

Dear riders and grooms,

We hope you are doing well and enjoying a relaxing holiday. The preparations for Longines CHI Classics Basel are progressing according to plan. We are looking forward to an exciting tournament with world class sport highlights – in showjumping as well as in dressage – and the best Swiss music stars.

On behalf of the organizing committee and all sponsors, we are very much pleased to welcome you to the LONGINES CHI Classics Basel next week.

We are writing you to provide you with key information to facilitate your preparations. Also, we hope we will make you feeling home, comfortable and you will have an enjoyable stay in Basel.

PARTICIPANTS' WEBPAGE

Please also have a look at the Participant's page [here](#) on our website.

SCHEDULES

Please find the latest schedules for jumping & dressage [here](#) and note that the schedule is being updated from time to time in order to reflect relevant changes.

CUSTOM FORMALITIES & HEALTH DOCUMENTS

Further info on these topics and forms for download are provided [here](#) on the Participant's webpage.

TAX OBLIGATION

Sportsmen, sportswomen and sports teams domiciled or based abroad may be liable to VAT in Switzerland if they

- win prize money or receive entry fees when participating in a domestic sporting event and at the same time
- generate a worldwide turnover of at least CHF 100,000 per year. For non-profit, volunteer-run sports clubs, the relevant limit is CHF 250,000.

more information can be found here; [tax obligation](#)

DIRECTIONS

If you enter the address of the stadium (Brüglingerstrasse 19, Basel) into your GPS, it will most likely suggest a route that includes a section with a height clearance of only 3.80 meters, which is too low for some horse transport vehicles. Therefore, please follow the directions provided in the route plan below after exiting the motorway.



Anfahrtsplan
für PKW und LKW

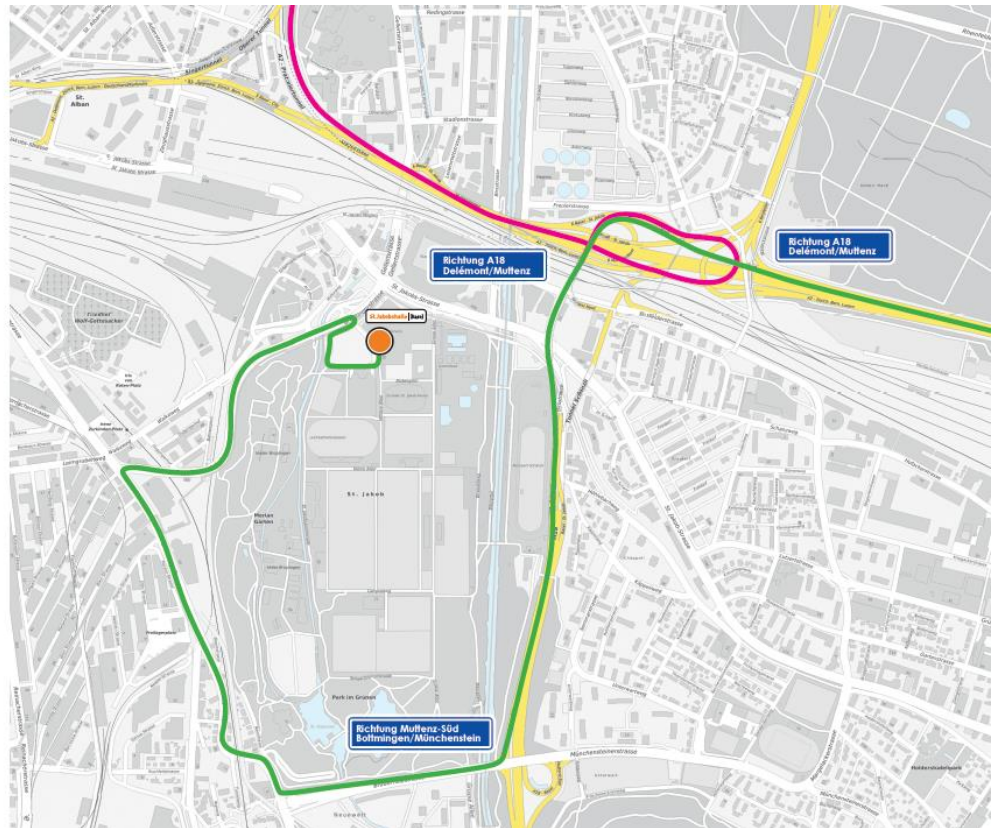


Aus Richtung
Deutschland / Frankreich



Aus Richtung Schweiz

Anfahrtsadresse:
Mittlere Allee 20



ARRIVAL PROCEDURE / BIO-SECURITY MEASURES

In accordance with the FEI regulations we implement bio-security protection measures especially with regards to the arrival procedure and thank you in advance for your collaboration.

