

FROM  
**27**  
JUNE

TO  
**30**  
JUNE

# VICHY JUMPING INTERNATIONAL 2019



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## THE JUMPING

Organised since 1887, the mythical **Jumping International of Vichy** returns this year for the **123th edition** under the auspices of the **Société Hippique Française**. An important historical gathering, thanks to the fact that it is **the oldest International French meeting**, the Jumping International of Vichy is one of the major events of the equestrian year.

This event of passionate people will take place once more under the summer sun - from **the 27th to the 30th June**. Whether the public is aficionado or neophyte, they will enjoy an intense schedule full of sport and diverse appealing animations at the wonderful equestrian Sichon showground.



## A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT



« Every year, during the beginning of the summer, the Société Hippique Française is pleased to welcome you for its traditional Jumping International at the mystical equestrian Sichon stadium, located in the heart of the Spa town of Vichy. This equestrian event, the oldest International French competition, will celebrate its 123th edition and has been able to adapt, over the decades, to new requirements of the highest International levels. The new sand track, inaugurated in 2018, is today unanimously approved by all the national and international riders as one of the best tracks of France. Gifted with exceptional accommodation facilities for horses and a lighting system allowing the organization of nocturnal events, the Sichon stadium became a true equestrian pole with International influence. »

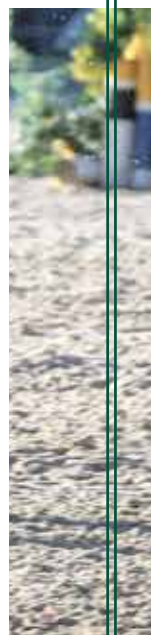
**Yves Chauvin, President of the SHF and President of the Show**

## EDITION 2019



From the **27th to the 30th June**, all eyes of the equestrian world will be on the CSI (Concours de Saut International) in Vichy.

In addition to the 2\* label, Young Horses (6 and 7-year-old) will be facing each other in a special CSI for each age group, with the 7-year-old competing in the TOP 7 circuit, a competition comprising forty trials created in 2015 by the French Equestrian Federation and the SHF, while the 6-year-old will be competing in the SHF's Future Elite circuit. These circuits give future champions the opportunity to take part in some of the best national and international competitions in France.



Finally, amateur riders also get to step into the Sichon arena to compete in the CSI Amateur B in front of the legendary Gustave Eiffel grandstand and its audiences. Besides the opportunity to compete alongside the best, this CSI also enables French riders to score points on the CSO FFE – Esthederm Amateur Gold Tour circuit as it is the ninth of sixteen qualifying legs in 2019. The grand finale will be held at the CSI 5\* in Lyon from the 1st to 3rd of November.

All in all, the Jumping International of Vichy 2019 comprises twenty-two classes, with prize money totaling almost one hundred thousand euros.



## NOT TO BE MISSED

The competition will take place over four days with a packed schedule, including some unmissable competitions such as:

### CSI 2\*: The Grand Prix

The horse and rider combinations will compete in the qualifying classes for the Grand Prix on Friday and Saturday. The qualifying class on Friday along with Sunday's Grand Prix will allow riders to earn precious points that count towards the LONGINES FEI Rankings. Only the top 60 riders will take part in the GRAND PRIX VICHY COMMUNAUTE on Sunday 30th June at 3.30 pm.

### CSI Young Horses

This international class has two age categories: the Future Elite circuit for 6-year-old and the Top 7 circuit for 7-year-old. Both courses offer the opportunity to discover future champions who could go on and excel in the most prestigious competitions in a few years' time. An event that's definitely must not be missed if you're looking to spot future great combinations or discover those keepers.

