



THE STAGE IS SET FOR THE ROLEX GRAND PRIX VILLE DE LA BAULE

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After three days of world-class sport, the Jumping International de La Baule – Officiel de France is preparing for its showpiece event: the Rolex Grand Prix Ville de La Baule, set to take place on Sunday, June 14 at 2:30 PM in the iconic Stade François André.

Since Thursday, packed grandstands and enthusiastic crowds have witnessed outstanding performances from the world's best riders and horses. With the FEI World Championships in Aachen less than two months away, this year's edition of La Baule has served as a crucial rehearsal for many of the sport's leading combinations.

The stakes could hardly be higher: adding one's name to the roll of honour of one of the most prestigious Grands Prix in international show jumping.

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A DEMANDING QUALIFICATION PROCESS

Throughout the week, riders battled for a place in the Rolex Grand Prix Ville de La Baule through three qualifying competitions.

Designed by Grégory Bodo, course designer of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, the courses once again tested precision, partnership and horsemanship at the highest level.

The 22 best-placed athletes following the first round of the Barrière Nations Cup automatically secured qualification for Sunday's Rolex Grand Prix Ville de La Baule. The eight best individual riders and non-team athletes from the Prix SAUR also earned qualification, while the remaining places were allocated through the Prix FFE / GENERALI.

First qualifier: Thursday's Prix FFE / GENERALI, a 1.50m Table A competition against the clock, welcomed 68 horse-and-rider combinations. Twenty-five produced a clear round, underlining the exceptional level of competition on display in La Baule.

Victory went to Ireland's Cian O'Connor aboard Genghis Khan in 59.57 seconds. France's Kevin Staut and Féline de Hus HDC finished a close second, just three hundredths of a second behind, while Canada's Erynn Ballard completed the podium with De Flor 111 Z Santa Rosa.

Second qualifier: Friday's Barrière Nations Cup delivered one of the highlights of the week. In front of a packed Stade François André, France's team of Julien Epailard, Nina Mallevaey, Antoine Ermann and Olivier Perreau ended a nine-year wait for victory in the prestigious team competition.

After a thrilling battle with Germany that remained undecided until the final rider, France prevailed with just one penalty point, ahead of Germany on four penalties and Ireland on nine. The Nations Cup also played a decisive role in shaping the field for Sunday's Rolex Grand Prix, with the 22 best riders from the first round securing automatic qualification.

Final qualifier: Saturday's Prix SAUR provided the last opportunity for riders still seeking a place in the Rolex Grand Prix Ville de La Baule.

Contested over 1.50m with a jump-off, the class attracted 67 combinations. Seventeen riders advanced to the jump-off, including Steve Guerdat, McLain Ward, Richard Vogel, Julien Epailard, Gilles Thomas and Antoine Ermann.

Switzerland's Steve Guerdat ultimately claimed victory aboard Lancelotta in 36.57 seconds, ahead of McLain Ward and Nayel Nassar. The competition also completed the final field for Sunday's Rolex Grand Prix Ville de La Baule, with the last qualification places awarded to the highest-placed eligible riders.

A WORLD-CLASS FIELD FOR SUNDAY'S SHOWPIECE

The line-up assembled for Sunday's Rolex Grand Prix Ville de La Baule promises to be exceptional.

Defending champion Daniel Deusser returns to La Baule aiming to retain the title he claimed in 2025.

France's Nations Cup heroes Julien Epailard, Nina Mallevaey and Antoine Ermann will all be present, hoping to continue their remarkable week in front of the home crowd.

Among the other leading contenders are Henrik von Eckermann, Gilles Thomas, Cian O'Connor, Kevin Staut, Martin Fuchs and many more of the sport's biggest names.

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As Antoine Ermann explained following France's Barrière Nations Cup victory:

"The Rolex Grand Prix Ville de La Baule is always special. The atmosphere, the crowd, the quality of the field and the course design make it one of the toughest tests in show jumping. You know you have to be at your very best."

All the ingredients are now in place for a spectacular edition of the Rolex Grand Prix Ville de La Baule.

Sunday, June 14 at 2:30 PM, all eyes will be on the Stade François André as the world's best riders battle for one of the most coveted titles in international show jumping.



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- 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.