Riders / grooms are kindly requested to **book an arrival slot** (exact time) indicating the riders name in the relevant following 'Doodle form' **until Sunday 5 January 2025** (arrival slots are allocated on 'first come – first served basis'): [Doodle-Link](#)

Due to mandatory arrival procedures for horses (examination on arrival) before entering the show ground / security zone, arrivals of horses is only possible within the defined timeframes. Arrivals before / after the confirmed arrival slot or without a confirmed arrival slot can result in significant waiting before unloading of horses can be processed.

First CSI5*-W, CSIU25, CDI-W and CDI3* arrivals can be accepted on Wednesday, 8 January 2025 from 06:00 AM.

Examination on arrival:

- Arrival Slot 1 (CSI5*-W, CSIU25, CDI-W & CDI3*) on Wednesday, 8 January 2025 from 06:00 AM – 02:00 PM

- Arrival Slot 2 (CDI-W only!): on Thursday, 9 January from 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

All horses delivered outside the defined timeframes, must be accommodated in the quarantine tent until examination on arrival can be carried out the following morning and, based on this, accommodation in the stables is permitted.

The following **arrival procedure** will apply:

1. Upon your arrival in Basel, please first do the 'stable.ist' check-in → **it is of utmost importance that the contact details for your horses are registered up-to-date**. Our dedicated volunteers will be waiting for you in the arrival zone. Then, please go to check-in tent (Examination on arrival) to find out which boxes were allocated to your horses. You can also collect the access pass for the lorry parking 'Schänzli'.
2. Then, you can go to the stables and for the handover of your boxes (size of 4 x 3 m), which were cleaned and disinfected.
3. Subsequently, you can prepare the boxes with the right bedding for your horses.
4. After that, you can unload the horses and bring them in their boxes, once they passed the examination on arrival. The examination on arrival will take place next to the temporary lorry parking (St. Jakobshalle, Brüglingerstrasse 19, 4052 Basel, Switzerland). Please bring the horses' passports, which will be kept by the organizer from the Examination on Arrival until your check-out following the prize giving ceremony of the last competition of your category.
5. Our staff will support you to unload the material and transport everything to your barn together with you.
6. Once these steps are completed, you are requested to drive your lorry to the permanent parking position on the 'Schänzli' (please follow the signage and instructions of our staff on site) immediately.

HORSE INSPECTION

All horses taking part at this event must be present in Warm-up II at the first horse inspection during the following time slots:

- CSI5*-W, CSIU25: Wednesday, 8 January, 02:45 PM – 05:30 PM
- CDI-W (Slot 1), CDI3*: Wednesday, 8 January, 05:45 PM – 06:15 PM
- CDI-W (Slot 2): Thursday, 9 January, 04:30 PM – 05:15 PM

Difficult Stallions are to be presented at the end of the respective horse inspection.

OPENING RECEPTION – CDI-W ATHLETES ONLY

We cordially invite you – the **CDI-W athletes** – to the Guest of Honor Reception followed by dinner on **Thursday, January 9, 2025, starting at 7:15 PM in the VIP Corner**, after the show of the most successful Swiss soul singer Jan Seven Dettwyler. We would be delighted if you and your companion could attend. As part of this event, we will also conduct the **draw for the starting order of the Dressage Grand Prix at approximately 7:30 PM** (dressage schedule will be amended accordingly early January). Please inform the reception desk in front of the VIP Corner that you are invited as a CDI-W athlete to gain access.

DECLARATIONS

Horses participating in the competitions the following day must be declared at the Show Office

- For the first day of competition immediately following the official Horse Inspection, but no later than at
 - o 07:30 PM for CSI5*-W/CSIU25/CDI3* (on Wednesday)
 - o 06:00 PM for CDI-W (on Thursday)
- The night before ideally until 06:00 PM, but no later than
 - o 06:00 PM for CSIU25
 - o 06:30 PM for CDI-W / CDI3* (on Friday)
 - o 10:30 PM for CSI5*-W
- Also **CSIU25 athletes** must **declare** for **each competition separately**

PROGRAM, STARTING LISTS & RESULTS

Please find the program, starting lists and results (will be published as soon as possible) [here](#) on our website.

