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### SAUMUR ATTELAGE ENTERS A NEW ERA UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF L'ÉQUESTRE

From 27 to 31 May 2026, the Hippodrome de Verrie (Saumur, France) will host the 41st edition of Saumur Attelage, one of the most established international driving events on the FEI calendar. Formerly known as Les Internationaux d'Attelage, the event continues to be a key meeting point for the world's leading drivers.

A significant development for 2026 is that the organisation of Saumur Attelage is now overseen by L'Équestre, a company dedicated to the development and international promotion of equestrian sport in the Saumur region. This transition marks a new chapter for the event, combining continuity and ambition, with a clear objective: to maintain the highest sporting standards while strengthening the event's visibility and appeal at international level. After 40 successful editions, the Saumur Attelage Association hands over the organisation, leaving a strong sporting and organisational legacy.

Over five days of competition, dressage, marathon and obstacle driving will showcase the full spectrum of high-performance combined driving. Around 100 drivers are expected to compete across 17 FEI classes, including Singles, Pairs and Four-in-Hand, for both horses and ponies, at 2 and 3\*\* level.

A highlight of the programme will be the FEI CAI3 Four-in-Hand\*, which will serve as a qualifier for the 2026 FEI Driving World Cup, to be held in February 2027 in Bordeaux (FRA). This class underlines Saumur Attelage's role as a strategic preparation and qualification venue for championship-level competition.

Alongside elite sport, Saumur Attelage remains an open and accessible event, welcoming both dedicated followers of the discipline and a wider audience, and offering opportunities to discover one of equestrian sport's most technical and spectacular disciplines.

With its 41st edition, Saumur Attelage reaffirms its status as a reference event on the international combined driving circuit and opens a new chapter under the leadership of L'Équestre, with the support of local authorities, in the service of sport, athletes and the global visibility of Saumur as a leading equestrian destination.

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