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**The Mondial du Lion Crédit Mutuel
celebrates its 40th anniversary!
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Since 1985, the Parc de l'Isle Briand has hosted this remarkable human and equestrian adventure, whose story grows richer with every edition. In 2025, the event celebrates 40 years of existence — four decades of sporting excellence, international encounters, and shared memories at the heart of an exceptional venue.

This major gathering has become a true springboard for tomorrow's champions. Many horses that once competed at the Mondial have since gone on to shine at the Olympic Games, and at European or World Championships.

Each year, some 45,000 spectators come to experience a unique event where **sport, nature, and conviviality come together.**

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AN INTERNATIONAL EQUESTRIAN COMPETITION

The final list of riders entered for the 2025 edition of the Mondial du Lion Crédit Mutuel once again confirms the prestige of the event and the attraction it holds for the world's top eventing riders.

Among them are Olympic champions, world and European medallists, as well as some of the Mondial's most iconic regulars:

- **Kevin McNab** (Australia), a pillar of his national team and Olympic team silver medallist in Tokyo 2020.
- **Tom McEwen** (Great Britain), individual Olympic champion and former World No. 1, joined by **Kitty King** and **Laura Collett**, the newly crowned European champion and current World No. 3.
- **Julia Krajewski**, Olympic champion in Tokyo, will also be competing.

France will be particularly well represented, with long-time Mondial contender **Thomas Carlile**, **Stéphane Landois** (Olympic team silver medallist), as well as **Alexis Goury** and **Benjamin Massié**, who both delivered strong performances at the 2025 European Championships in Blenheim, where the French team claimed the collective bronze medal.

The line-up also includes a strong Belgian contingent — **Lara de Liedekerke**, **Valentine Steeman**, **Laurine Thijs**, and **Jarno Verwimp** — as well as riders from **Canada**, **Ireland**, **Germany**, **the United States**, **Sweden**, **Italy**, and **Denmark**.

For the first time ever, a **Thai rider**, **Korntawat Samran**, will take to the cross-country course of the Mondial du Lion Crédit Mutuel, marking a historic first for his country.

These entries highlight once again that the **Mondial du Lion Crédit Mutuel** is an unmissable stepping stone in the career of every young eventing horse.

Many of the recent European Championship medallists — *Fischerchipmunk FRH*, *JL Dublin*, *Chance Encounter*, *Millridge Atlantis*, *Cocorico de l'Ebat*, *Elipso de la Vigne*, and *Alertamalib'or* — have all competed at Le Lion before reaching the sport's highest level.

In total, 125 horse-and-rider combinations will form an exceptional field this year, giving the public the chance to witness the emergence of the champions of tomorrow... perhaps already on their way to Los Angeles 2028.

IN 2024, THE MONDIAL IN NUMBERS

25 nationalities

114 horses at the start of the **Mondial du Lion Crédit Mutuel**

47 six-year-old horses

67 seven-year-old horses

IN 2025, THE MONDIAL IN NUMBERS

25 nationalities

116 horses at the start of the **Mondial du Lion Crédit Mutuel**

44 six-year-old horses

72 seven-year-old horses

THEY COMPETED AT THE MONDIAL DU LION... BEFORE SHINING ON THE WORLD STAGE!

The **Mondial du Lion Crédit Mutuel** — a true gateway to the top level.

Many riders see it as a key step in preparing their future champions, offering all the hallmarks of a world-class championship: top-quality footing, atmosphere, iconic cross-country fences, and a passionate audience.

This isn't new. Even before the event received its official status as the **World Championship for 6- and 7-year-old Eventing Horses**, the international competition at Le Lion-d'Angers had already served as a springboard for the future Olympic champion of Athens, *Shear L'Eau* (ridden by Leslie Law).

Since 2000 — the birth of the **Mondial du Lion** as we know it today — this trend has only strengthened.

Right from its first edition, the six-year-old world title went to a true champion: *Galan de Sauvagère* (Nicolas Touzaint), who went on to achieve a remarkable double — **World Champion for 6-year-olds (2000)** and **World Champion for 7-year-olds (2001)**.

His brilliant career continued with **two individual European titles**, a **team silver medal**, and **Olympic team gold** with France in Athens.

A few years later, Mondial spectators witnessed the rise of an eventing legend: *Sam*, runner-up in both the 6- and 7-year-old championships. He remains the only horse in history to have won **one world title and two individual Olympic titles**.

