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The Mondial du Lion is the ultimate gathering for the brightest emerging talents in eventing. There is only one World Championship for these future stars, and for 39 years, the beautiful Isle Briand Park in Le Lion-d'Angers has been its iconic setting. The World Championship for 6- and 7-year-old horses is the first step on the path to the highest levels of international competition for young horses. This is why the world's top riders make it a point to start their most promising recruits here. For instance, CHIPMUNK FRH, who won Olympic gold in Paris with his German rider Michael Jung, competed at the Mondial as a 7-year-old, as did SHADOW MAN, silver medalist at the recent Olympics with Australian Christopher Burton!

Over the four days, the Isle Briand Park transforms into an open-air stage, accessible to all and filled with sport, conviviality, and festivity. The Mondial du Lion uniquely combines top-level competition with a warm, welcoming atmosphere, drawing 45,000 spectators each year. From October 17 to 20, 2024, the most talented international equestrians will come together to experience the family-friendly and lively ambiance that defines the Mondial du Lion.

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# AN INTERNATIONAL SPORTING COMPETITION COME SEE TOMORROW'S STAR HORSES EMERGE!

British rider Tom McEwen, Olympic Team Champion in Paris and the current world number one in eventing, will be competing in the 40th edition of the Mondial du Lion, as will French medalists Nicolas Touzaint and Stéphane Landois, who won team silver at the Paris Olympic Games. However, at the Mondial du Lion, the real stars are the horses! It is they who will compete for the title of World Champion among 6- and 7-year-olds—a crucial first step towards reaching the pinnacle of the sport.

**25 NATIONALITIES**  
**114 HORSES COMPETING AT THE MONDIAL DU LION**  
**47 6 YEAR-OLD HORSES**  
**67 7 YEAR-OLD HORSES**

## CROSS-COUNTRY COURSE CHARACTERISTICS, SET IN THE STUNNING ISLE BRIAND PARK

### 6-Year-Olds:

20 obstacles, including 8 combinations; a course length of approximately 4,500 meters

### 7-Year-Olds:

22 obstacles, including 8 combinations; a course length of approximately 5,000 meters

## THEY SHONE AT THE MONDIAL DU LION... BEFORE EXCELLING ON THE WORLD STAGE! The Remarkable Careers of Champions

### Galan de Sauvagère

Born: 1994

Rider: Nicolas Touzaint (France)

2000: World Champion for 6-year-olds

2001: World Champion for 7-year-olds

2004: Olympic Team Champion in Athens

*Now 30, Galan is enjoying retirement near Le Lion d'Angers with his rider.*

### Ben Along Time

Born: 1995

Rider: Clayton Fredericks (Australia)

2001: 4th in the World Championship for 6-year-olds

2006: Silver medalist at the World Equestrian Games in Aachen

*During a ten-year international career, Ben Along Time was penalized only once on the world's most challenging cross-country courses!*

### Sam

Born: 2000

Rider: Michael Jung (Germany)

2006: Silver medalist at the World Championship for 6-year-olds

2007: Silver medalist at the World Championship for 7-year-olds

2010: World Champion in Lexington

2012: Olympic Champion in London

2016: Olympic Champion in Rio de Janeiro  
*Sam is the only horse in history to have won both a world and two individual Olympic titles.*

*Michael Jung is the only eventer to have won three individual Olympic golds. He claimed his latest Olympic victory in Paris with Chipmunk, a 16-year-old who competed at the Mondial du Lion as a 7-year-old.*



### Opgun Louvo

Born: 2002

Rider: Sandra Auffarth (Germany)

2009: Bronze medal at the World Championship for 7-year-olds

2012: Silver medal at the London Olympics

2014: World Champion in Caen

*Opgun Louvo won his World Championship title in Normandy, where he was also born! A Selle Français bred by Yves and Elizabeth Bertioz.*

### Banzaï du Loir

Rider: Yasmin Ingham (Great Britain)

2018: 26th at the World Championship for 7-year-olds

2022: World Champion in Pratoni del Vivaro

2023: European Team Champion at Haras du Pin

*Banzaï du Loir is a French horse from Sarthe, bred by Pierre Gouyé.*

### Lordships Graffalo

Born: 2012

Rider: Rosalind Canter (Great Britain)