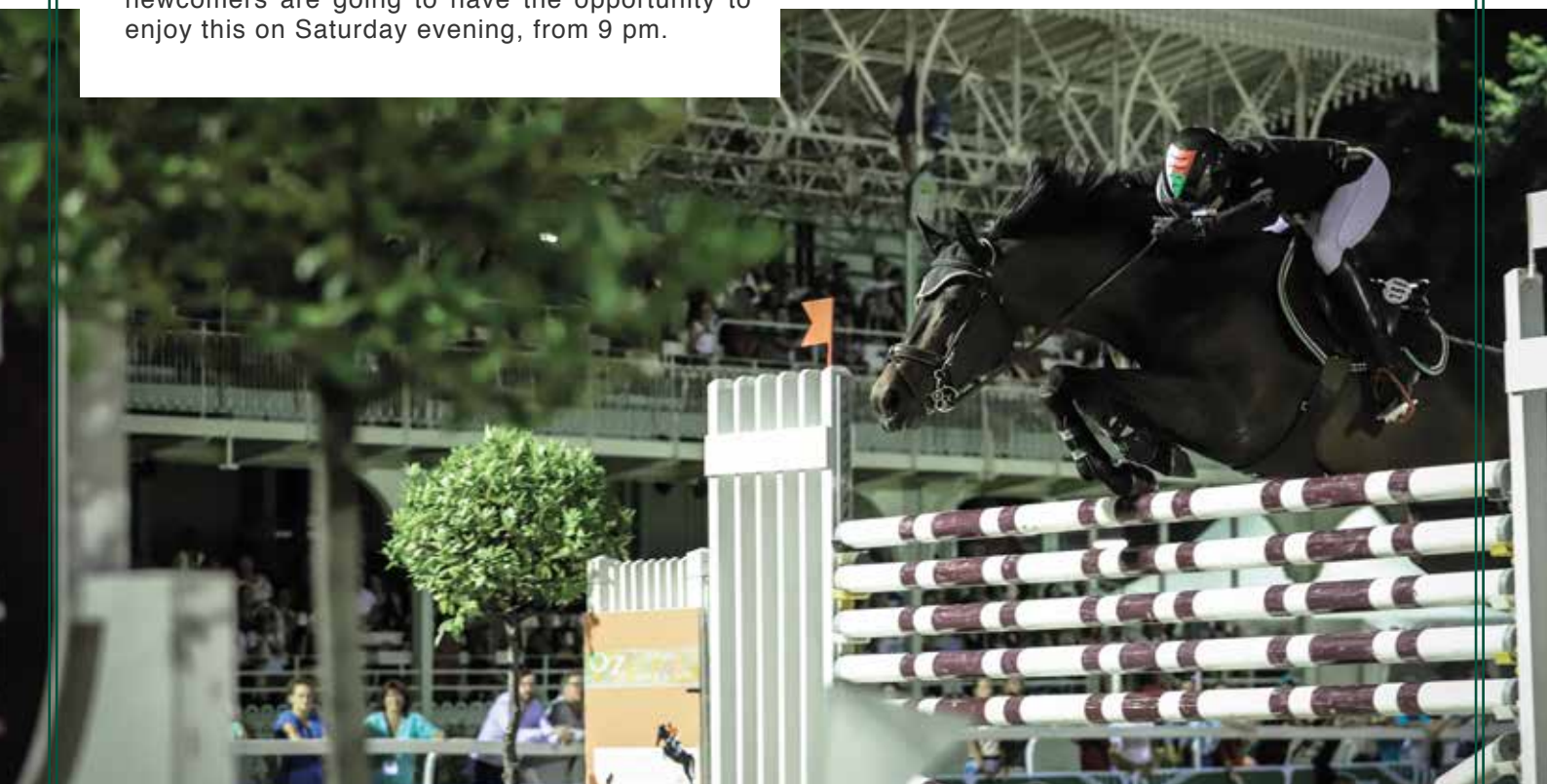
### CSI 2\*: The 6-bar

The most spectacular competition of the show is of a high-jump class (6 bars) over six obstacles in a straight line, each two strides apart. The height of the obstacles is raised after each round. The winning combination is the one that jumps the highest without knocking down any rails. Last year, Vanessa Norblin won the competition and added her name to the list of prize-winners in Vichy. Children, adults, specialists and newcomers are going to have the opportunity to enjoy this on Saturday evening, from 9 pm.

### CSI Amateur B

This class, open only to amateur riders from France and abroad, helps establish the rankings of French riders on the Amateur Gold Tour. Riders will be facing each other over two different heights according to their level: the small tour (1m15 in height) and the big tour (1m25 in height).

