys large grass arenas and has already delivered strong performances in similar venues such as Fontainebleau and Aachen this season. Devino van't Langeveld Z is a talented horse and I would like him to experience the atmosphere of a historic show like La Baule.

Looking back on your victory in last year's Rolex Grand Prix Ville de La Baule, what are your strongest memories from that day?

My strongest memory is definitely the incredible crowd in La Baule. The spectators really understand and love our sport. They support every rider and create a fantastic atmosphere throughout the competition. That is something very special.

What makes Jumping International de la Baule - Officiel de France such a special venue on the international calendar?

There are many reasons. The historic grass arena is one of them, but also the crowd, the atmosphere, the sporting programme and the overall infrastructure. Everything is designed with both horses and riders in mind, which makes it a very enjoyable event to compete at.

As the defending champion, does returning to Jumping International La Baule - Officiel de France feel any different this year?

Of course, coming back as the defending champion brings a little more pressure. After winning last year, there are naturally expectations, and you always want to perform well when you return to an event where you have enjoyed success.

The Rolex Grand Prix Ville de La Baule is always one of the highlights of the week. What does it mean to compete in a Rolex Series Event?

The Rolex Series events have become true highlights of the season. They are among the competitions every rider wants to win at least once in their career. The level of sport, the atmosphere and the prestige make them very special occasions.

What are your goals and expectations for this year's edition?

My goal is to have a successful week with all three horses and to build on the positive memories from last year. La Baule always attracts a world-class field, so the competition will be strong, but I am looking forward to returning.

Do you have a favourite place or restaurant in La Baule that you would recommend?

La Baule has many excellent restaurants and great places to enjoy the atmosphere of the town. What I enjoy most is simply spending time by the ocean and taking in everything that makes the event and the destination so unique.

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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 Stepheex 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.