2019: 8th at the World Championship for 7-year-olds

2023: European Champion, both individually and with the team, at Haras du Pin

2024: Olympic Team Champion in Paris

*Lordships Graffalo and Ros Canter narrowly missed out on an individual Olympic title in Paris due to a penalty for a missed flag on a cross-country obstacle, resulting in a 21st-place finish.*

## LE LION, IT MUST BE EARNED!

**The Mondial du Lion gathers the finest 6- and 7-year-old horses of their generation. To ensure the safety and well-being of both equine and human athletes, riders and their horses must meet specific performance standards before being allowed to compete.**

### QUALIFICATION CRITERIA:

**6-Year-Old Horses:** Must have completed a Two-Star cross-country course without obstacle penalties\* and with no more than one fault (4 points) in the show jumping test. These criteria must be met between January 1, 2023, and September 17, 2024.

**7-Year-Old Horses:** Must have completed both a Two-Star and a Three-Star cross-country course without obstacle penalties\* and with no more than one fault (4 points) in the show jumping test. These criteria must be met between January 1 and September 17, 2024.

**Following qualification,** the horses' participation at the Mondial **is determined by their national federation,** with national selectors responsible for the final selection. For France, this responsibility lies with Thierry Touzaint.

**Each country has a quota of 15 places:** three for 6-year-olds and twelve for 7-year-olds.

**Each rider is allowed to compete with a maximum of two horses:** either two horses in the same championship or one horse in each of the 6- and 7-year-old categories.

*\*Errors such as the activation of a safety device on a cross-country obstacle or a narrowly missed flag are tolerated.*

## GOING FOR THE DOUBLE!

**Barrington Alice,** the beautiful grey mare crowned World Champion in the 6-Year-Old category in 2023 with her British rider Isabelle "Izzy" Taylor, will be competing this year in the 7-Year-Old Championship!

**Hermès du Gévaudan,** who finished second last year with French rider Stéphane Landois, is also on the start list.

## REMINDER

### WHAT IS EVENTING?

**Eventing** is an equestrian triathlon where horse and rider teams compete in three tests:

**Dressage:** Riders perform a predetermined sequence of movements at various paces (walk, trot, and canter), which are scored by judges based on precision and fluidity.

**Cross-Country:** A timed course set in natural surroundings, featuring natural obstacles like logs and water crossings that must be jumped.

**Show Jumping:** Usually the final phase (though in some events it can precede the cross-country). Horses jump obstacles arranged in an arena, with penalty points for any knocked rails.

**The final score** is the total of points earned across all three phases.

The day after the cross-country phase, horses undergo a “final inspection” before the judges.

Riders walk and trot their horses in front of officials, who assess their soundness. Any horse showing signs of discomfort, such as lameness, is withdrawn from the competition.

Historically, **eventing** was practiced by military riders to train and test their horses. The dressage phase showcased obedience and maneuverability, the cross-country phase tested bravery, and the show jumping phase demonstrated recovery and athleticism.

## THE 2024 CROSS-COUNTRY COURSE FEATURING TWO OBSTACLES FROM THE OLYMPIC GAMES

A true hallmark of the Mondial du Lion, the cross-country course is renowned for its iconic obstacles that captivate thousands of fans and curious onlookers each year. Famous jumps like the Owl, the Spider, the Phoenix, and the Trumpet have become legendary challenges.