QUESTIONS & COMMUNICATION

We are setting up a WhatsApp Group for very urgent notifications only. In order to avoid 'spamming', please note that the WhatsApp Group is a one-way communication channel from the OC to the athletes.

Please click on this [link](#) or scan the QR-code to join the WhatsApp Group!



SITE PLAN

Please find the site plan of the event venue [here](#) on our website.

ACCREDITATION

Please note that, according to the FEI regulations, only 2 persons per horse can be accredited as horse-owner(s).

Each person can collect only his/her own accreditation and has to sign for it. We will not hand over any accreditation for any third person.

SHOW OFFICE & EVENT CLEARING

The Show Office is managed by Hippodata (Markus Kuhnle, Mak@hippodata.net, +49 177 602 02 75) and is located next to the rear entrance where you enter the stadium from the stable / warm-up area. EventClearing (Matthias Lienhop, matthias@eventclearing.lu, +41 76 334 76 08) is responsible for collecting the entry fees in advance, settling the tournament and distributing the winnings after the event. The winning money will be paid in the week after the show to the account registered at EventClearing.

TRAINING / FAMILIARIZATION IN MAIN ARENA (ST. JAKOBSHALLE)

- Wednesday, 8 January
 - o 01:00 – 05:30 PM: CSI5*-W, CSIU25, CDI-W, CDI3*
- Thursday, 9 January
 - o 06:30 – 08:00 AM: CDI-W / CDI3* familiarization (full setup)
 - o 08:00 – 08:20 AM: CDI-W / CDI3* *sound-check Freestyle*
- Friday, 10 January
 - o 07:00 – 08:30 AM: Free training (riding) all categories
- Saturday, 11 January
 - o 06:30 – 07:25 AM: Free training (riding) all categories
- Sunday, 12 January
 - o 07:00 – 08:00 AM: Free training (riding) all categories

UTILIZATION PLAN WARM-UP & TRAINING MAIN ARENA

We will provide you with two covered practice arenas as in previous years.

Training (including working, lunging and walking) of horses is only allowed at specified times on the official and controlled exercise areas, provided by the OC from Wednesday January 8th, 2025, until the conclusion of the event on Sunday, January 12th 2025.

Please find [here](#) the training times in the main arena as well as the utilization timetable for the practice arenas 'Warm-up I' and 'Warm-up II'.

RIDERS' GRANDSTAND & RESERVED SECTOR

As we have limited capacity on the Riders' grandstand, please use tribune seats in sector C1, when you are not participating in the actual competition. We would be grateful, if you could inform your entourage accordingly.

HORSE SOLARIUMS

Please note that in stable 1C we provide two Horse Solariums that you can use free of charge.

SPORTS OFFICE

The Sports Director's office is located in the stadium next to the Show Office. Office hours are 1 hour prior to the first class until half an hour after the last class. You can reach Thomas Zweifel under +41 79 223 54 48.

SHUTTLE SERVICE & AIRPORT PICK-UP

Shuttles will be available, free of charge, for transportation from the official tournament hotel (see below) to the St. Jakobshalle, vice versa. This service will start on Wednesday January 8th, 2025 and will be continued on through Sunday January 12th 2025. Please find below shuttle schedule

[Departure Courtyard Marriott Hotel](#)

[Departure Showground](#)



Courtesy car services will be available until one hour after the prize giving ceremony of the last competition of the day.

Athletes arriving at Basel-Mulhouse Airport or at Basel SBB Railway Station will be collected – free of charge – by a courtesy car upon their arrival, providing their arrival time, airport/railway station of departure, airline and flight/train number will be duly and timely communicated to the Organizing Committee, i.e.: by Tuesday January 7th 2025 | 18hrs00 at the very latest.

Contact e-mail address for airport/railway station pick-up requests: transport@chi-classics-basel.com or call +41 79 578 87 56.

Please be advised that the Organising Committee does not provide shuttle services back and forth to Zürich Kloten International Airport. However, there are excellent train connections between Zürich Airport and Basel main station.

Outside operation hours, please use taxi from our taxi partner [Taxi Phon](#) and call +41 61 444 44 44 (24/7)

PRIVATE CAR PARKING

As parking space at the venue is rather limited, athletes/owners and officials are kindly requested to leave their private car at the hotel parking and to use the OCs free shuttle service for their transportation between their hotel and the event venue. Parking at the venue will be available only for vehicles for which the Organizing Committee has issued a parking permit.