In the picture : Vanessa Norblin and Samsara win the 6 bars event in 2018



### The penalties

In the event of a refusal or a rail knocked down, the rider will incur either time or jumping penalties.

- 4 penalties for each rail knocked down
- 4 penalties for a refusal (elimination after the 2nd refusal)
- Elimination for any fall

## JUMPING INTERNATIONAL DE VICHY 2019

# MEDIA COVERAGE

With the wish to offer the maximum visibility for equestrian sports and to facilitate sales and marketing, the Jumping International of Vichy will once again this year be broadcast live on the SHF video platforms: the [www.shf-video.com](http://www.shf-video.com) website and the mobile app. Last year, no less than 20,000 users followed the live broadcasts.

The different events of the CSI will be available free of charge all over the world live from the legendary Sichon course allowing owners, relatives, enthusiasts or potential buyers to follow their favorite horses throughout the four days of competition.

Behind-the-scenes news, results and highlights of the four days of competition will also be posted every day on the Jumping International of Vichy Facebook page and on the [www.csi-vichy.com](http://www.csi-vichy.com) website which will be regularly updated throughout the event.



For all those who will not have the chance to attend the events from the stands Gustave Eiffel, a direct will be proposed on [shf-video.com](http://shf-video.com)

## SOME HISTORY

The Sichon Equestrian Stadium belongs to the Société Hippique Française, created in 1865, which has been hosting equestrian events since 1887. More than just a sport event, the Jumping International of Vichy is an integral part of the town of Vichy for locals and international riders alike, and it was notably the first CSIO to be held after the Second World War. Many of the major names in equestrian sports have competed here. With its equestrian stadium and racecourse, Vichy is THE horse town par excellence.

The magnificent sand-fibre arena, who will celebrate his first birthday, provides an outstanding stage for horses to display their prowess in front of the magnificent grandstand designed by Gustave Eiffel. The organizers strive to present a top-quality show for highly enthusiastic audiences in Vichy. It has all the ingredients of a truly unforgettable moment.



The new sand-fibre arena. Drone photo credit : Takamata

## THEY ARE TALKING ABOUT IT

« The Jumping International de Vichy has crossed times. The greatest particularity of the Sichon equestrian stadium is that it is located in the heart of Vichy, where competitors and their entourage can enjoy the comforts of the town's hotels and restaurants. The renovation of the flooring to create a sand-fibre arena signals the start of a new era. The showground will have modernized and optimized services and facilities, which herald a bright future for this international jumping competition, ensuring its place on the international equestrian stage. This is a very positive development that is very much in keeping with the times. Grass surfaces are being replaced partly with the horses' comfort and well-being in mind and partly to guarantee great events whatever the weather. I've ridden here before and it's always been one of my favorite competitions. It's one of the shows that is closest to my heart »

says **Thierry Pomel**, trainer and national coach for young riders, individual and team silver medallist at the World Equestrian Games in Rome in 1998.

« The Vichy show is my entire youth. I became French Young Rider Champion here in 1984 after the Olympic Games in Los Angeles. The Sichon showground is highly symbolic for me. The characterful showground, its town-center location, the impressive Gustave Eiffel grandstand, the organization and the atmosphere all make this competition an unique event. It's one of a kind and I'm very fond of it. The transformation with the installation of a new sand-fibre footing is a very good thing and very much in keeping with how the sport is evolving »

adds **Philippe Rozier**, team Olympic gold medallist in Rio de Janeiro.

« I have many wonderful memories of the Jumping International of Vichy and it's marvelous that it has been going for so many years. Back when I used to ride with my father, I particularly remember the superb puissance classes! This show always provides great sport and a fantastic atmosphere with very enthusiastic audiences. The sand arena will make it easier for us to bring our leading horses as there will be less risks »

says **Roger-Yves Bost**, team Olympic gold medallist in Rio de Janeiro.

In the picture : Benoit Cernin wins the Grand Prix of the City of Vichy 2018

## LOOKING BACK ON THE 2018 EDITION

Last year, the Jumping International of Vichy hosted 310 horses and 140 riders competing in 21 classes for prize money totaling 100,000 euros.