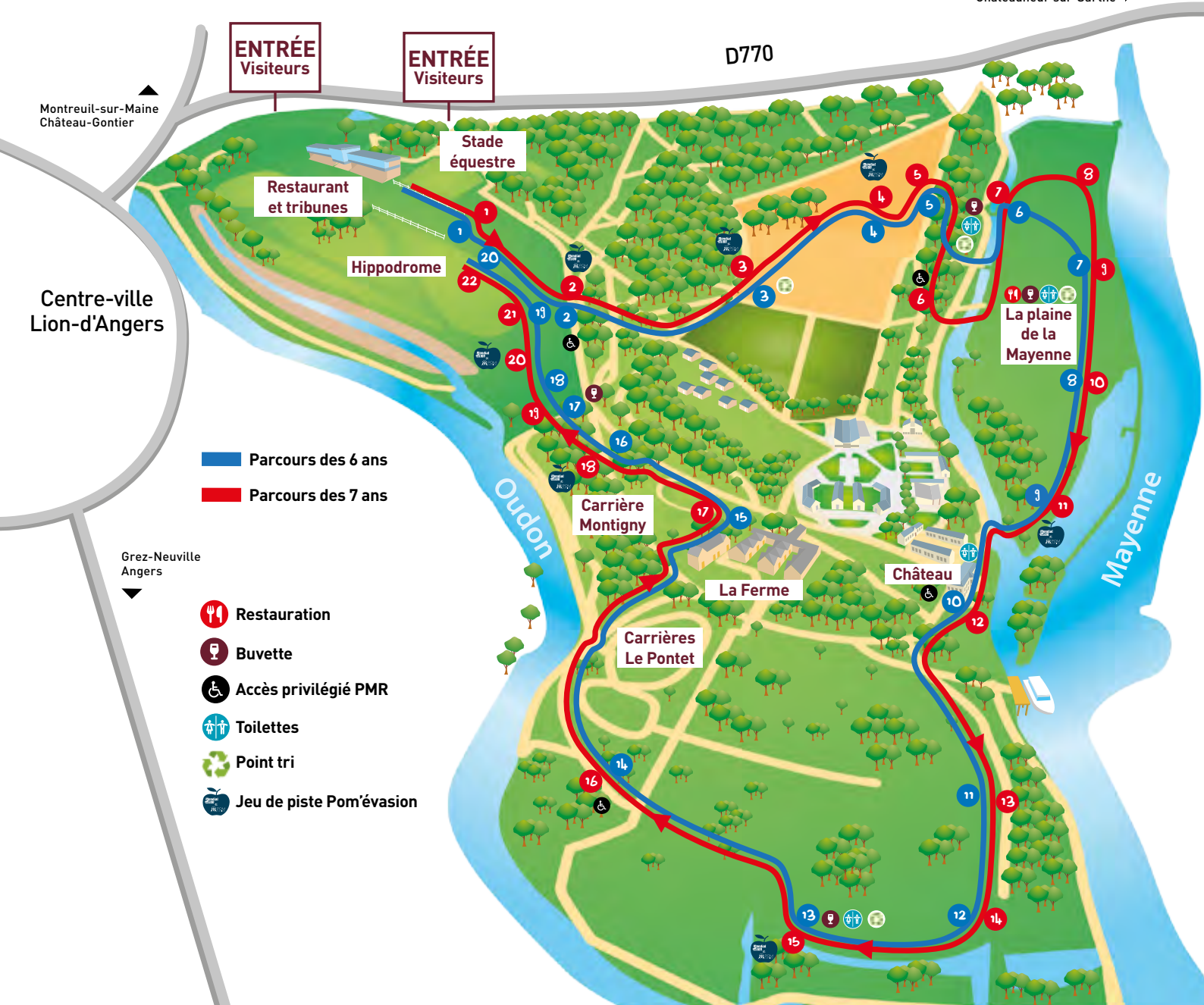
For the 2024 edition, the cross-country course once again features the work of Christian Aschard, the creative mind behind the event's signature obstacles. This year, two spectacular jumps created for the Paris 2024 Olympics will be part of the course. Named "The Builders" and "The Stag," these additions promise to bring extra excitement and challenge for the competitors, making the course even more thrilling to watch.

The Mondial du Lion cross-country course remains a central highlight of the competition, renowned worldwide for its creativity and worth the trip on its own!



## THE CROSS-COUNTRY COURSE

Champigné Chateauf-sur-Sarthe



■ Parcours des 6 ans  
■ Parcours des 7 ans

- Restauration
- Buvette
- Accès privilégié PMR
- Toilettes
- Point tri
- Jeu de piste Pom'évasion

6 ans	7 ans				
1	1	Saveurs de l'Anjou Bleu	8	10	Pays de la Loire grandeur nature
2	2	Tour au Lion d'Angers	9	11	BMI sols équestres
3	3	Géant FFE	10	12	Anjou force de la douceur
4	4	Cases Datanaute	11	13	Cagouilles Petit Location
5	5	Concert au Crédit Mutuel	12	14	Observatoire Pom'évasion
6	6	Picus viridis	13	15	Perchoir Crédit Agricole
6	7	Bain de La Fontaine à l'Isle Briand	14	16	Envol Huntex
8	8	Hallier du ragot de la Com com	15	17	Lauriers Fiducial
7	9	Charpentes In Extenso	16	18	Ramure Devoucoux
			17	19	Hutte Forestier
			18		Talus parisiens
			19	20	Sport'IFCE
			20	21	Jeunes talents de la SHF
			21	22	Cœur mécénat chirurgie cardiaque





## A TAILORED PROGRAM FOR EQUESTRIAN LOVERS AND CURIOUS SPECTATORS

The Mondial du Lion isn't just about world-class equestrian competition—it's a festive gathering filled with music, unique encounters, and captivating performances for everyone to enjoy. Whether you're a dedicated fan of eventing or just looking for family-friendly entertainment, this exceptional event offers something for all!