TOURNAMENT HOTEL

CSI5*-W and CDI-W

[Courtyard by Marriot Basel](#)

Address: Hardstrasse 55 | CH 4133 Pratteln | Switzerland

Telephone: +41 (0)61 827 1717

PHYSIO

We offer Physio services to all athletes free of charge. The service includes physiotherapy with therapy options using ultrasound, tape and Compex / electrotherapy. You can book the 'HOA Home of Athletes' physiotherapy at the Show Office (Markus Kuhnle, Mak@hippodata.net, +49 177 602 02 75) on any day at the following times.

It is located in a treatment room near the Show Office and can be booked at the following times:

Wednesday 16:00 – 22:00

Thursday 08:00 – 22:00

Friday 08:00 – 22:00

Saturday 08:00 – 22:00

Sunday 08:00 – 12:00

During the five days, the HOA offers the athletes and riders the opportunity to use the infrastructure of the HOA at St. Alban-Vorstadt 33 and, if they wish, to benefit from personal training. Please ask HOA in the treatment room and see: <https://hoabasel.ch/index.html>

PRIZE GIVING

Normally, only the riders who achieved ranks 1-6 (1-8 for CSI/CDI WC-classes) will take part in the prize giving ceremony. Please prepare to be ready with your horses on Warm-up I in due time to be called for the prize giving ceremony.

SECURITY ZONE

Admission to the security zone (stables / warm-up arenas) is only possible with a valid accreditation.

It is strictly forbidden to manipulate, open or over-climbing the fence around the security- and stable zone. Access to these zones only through official entrances.

Our stables and other infrastructure are set in a public zone dedicated to soccer and other sports. We therefore urge all participants and grooms to strictly remain within our dedicated area and observe the signposts. Trespassers risk consequences.

During night time (approx. midnight – approx. 05:30 AM), everybody who wants to enter the stables, has – apart from presenting his accreditation – to identify him-/herself by an official document with picture (passport, ID, driving license)

DOGS

No dogs in the main arena and St. Jakobshalle. Dogs must be kept on a leash at all times; offences against this rule may lead to permanent withdrawal of the accreditation of the person concerned.

STABLE MANAGER

The office of the Stable Manager Fabienne Vögtli (Mobile Nr. +41 79 674 17 40, info@voegtligroup.ch) is located in the container next to the stables.

HAY, STRAW & SHAVINGS

Please contact the Stable Manager for the supply of additional hay, straw or shavings.

STEWARDING

Instructions and orders by the stewards must be followed at any time.

- Chief Steward Jumping: Joerg P. Gerber, Mobile Nr. +41 79 642 74 34
- Chief Steward Dressage: Thomas Haesler, Mobile Nr. +41 79 743 30 38

CHI RESTAURANT FOR AHLETES & GROOMS

As in previous years the team of the CHI Restaurant is looking forward to entertain you with food and drinks free of charge. Admission is only possible with a valid accreditation.

Opening times:

Day	Open	Close
Wednesday	11:00 AM	10:00 PM
Thursday	07:00 AM	10:00 PM
Friday	07:00 AM	10:00 PM
Saturday	07:00 AM	10:00 PM
Sunday	07:00 AM	02:00 PM

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

- Show Office: Markus Kuhnle, Mak@hippodata.net, +49 177 602 02 75
- Stable Manager: Fabienne Vögtli, +41 79 674 17 40, info@voegtligroup.ch
- CHI Secretary: Rosy Haldi, +41 79 623 50 78, rosy.haldi@chi-classics-basel.com
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SIGHTSEEING – EXPLORE THE CITY OF BASEL

Basel is a place of exciting contrasts. A city with historical buildings next to modern architecture. Where a young and dynamic art scene exists alongside world-renowned museums. Cosmopolitan ambience here, lively traditions there. You just have to experience Basel for yourself. Please find [here](#) further information on sightseeing highlights in Basel.

In case you have any questions or concerns, you will find either the answer in the schedule on our website or above at least the phone number of someone who will be able to assist you.

All the members of the organizing committee and our voluntary staff will do their utmost to make your stay in Basel as pleasant as possible. We wish you all the best and a lot of success in the competitions.

Best regards,

LONGINES CHI Classics Basel



Andy Kistler
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