10,000 spectators watched the competition at the Sichon showground taking turns in the 1500-seater Gustave Eiffel grandstand.

The CSI\*\* Grand Prix in 2018 saw three French riders take first, second and third places. Benoit Cernin, with Unamour du Suyeur, had been crowned winner after facing Olivier Perreau with Venizia d'Aiguilly. Alexandre Fontanelle and Prime Time des Vagues climbed on the third step of the podium.



# JUMPING IN FIGURES

  
**16** NATIONS

**4**  
DAYS  
OF COMPETITION

  
**22** CLASSES

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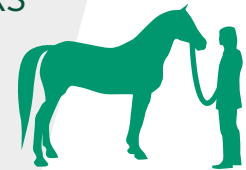
**10 000**  
SPECTATORS OVER 4 DAYS



**140** **360**  
RIDERS HORSES

**20 000**  
INTERNET VIEWERS





**1 500**  
SEATS IN THE EIFFEL GRANDSTAND



  
**1** GROUND OF HONOR  
100 X 70 SAND-FIBRE MAIN ARENA

**1** GROUND OF RELAXATION  
60 X 40 SAND WARM-UP ARENA

## SCHEDULE

### THURSDAY, JUNE 27TH

**CSI Young Horses – 6 years old** (1,25m not against the clock)

**CSI Young Horses – 7 years old** (1,35m not against the clock)

**CSI 2\* Medium Tour** (1,35m two-phase class)

**CSI 2\*** (1,40m two-phase class)

**CSI 2\* Medium Tour** (1,25m two-phase class)

Qualifies the 25 best riders for the Grand Prix  
and counts towards the World Ranking

### FRIDAY, JUNE 28TH

**CSI Amateur Small Tour** (1,10m against the clock)

**CSI Amateur Gold Tour** (1,20m two-phase class)

**CSI Young Horses – 6 years old** (1,30m against the clock with a jump-off)

**CSI Young Horses – 7 years old** (1,40m against the clock with a jump-off)

**CSI 2\*** (1,45m against the clock with a jump-off)

Qualifies the 35 best riders for the Grand Prix

**Evening CSI 2\* (1,35m against the clock)**

### SATURDAY, JUNE 29TH

**CSI Young Horses – 6 years old** (1,25m against the clock)

**CSI Young Horses – 7 years old** (1,35m against the clock)

**CSI 2\*** (1,30m against the clock)

**CSI Amateur Small Tour** (1,15m two-phase class)

**CSI Amateur Gold Tour** (1,20m against the clock)

**CSI 2\*** (1,40m two-phase class)

**Evening CSI 2\* 6 bars class - Puissance competition**

### SUNDAY, JUNE 30TH

**CSI 2\*** (1,35m against the clock)

**CSI Amateur Small Tour** (1,15m against the clock)

**CSI Amateur Grand Prix Gold Tour** (1,25m against the clock with a jump-off)

**CSI 2\* Grand Prix** (1,45m against the clock with a jump-off)

Counts towards the World Ranking



## USEFULL INFORMATIONS



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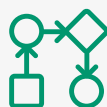
#### Sichon Equestrian Stadium

106 avenue Jean Jaurès  
03200 Vichy, France



### DATES AND TIMES

From **Thursday 27th June**  
to **Sunday 30th June 2019** from **9am**  
Thursday : from **8am**  
Friday/Saturday/Sunday : from **9am**  
Friday/Saturday : evening sessions from **9pm**



### COMITE ORGANISATEUR

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### PRICES

Thursday : **free of charge**  
Friday : **free of charge until 5pm**  
Friday evening : **9€**  
Saturday : **9€**  
Sunday : **9€**  
2 day pass (Saturday/Sunday) : **15€**  
Under 14-year-olds: **free of charge** every day.



### ON SITE

250m2 Restaurant  
VIP area  
Exhibitors' Village  
(saddlery, champagne, ready-to-wear clothing)



### HONORARY COMMITTEE

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SICHON EQUESTRIAN STADIUM VICY FROM 27 TO 30 JUNE

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