### THE VILLAGE

Open daily from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

**NEW:**

*The «Village des P'tits Lions,» dedicated to children, will be open throughout the event, welcoming school groups on Thursday and Friday.*

#### Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>

**SPORT**

2 p.m.: Horse Inspection for 6-year-olds  
Followed by: Horse Inspection for 7-year-olds

#### Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>

**SPORT**

9 a.m.: Start of the competition with the Dressage test for 6-year-old horses  
1 p.m.: Dressage test for 7-year-old horses  
6 p.m. to 8 p.m.: «Espoirs du Complet» Free Jumping Event  
Location: Parc Indoor Arena

#### Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup>

**SPORT**

9 a.m.: Dressage test for 6-year-old horses  
1 p.m.: Dressage test for 7-year-old horses  
Morning: «Les Espoirs du Complet» Conformation Test  
Afternoon: Jumping and Under-Saddle Movement Test  
Location: Le Pontet Arena  
*Prize-giving for the top 5 three-year-olds after the event*

**ANIMATIONS**

5 p.m.: Vocal "Sans crier gare"  
Location: Village Area

#### Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>

**SPORT**

10 a.m.: Cross-Country Test for 6-year-old horses  
1 p.m.: Cross-Country Test for 7-year-old horses  
5 p.m.: Olympic Medalist Parade  
5:30 p.m.: SHF Young Talents Trophy by Forestier  
Location: Mondial Arena

**ANIMATIONS**

Treasure Hunt:  
9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. along the Cross-Country Course  
*Prize ceremony at 6 p.m. at the Oxygène Radio Stand*

Les Trompes du Lion Ensemble:  
9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Village

La F'Pok Marching Band:  
5 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. in the Village

Meet Artisans from Pays d'Anjou Bleu:  
11:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m. at the 100% Anjou Bleu Guinguette

#### Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>

**SPORT**

11 a.m.: Show Jumping for 6-year-old horses  
2:30 p.m.: Show Jumping for 7-year-old horses  
4 p.m.: Prize Ceremony

**ANIMATIONS**

Equestrian Show «Air Pur»:  
12:30 p.m. on the Main Field

Meet Artisans from Pays d'Anjou Bleu:  
11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m. at the 100% Anjou Bleu Guinguette





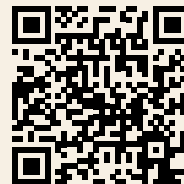
## LES JEUNES TALENTS DU COMPLET SHF BY FORESTIER

For the second consecutive year, the Société Hippique Française (SHF) is organizing “derby” events, exclusively for the top French horses from the Grande Semaine de Pompadour.

**The Mondial du Lion serves as the perfect platform to showcase the exceptional potential of these future champions. By providing them with the opportunity to shine in a prestigious setting, this initiative promotes French expertise in breeding and equestrian training while creating an exciting atmosphere for fans of the sport.**

The highest-ranked horses from the French Championships for 4, 5, and 6-year-olds will compete in events combining dressage and both fixed and mobile obstacle courses. These competitions offer young horses a chance to demonstrate their physical, mental, and genetic qualities in front of an enthusiastic and international audience.

Watch the video explanation  
by Aurélien Lafargue  
and Cyril Gavrilovic



## LES ESPOIRS DU COMPLET: A SPRINGBOARD FOR FUTURE CHAMPIONS

For the 8<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, the Selle Français Stud Book, the Anglo-Arab Stud Book, Cheval Pays de la Loire, and France Complet have joined forces to present the Young Hopes of Eventing, a championship dedicated to 3-year-old horses in Eventing (CCE) during the Mondial du Lion.