His rider, **Michael Jung**, is also the only eventing athlete ever to be crowned **Olympic individual champion three times**. At the Paris 2024 Games, Jung triumphed with *Fischerchipmunk FRH*, who had competed at the **Mondial du Lion Crédit Mutuel** as a 7-year-old under **Julia Krajewski**. The same partnership also claimed the **2025 European team title** with Germany, along with **individual silver**.

Right behind them on that European Championship podium was *JL Dublin* — 5th at the Mondial du Lion as a 7-year-old, later crowned **European Champion in 2021** with **Nicola Wilson**, and now a consistent winner at the highest level with **Tom McEwen**.

World champions *Opgun Louvo* (Sandra Auffarth) and *Banzaï du Loir* (Yasmin Ingham) also began their rise at the **Mondial du Lion Crédit Mutuel**. And the horse who is now considered the greatest of his generation, *Lordships Graffalo*, also made his mark here, finishing 8th in the seven-year-old championship. Today, he is **European Individual Champion, Olympic Team Champion**, and the holder of two exceptional 5* records: the **first horse ever to win two non-consecutive Badminton titles** (2023 and 2025), and the only one to have achieved an extraordinary streak — **Burghley 2024, Badminton 2025, and Burghley 2025**.

To date, the **Mondial du Lion Crédit Mutuel** has served as a launching pad for **three World Champions** and **two Olympic Champions**, accounting for a total of **15 world and Olympic medals** — as well as countless continental and CCI5* victories. And the story is far from over. Among the horses entered in the **2025 edition of the Mondial du Lion Crédit Mutuel**, there are surely some of tomorrow's greats — perhaps even the next **Olympic Champion of Los Angeles 2028**.

If you'd like to learn more about the champions who have made history at the Mondial, visit our digital Hall of Fame:

[DISCOVER THE HALL OF FAME](#)

LE LION — A PLACE TO EARN

The **Mondial du Lion Crédit Mutuel** brings together the very best 6- and 7-year-old eventing horses of their generation. To qualify, both horse and rider must first prove themselves through prior performances — ensuring the **safety and wellbeing** of both equine and human athletes.

- ☐ **Six-year-old horses** must have completed a **CCI2*** cross-country course **without jumping penalties**, and no more than **one rail down (4 faults)** in the show-jumping test.
- ☐ **Seven-year-old horses** must have completed **one CCI2*** and **one CCI3*** cross-country course **without jumping penalties**, and no more than **one rail down (4 faults)** in the show-jumping test.

Their participation in the Mondial then depends on their **national federation**, with **team selectors** responsible for the final entries. For France, the selection is made by **Jean-Luc Force**. Each nation is allocated **15 slots**: 3 for six-year-old horses and 12 for seven-year-old horses.

Each rider may compete with a maximum of **two horses** — either both in the same age category, or one in each.

**Note: activation of a safety device on a cross-country fence or a poorly crossed flag is tolerated as a minor error.*

WHAT IS EVENTING?

Eventing is an **equestrian triathlon**, in which the horse and rider pair compete across **three different phases**.

Before even starting the dressage test, horses undergo an initial **veterinary inspection**.

Led in-hand by their riders, they must **walk and trot** before the officials (judges and veterinarian), who assess whether they are fit to compete.

A horse showing signs of unsoundness, such as lameness, is not allowed to start the competition.

The **dressage test** then takes place, where each combination performs a set sequence of movements at all three gaits — walk, trot, and canter — and is judged on precision, harmony, and suppleness.

The **cross-country phase** follows: a timed course run across open countryside, featuring solid natural obstacles such as logs, hedges, and water jumps. It demands courage, control, and stamina.

Finally, the **show jumping** test, usually held last (though in some competitions it can precede the cross-country), takes place in an arena with knockable fences. This phase tests the horse's recovery, agility, and precision after the endurance of the cross-country.

After the cross-country, a **second veterinary inspection** is carried out. Horses are once again presented before the judges and veterinarian, who ensure that they have recovered well from the effort.

Any horse showing signs of fatigue or discomfort is withdrawn for welfare reasons.

The final score for each pair is calculated by **adding the penalties or marks** obtained in each phase — the lowest score wins.

