



FIVE DAYS OF WORLD-CLASS SPORT AWAIT IN GALLAGHER DUBLIN HORSE SHOW

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Following a spectacular week at the Jumping International de Dinard, the Rolex Series now heads to Ireland for its sixth and penultimate event of the 2026 season: the Gallagher Dublin Horse Show, taking place from 5 to 9 August at the Royal Dublin Society (RDS).

For more than 150 years, the Gallagher Dublin Horse Show has stood among the world's most prestigious equestrian events, combining sporting excellence with Irish tradition in a truly unique atmosphere. This year's edition also marks the 100th anniversary of Ireland's first official CSIO, adding another historic milestone to one of the sport's most iconic gatherings. Renowned for its passionate crowds and rich heritage, the Dublin Horse Show remains a highlight of both the international show jumping calendar and Ireland's social season.

This year's edition will welcome 56 riders and 137 horses, once again bringing together an exceptional line-up of international talent. Among the week's highlights is the prestigious Nations' Cup of Ireland for the Aga Khan Trophy, where teams from Belgium, France, Great

Britain, Germany, Ireland, the Netherlands, Switzerland and the United States will compete for one of show jumping's most coveted team titles.

Designed by internationally acclaimed Irish course designer Alan Wade, the courses will once again provide a true championship test, demanding precision, scope, speed and horsemanship from the world's finest combinations.

Leading the field is current World No. 1 Kent Farrington (USA), alongside World No. 2 Richard Vogel (GER), Olympic champion Steve Guerdat (SUI), Olympic champion Rodrigo Pessoa (BRA) and World No. 11 Laura Kraut (USA), winner of the 2025 Rolex Grand Prix of Ireland.

The home nation will be represented by an outstanding line-up including World No. 5 Shane Sweetnam (IRL), fresh from his victory in the Rolex Grand Prix of Falsterbo, Cian O'Connor (IRL), Daniel Coyle (IRL), Jordan Coyle (IRL) and rising star Tom Wachman (IRL). Germany's challenge also includes Daniel Deusser (GER), while Belgium is represented by Jérôme Guery (BEL) and European Team champion Nicola Philippaerts (BEL). Brazil's Yuri Mansur (BRA) and America's Karl Cook (USA) further strengthen the field, while France arrives with Olympic Team champion Kevin Staut (FRA), Olivier Robert (FRA) and Nicolas Sers (FRA).

The week will culminate on Sunday, 9 August at 3:00 p.m., with the Rolex Grand Prix of Ireland, one of the most prestigious Grands Prix in international show jumping.

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THE ROAD TO THE ROLEX GRAND PRIX OF IRELAND

Contested over 1.60m under Table A, with one round against the clock followed by a jump-off against the clock, the competition will feature 40 of the week's best horse-and-rider combinations, all of whom will have earned their place through one of the sport's most demanding qualification systems.

Qualification for the Rolex Grand Prix of Ireland rewards consistency throughout the week.

Alongside the automatically qualified athletes, the 18 highest-placed riders after the first round of the Nations' Cup of Ireland for the Aga Khan Trophy will secure their place in Sunday's showpiece. The remaining places will then be determined through a points system based on performances in the week's principal CSI5* competitions. Individual riders and fifth team members will collect points in the Sport Ireland Classic (Table A, one round against the clock, 155cm) and the Cashel Palace Hotel Stakes (Table A, one round against the clock with one jump-off against the clock, 160cm), while Nations' Cup team members will score points in the Sport Ireland Classic and the first round of the Nations' Cup of Ireland for the Aga Khan Trophy, with points awarded on a descending scale from 100 points for the winner.

A final opportunity to qualify will come in the Gallagher Stakes, where the four highest-placed riders not already qualified will complete the field of 40 athletes.

By the time Sunday's Rolex Grand Prix of Ireland begins, every combination will have proved its form over several days of top-level competition, ensuring another exceptional contest at the home of Irish show jumping.

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LAURA KRAUT: "WINNING THE ROLEX GRAND PRIX OF IRELAND WAS AN UNFORGETTABLE MOMENT"

Returning to Dublin as the defending champion, Laura Kraut (USA) admits that her victory in last year's Rolex Grand Prix of Ireland remains one of the most memorable moments of her career. "It was unbelievable. Honestly, it was such a surprise. To win at the end of the class, and to be the only clear round, was something I never expected. More than anything, I was incredibly proud of my horse, Bisquetta."

For Kraut, the Gallagher Dublin Horse Show holds a unique place on the international calendar. "It's one of the most historic events in our sport. What makes it so special is the people. Ireland is such a horse country and you really feel that everywhere. There are so many activities around the show, the atmosphere is incredible, and everyone genuinely appreciates the horses, the riders and the sport. You feel it the moment you arrive."

Although she returns this year as the reigning champion, the American insists her approach remains unchanged.

"I don't really think about defending the title. Every time I go to a show, I go there to try to win, so this year is no different."

This week, Kraut will partner Baloutinue, one of the finest horses she has ever ridden, and her ambition is clear.

"We're definitely going to give it a go. Winning the Rolex Grand Prix of Ireland once was incredibly special, but to win it a second time would be amazing."

While smiling at comparisons with the legendary Nick Skelton, a multiple-time winner in Dublin, Kraut remains realistic.

"I don't think I'll have enough time to catch Nick's record! But just competing in Dublin is always special. Every rider knows how much history this event has, and now, as part of the Rolex Series, it has an even greater prestige."

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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
- Gallagher 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.