This event aims to identify the best young horses with aptitude for the CCE discipline while highlighting these future performers in a prestigious international setting. The Young Hopes of Eventing also provides breeders with a new sales opportunity for their 3-year-old horses, whether geldings, colts, or fillies, from the Selle Français and Anglo-Arab breeds.

The competition is reserved for the top 20 candidates selected for their predispositions to the discipline, fostering the emergence of new talents on the equestrian scene. Thus, the Young Hopes of Eventing serves as an essential showcase for the development and promotion of young sport horses.



## THE VILLAGE OVER 100 EXHIBITORS IN A FESTIVE ATMOSPHERE

Throughout these four days of competition, the Mondial Village is a hub of activities and friendliness. Visitors can enjoy local delicacies, relax with a drink from our partner, VandB, or stroll among the stands dedicated to equestrian equipment and merchandise. The village also features fun activities for children, extending the Mondial experience in a vibrant and welcoming atmosphere.

**The Mondial Village is open from Thursday to Sunday, starting at 8:30 AM.**

### TOURIST DISCOVERY

#### **Guinguette 100% Anjou Bleu**

**from Thursday to Sunday, 8:30 am to 7:00 pm**

Experience the authentic flavors of the Anjou Bleu region. Savor fresh, local products while discovering the secrets behind their production. Immerse yourself in the local terroir and enjoy a taste of the rich culinary heritage that Anjou Bleu has to offer!



This initiative is presented by the Pays de l'Anjou Bleu and its Tourist Office, which have been working for many years to create connections between local producers and artisans. They aim to highlight their initiatives and collaborate on actions that strengthen the region's image. The Mondial du Lion, as a major event for the area, provides the perfect opportunity to bring them together again, showcasing their products and expertise through a 100% local guinguette and a boutique of creators that will be located in the heart of the village for the seventh consecutive year.

#### **Meet the artisans...**

**Saturday at 11:30 am, 3:30 pm, and 5:30 pm / Sunday at 11:30 am, 2:00 pm, and 4:00 pm**

Join us to meet passionate local artisans and producers who keep the spirit of Anjou Bleu alive through their unique craftsmanship. This is the perfect opportunity to engage with those who shape the region daily, discover their products, and take home handmade souvenirs!

### SPECIAL CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

#### **The Village of Little Lions**

**Saturday and Sunday from 8:30 AM to 7:00 PM**

The Village of Little Lions is the perfect spot for the youngest visitors! With a wide array of fun and educational activities, this village offers engaging animations dedicated to children, creating moments of sharing for the whole family.

Thanks to our partner Pasquier, a snack will be provided throughout the two days to keep everyone's energy up!

### **Mini Farm (offered by La Ferme aux 5 Chemins):**

Get up close with farm animals and learn about them during a walk through the animal area. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to become familiar with the animals of our countryside.

### **Mini Obstacle Course:**

A Derby Eventing designed for those under 12, allowing young ones to experience equestrianism in a playful and safe way. They can feel like real riders as they navigate a course tailored to their size and interests!

### **Pony Rides:**

Offered by Écurie de la Roselière, children can enjoy their first equestrian experience with pony rides.

### **Lions Club:**

Creative activities including face painting, coloring, and balloon twisting workshops.

### **Drawing and Painting Workshop:**

Led by talented young artist Merlin Riand, children will have the chance to express their creativity.

### **Animal Tracks Workshop:**

Hosted by the Maine-et-Loire Hunters Federation, this workshop helps children recognize and create tracks of wild animals like foxes, deer, and wild boars that inhabit our forests.

### **Healthy Eating Workshop:**

Led by dieticians from Interfel (Interprofessional Association of Fruits & Vegetables), this workshop will challenge your five senses and raise awareness among children and adults about the importance of healthy eating, with tips for a healthier lifestyle. Tastings included!

### **Nature Activities:**

Organized by the Scouts and Guides of France, these activities will immerse children in the world of scouting and nature through fun experiences specially designed for ages 6 to 8. They'll learn about outdoor living, engage in nature-themed activities, and have fun with peers while discovering the team spirit that characterizes scouts..

## **TREASURE HUNT BY OUR PARTNER POM' ÉVASION**

**Saturday from 8:30 AM to 7:00 PM**

Staying true to its tradition, Pom' Évasion invites you to an entertaining and educational adventure! In conjunction with the cross-country event, immerse your children in a treasure hunt specially designed for young explorers.

