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THE ROLEX SERIES HEADS TO THE BRUSSELS STEPHEX MASTERS FOR THE FINAL EVENT OF THE 2026 SEASON

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From 26 to 30 August 2026, the Brussels StepheX Masters will welcome the world's leading riders and horses to StepheX Stables in Belgium for five days of international show jumping. As the seventh and final event of the 2026 Rolex Series season, the Brussels StepheX Masters will feature competition from CSI1* to CSI5*, bringing together established champions and some of the sport's most exciting talents. The week will culminate on Sunday, 30 August at 2:30 p.m. with the Rolex Grand Prix presented by Audi, the sporting highlight of the event.

A WORLD-CLASS FIELD ARRIVES IN BRUSSELS

An exceptional line-up is set to compete in Brussels, with 19 riders from the world's Top 35 among those confirmed.

Fresh from being crowned individual World Champion in Aachen last weekend, Steve Guerdat (SUI) arrives in Brussels at the top of his game. The Swiss champion is also the most recent Rolex Series Grand Prix winner, having claimed the Rolex Grand Prix of Ireland at the Gallagher Dublin Horse Show earlier this month.

Belgium will be strongly represented on home soil, led by newly crowned individual and team World Championship silver medallist Thibaut Spits (BEL). He will be joined by his fellow team silver medallists Abdel Said (BEL) and Pieter Devos (BEL).

The newly crowned World Champion German team will also be represented by Daniel Deusser (GER) and world No. 2 Richard Vogel (GER) while world No. 4 Ben Maher (GBR) arrives in Brussels following a team bronze medal at the World Championships.

Another rider to watch will be Piergiorgio Bucci (ITA), one of the standout performers of the 2026 Rolex Series season. The Italian has already claimed two Rolex Grand Prix victories this year, winning the Rolex Gran Premio Roma with Pallieter vd N.Ranch before following it up with victory in the Rolex Grand Prix Ville de La Baule aboard Hantano.

The Brussels Stephex Masters will also welcome the Stephex Stables home riders, with Zoe Hank Conter (BEL), Émilie Conter (BEL), Petronella Andersson (SWE) and Kendra Claricia Brinkop (GER) all set to compete in front of their home crowd.

Also returning to Brussels is Nina Mallewaey (FRA), winner of the 2025 Rolex Grand Prix. After her memorable victory last year, the French rider will return to the Grand Place Arena as the defending champion, ready to defend her title.

With World Champions, Rolex Grand Prix winners and 19 of the world's Top 35 riders heading to Brussels, the sporting line-up promises an exceptional final Rolex Series event of the season.

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THE ROAD TO THE ROLEX GRAND PRIX PRESENTED BY AUDI

All eyes will turn to the Rolex Grand Prix presented by Audi on Sunday, 30 August at 2:30 p.m., when 50 horse-and-rider combinations will take on the 1.60m course designed by internationally renowned course designer Grégory Bodo.

The Rolex Grand Prix will be contested over two rounds under Table A. The first round will be against the clock, with the 12 best athletes, based on penalties and time, qualifying

for the second round. In all cases, every athlete completing the first round without penalties will return for round two. Penalties from both rounds will be aggregated, with the time recorded in the second round used to break any ties.

Before Sunday, however, riders will first have to secure their place in the 50-strong field.

Alongside the pre-qualified horse-and-rider combinations, the 20 best riders from Thursday's CSI5* 1.50m Table A against the clock, on 27 August, will earn their place in the Rolex Grand Prix presented by Audi.

The qualification battle will continue on Friday, 28 August, with the CSI5* 1.55m with jump-off. The highest-placed riders who have not already qualified will complete the field of 50 combinations.

Should a qualified rider withdraw, their place will be offered to the next eligible rider from the same qualifying competition. If all eligible riders from Friday's competition have already been selected, any remaining places will be allocated to the next eligible riders from Thursday's qualifier.

By Sunday afternoon, the field will be complete. 50 combinations, a 1.60m course and one Rolex Grand Prix presented by Audi title to be claimed as the 2026 Rolex Series season reaches its final event in Brussels.

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PIERGIORGIO BUCCI: "I'M COMING TO BRUSSELS TO DO MY BEST AND TRY TO WIN"

After an exceptional season marked by two Rolex Grand Prix victories at Rolex Series events and a fourth-place finish at the World Championships in Aachen, Piergiorgio Bucci arrives at the Brussels Stephex Masters with confidence and ambition.

The Italian rider first fulfilled a childhood dream by winning the Rolex Gran Premio Roma at his home show, before following it up with another prestigious victory in the Rolex Grand Prix Ville de La Baule. Now, as he prepares to return to one of his favourite events, Bucci has his sights

set on another major title: the Rolex Grand Prix presented by Audi at the Brussels Stephex Masters.

You're returning to the Brussels Stephex Masters this year. What makes this event special for you, and what are you looking forward to most?

"Brussels is a very special place for me. I try to participate every year. It's one of the nicest venues, and the atmosphere, the crowd and the organization are always among the best. It's definitely one of those Grands Prix that every rider wants to have on their calendar."

You've already won two Rolex Grands Prix within the Rolex Series. What do those victories represent for you in your career?

"They mean the world to me. One of them was at my home show in Rome. As I always say, winning there had been my biggest dream since I was a kid, and to achieve it this year, on the 100th anniversary of Piazza di Siena, was something very, very special.

"Then came La Baule. To win there straight after Rome was incredible. I couldn't believe for several days that it had actually happened."

What would it mean to add the Rolex Grand Prix in Brussels to your list of victories?

"It would mean a lot to me because, as I said, Brussels is one of my favourite shows. I have huge respect for Stephan and the whole Conter family, and for everyone behind this event. For many years, they helped me to participate, even when I was much further down the rankings.

"I would love to give something back to Stephan and, in a way, show him that he was right to believe in me. So winning here would be very special, and I will definitely do my very best to make it happen."

Which horses are you planning to bring to Brussels? Do you already know which one you would like to ride in the Rolex Grand Prix, and what are your goals for the week?

"I'm coming with Pallieter VD N.Ranch, the horse I won Rome with. I'll also bring Casalia DG, a nine-year-old mare who is still a little green but is really, really good, and Istanbul Du Cedre for the CSI3*.

"I'm planning to ride Pallieter VD N.Ranch in the Rolex Grand Prix. He's my best horse at the moment, so of course the goal is to arrive in the best possible shape and try to do our very best."

Two Rolex Grand Prix victories already... Can we say you're coming to Brussels Stephex Masters for number three?

“Absolutely, yes! It’s definitely a Grand Prix I’m really looking forward to. I’m coming to Brussels to do my very best and try to win it.”

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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.