Discover the wooded trails of the Parc de l'Isle Briand while familiarizing yourselves with the surrounding nature and the biodiversity challenges associated with equestrian eventing. Additionally, through Pom' Évasion, young adventurers will learn about the agroecological practices of local apple and pear producers. Committed to environmental stewardship, these producers focus on biodiversity and natural methods.

Find this treasure hunt in the official program and participate during the cross-country event. Wander around the course as you search for seven panels that will provide clues to answer the questions.

This is a playful moment to experience the Mondial du Lion as a family, where discovery, nature, and fun await the little explorers!

## MUSIC AND SHOWS

### Vocal “Sans crier gare”

**Friday at 5:00 PM**

Discover “Sans Crier Gare”, a vocal ensemble from Angers that revisits French songs in all their forms. From Brassens to Souchon, Indochine, Ferrat, Roch Voisine, and Le Forestier, they perform a wide repertoire that spans classic and traditional songs as well as personal compositions laced with humorous touches. Whether a cappella or accompanied by guitars, these singers will make you rediscover legendary tracks.

### Les Trompes du Lion

**Saturday from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM**

Don't miss the majestic entrance of the hunting horn blowers who will parade through the park. This historic group, composed of 15 members, will transport you back to equestrian traditions, filling the day with their powerful sounds as they accompany the cross-country event. A vibrant echo throughout the park to celebrate this legendary day!

### Fanfare La F'Pok :

**Saturday at 5:00 PM and 6:30 PM (45 minutes)**

Hailing from Mayenne, this funk-pop brass band will make you vibrate with their dynamic sounds and overflowing energy. Get ready for a musical moment that will awaken all your senses!

### Equestrian Show Air Pur

**Sunday at 12:30 PM**

In partnership with the Salon du Cheval d'Angers, the Écuries d'Air Pur are excited to share with you a beautiful treasure from Iceland: the Icelandic horse. With its five natural gaits, the sensations provided by the Icelandic horse are truly unique. Its tölt offers exceptional comfort and an incredible range of speed. A charming, friendly, and family-oriented horse that you absolutely must discover!

### The Anjou Bleu Music School

**Sunday before the awards ceremony**

Let yourself be carried away by the energy of the brass section of the Anjou Bleu music school, under the direction of Johny Scouarnec. The musicians will perfectly accompany the entrance of the riders and their horses, harmonizing beautifully with the emotions of these significant moments at the Mondial.

## THE OFFICIAL STORE

### New Collection 2024: Souvenirs from the Mondial du Lion!

This year, the Mondial du Lion continues its collaboration with Sporeo by launching a new collection of products in the event's colors. Designed and manufactured in France, this range aligns with the sustainable development goals of both partners.

For this 40th edition, items featuring the colors of the poster will take center stage, alongside classics like beer mugs, cups, jackets, and hoodies. There's something for everyone, young and old, to take home an unforgettable souvenir.

The boutique will be located in the exhibitor village from Thursday to Sunday, and products will also be available online at [www.mondialdulion.com](http://www.mondialdulion.com) throughout the year.

## FOLLOW THE COMPETITION A 100% DIGITAL COMPETITION

### LIVE STREAMING

The primary platform to watch the entire competition is the Mondial du Lion website:

[www.mondialdulion.com](http://www.mondialdulion.com)

The public can also catch the live coverage on Mondial du Lion's social media, including the two horse inspections, as well as on GrandPrix-tv.info.

### LIVE TIMING

An essential tool, World Sport Timing provides the public with all the necessary elements to follow the competition: schedules, start lists, and live results. Simply click on the links for "Results 6 years" or "Results 7 years" on [www.mondialdulion.com](http://www.mondialdulion.com) to stay updated.

### SOCIAL MEDIA

As always, spectators can follow updates and share their memories from the Mondial du Lion using the hashtag **#MondialduLion**

Available on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn.



### PRESS

**Press conference:** On Saturday, October 19, and Sunday, October 20, following the events, the top three riders in the standings will be invited to press conferences. These will be held in the Premium Mondial du Lion lodge by the main arena, ensuring proximity to the key participants.

**Mixed Zones:** Press representatives will have access to mixed zones, allowing them to interview athletes and their entourages after the cross-country event, leading to the relaxation area.

**ACCESS TO THE STABLES IS AVAILABLE ONLY UPON REQUEST AND MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PRESS RELATIONS OFFICER.**

## AN ENGAGED EVENT THE MONDIAL RECEIVES THE EXCELLENCE MENTION FROM THE EQUURES LABEL



In 2023, the Mondial du Lion was recognized for its exceptional commitment to the environment, receiving the «Excellence» mention from the EQUURES label. This label evaluates equestrian events based on 130 criteria related to energy management, waste management, transportation, and animal welfare. **This distinction, the highest awarded by this national label, establishes the Mondial du Lion as a unique benchmark for ecological responsibility in the world of equestrian competitions.**

In 2023,

- 56% of waste was recycled, compared to 50% the previous year. Over six years, the total amount of waste generated by the event has been halved, decreasing from 12 tons in 2018 to 6 tons in 2023.
- This reduction is the result of a collective effort involving volunteers, exhibitors, and service providers, all working towards a common goal of minimizing impacts.

For 2024, the Mondial du Lion plans to conduct a carbon footprint assessment, an essential step to better understand and manage the overall ecological footprint of the competition. This assessment will help identify specific areas for improvement and establish a «low carbon» strategy.

**The Mondial du Lion, as a major equestrian sports event attracting over 45,000 spectators, is fully aware of its environmental impact. Reducing this impact is not only a priority but also an opportunity to raise awareness among a wide audience—ranging from competitors to partners—about the importance of adopting more responsible behaviors.**

### THREE PRIORITY ACTION AREAS:

To address these challenges, the organizers of the Mondial du Lion have defined three essential action areas:

#### 1. Waste Reduction and Sorting:

Numerous collection and sorting stations are set up throughout the venue, supported by volunteers who educate the public on proper sorting practices.

#### 2. Management of Energy and Water Consumption:

Water used for irrigation is sourced from off-network supplies, and sub-irrigation methods significantly reduce water usage. The organization also prioritizes energy-efficient devices and conducts annual energy audits to identify improvement opportunities.

#### 3. Eco-Friendly Transportation Modes:

In partnership with Aléop, free shuttles and a carpooling platform are established to promote sustainable travel and reduce the use of individual vehicles.

## ANIMAL WELFARE: A PRIORITY

Animal welfare is another fundamental priority of the event, aligning with our overall commitment to environmental respect. The horses enjoy optimal conditions, with access to spacious paddocks and grazing areas, as well as boxes located in airy, well-lit, and well-ventilated stables. In 2023, we distributed a questionnaire to riders and grooms to gather their feedback on any incidents encountered on site. This information helps identify areas for improvement to ensure a safe and suitable environment for the horses while minimizing negative impacts on their well-being. This year, we are continuing this initiative with an online questionnaire accessible to all.

## A MODEL FOR THE FUTURE:

**By receiving the «Excellence» mention from the EQUURES label, the Mondial du Lion positions itself as a pioneer, not only in reducing its ecological footprint but also in serving as a model for other equestrian competition organizers. Through these initiatives, we demonstrate that it is possible to reconcile a passion for equestrian sports with respect for the environment.**



# OUR PARTNERS

## CRÉDIT MUTUEL ANJOU REAFFIRMS ITS SUPPORT

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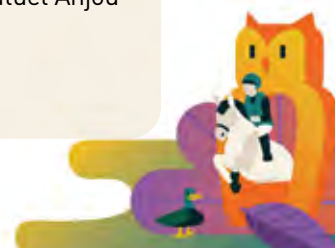
## CRÉDIT MUTUEL ANJOU RENEWS ITS PARTNERSHIP WITH MONDIAL DU LION



We are proud to announce the renewal of the partnership between Crédit Mutuel Anjou and the Mondial du Lion, a collaboration that endures and reflects strong common values. As a steadfast partner of our event, Crédit Mutuel Anjou once again reaffirms its commitment to promoting and enhancing the region.

Standing alongside the Mondial du Lion provides Crédit Mutuel Anjou with the opportunity to actively contribute to the economic development and prominence of Anjou, recognized as a true land of equestrian excellence. This partnership is also rooted in a commitment to social responsibility and sustainable development—essential values for both parties.

Together, we are working towards an event that highlights eco-responsibility and resonates with the identity of our region. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Crédit Mutuel Anjou for their continued support and trust!



## THE ISLE BRIAND DEPARTMENTAL PARK: A NATURAL GEM AND RICH IN EQUESTRIAN HERITAGE

**Acquired by the Department in 1971, the Isle Briand Departmental Park quickly established itself as an emblematic venue for equestrian activities, notably with the establishment of the National Stud. This park has become a true nerve center for the equine sector, attracting enthusiasts and professionals from around the world.**

Since 2017, the park has been managed by a Public Interest Group, which has implemented significant improvements. These enhancements aim to facilitate the exploration of the estate while showcasing its natural and cultural heritage. Today, the park is a vibrant place, hosting a variety of entities, including a mounted police unit, SOS Children's Village, the Haras du Lion, as well as organizations dedicated to equestrianism and equestrian tourism: the Lion Racing Association, the Regional Equestrian Committee, the Regional Equestrian Tourism Committee, the French Institute of Horse and Riding, Lion Equestre - Mondial du Lion, and, of course, riders.

Bordered by the Mayenne and Oudon rivers, the park spans over 180 hectares, offering an exceptional natural setting. This vast domain is home to rich biodiversity, with over 140 plant species and 200 animal species, which has earned it the classification as a Sensitive Natural Area. Preserving this environment is a priority, ensuring a harmonious living space for local wildlife and flora.

The park's architecture is equally remarkable, featuring its 18th-century chateau, model farm, and stables designed by Geoffroy de Crépy, architect of the National School of Riding. The park is a true playground for nature lovers, combining heritage, biodiversity, and equestrian passion.

The Isle Briand Departmental Park is thus a unique place where sport, culture, and nature intersect, offering an unforgettable experience to visitors from all walks of life.

# LE LION ÉQUESTRE

## THE ORGANIZING ASSOCIATION OF THE EVENT

The association Le Lion Équestre Mondial du Lion is a non-profit organization established in 1985, located at the Isle Briand site. Its primary goal is to organize the Mondial du Lion.

The association is led by a board consisting of:

- **Yves-Marie Vandamme**, President
- **Sophie Beucher et Nicolas Cousseau**, Vice-Presidents
- **Yves Despres**, Treasurer
- **Fabien Pelletier**, Secratry

Since April 2023, the board of directors has expanded to include 12 members, each responsible for the strategy of a specific area, supported by other volunteers who handle the operational aspects of the event.

Le Lion Équestre is committed to providing a platform of excellence for equestrian eventing competitions, fostering the development of emerging talents and supporting the equine sector in France. The association collaborates closely with various stakeholders in the equine community, including the French Equestrian Society and local riding clubs, to ensure high-quality training for young riders and horses.

In summary, Le Lion Équestre is a symbol of commitment and passion for the equestrian world, bringing together enthusiasts, professionals, and fans around a shared ambition: to showcase French equestrianism on the international stage.

## VOLUNTEERS AT THE MONDIAL DU LION HOW DO THESE UNSUNG HEROES MAKE THE MONDIAL SHINE?

Every year, over 250 volunteers come together to make the Mondial du Lion an exceptional event, sometimes putting their own lives on hold to fully commit. Their contribution is essential: without them, organizing such an event would simply be impossible. These enthusiasts, whether students, professionals, or casual equestrian fans, play a crucial role in the success of the Mondial.

Volunteers invest their time throughout the year, providing support during the weeks leading up to the event and even afterward to ensure the smooth running of various activities. They may also choose to be present only during the event itself. Their commitment translates into a variety of roles across different areas of the Mondial du Lion, including:

- **Welcome:** Greet spectators and participants with a smile.
- **Animation:** Engage visitors in the village and various activities.
- **Horse Welfare:** Ensure the health and comfort of the horses.
- **Ticketing:** Manage visitor entry and ticket sales.
- **Communication:** Promote and provide information about the event.
- **Eco-Responsibility:** Contribute to sustainable and environmentally friendly practices.
- **Logistics:** Oversee material organization on-site.
- **Partners:** Coordinate relationships with sponsors and partners.
- **Safety and First Aid:** Ensure the safety of all participants and visitors.
- **Sport:** Assist in organizing the competitions.

This spirit of volunteering fosters camaraderie and solidarity, strengthening the bond between equestrian enthusiasts and the local community. Thanks to their dedication, the Mondial du Lion stands out as a friendly and accessible event, where the love for horses and equestrian sports is experienced intensely.