THE 2025 CROSS-COUNTRY COURSE

New obstacles inspired by the Paris 2024 Olympic Games

A true hallmark of the **Mondial du Lion Crédit Mutuel**, the cross-country course at the Parc de l'Isle Briand stands out for its iconic fences that attract thousands of visitors, riders, and enthusiasts from all over the world each year.

The **Owl**, the **Spider**, the **Phoenix**, and the **Trumpet** are among the legendary obstacles, each offering a unique mix of technical challenge, boldness, and spectacle. Renowned for its creativity and originality, the course is recognised as one of the most emblematic in international eventing.

For the **2025 edition**, the cross-country course will feature **extraordinary new creations**. Among them, two obstacles designed for the **Paris 2024 Olympic Games** — the *Sofas* and the *Boats* — will be incorporated into the route.

These striking additions will surprise the riders, raise the technical challenge, and bring an extra touch of visual excitement for the public.

And because this edition marks the **40th anniversary of the Mondial du Lion Crédit Mutuel**, the event will add a festive twist: a **giant birthday cake fence**, specially created for the occasion and decorated in the anniversary colours.

A fun and symbolic nod celebrating **four decades of creativity, competition, and passion** at the Parc de l'Isle Briand.

CROSS-COUNTRY COURSE DETAILS – 2025 EDITION

For 6-year-old horses

21 obstacles

Approximate distance: 4,550 metres

Number of jumping efforts: 30

Speed: 520 m/min

For 7-year-old horses

26 obstacles

Approximate distance: 5,500 metres

Number of jumping efforts: 35

Speed: 550 m/min



A TAILOR-MADE PROGRAMME

The **Mondial du Lion Crédit Mutuel 2025** adopts a new format this year. The event will now take place over **three and a half days instead of four**. This adjustment reflects the evolution of modern eventing, particularly in the dressage phase: the new, shorter dressage format — now standard across all championships — allows for a more streamlined schedule and a concentrated programme.

As a result, the **Mondial Village** will open its doors on **Thursday at 12:00 p.m.**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16

Dressage

From 12:00 p.m. – 7-year-old horses – CCI***

Village open: 12:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Guinguette 100% Anjou Bleu

Guide Dog Demonstration – Association Chiens Guides d'Aveugles de l'Ouest: 1:45 p.m.

P'tits Lions Zone

Welcoming school groups
Educational workshops from 12:00 p.m.:
equestrian world, environment, biodiversity
Free children's activities

Les espoirs du Complet

Manège du Haras 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

Dressage

8:30 a.m.: 6-year-old horses – CCI**
2:00 p.m.: 7-year-old horses – CCI***

Village open: 8:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Guinguette 100% Anjou Bleu

Guide Dog Demonstration: 9:00 a.m.

P'tits Lions Zone

Educational workshops and animations

Music & Performances

Duo Rue des Cassis: from 5:30 p.m.

Les espoirs du Complet

Carrière Le Pontet, 4:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

Cross

10:00 a.m.: 6-year-old horses – CCI**
1:00 p.m.: 7-year-old horses – CCI***

Course length: over 5 km, featuring the event's iconic natural obstacles (Owl, Water complex, etc.)

Village open: 8:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Meet the Local Producers: 11:30 a.m. / 3:30 p.m. / 5:30 p.m.

P'tits Lions Zone

Mini farm (La Ferme aux 5 Chemins)
Mini obstacle course
Pony rides (Écurie de la Roselière)
Pasquier snack time
Club Lionceaux : face painting, colouring, balloons
Nature & Healthy Eating Workshops
Pom'Évasion Treasure Hunt : 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Music & Performances

Les trompes du Lion : 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
(roaming performance)
Fanfare Les sKroks : 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Jeunes Talents du Complet by Devoucoux (SHF)

Sur la carrière d'honneur - after the cross-country

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

Show Jumping

11:00 a.m.: 6-year-old horses – CCI**
2:30 p.m.: 7-year-old horses – CCI*** Suivi de la
Followed by the **Prize-Giving Ceremony**

Village open: 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

P'tits Lions Zone

Mini farm, obstacle course, pony rides, Lion Cubs Club

Music & Performances

Duo UP : 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.
Spectacle équestre 3 Rivières Équitation :
12:30 p.m.

AN EXCEPTIONAL CREATION: “CHRONOS”, THE ORIGIN OF ZEUS, THE FAMOUS METALLIC HORSE OF THE PARIS 2024 OLYMPIC GAMES

To celebrate its 40th anniversary, the **Mondial du Lion Crédit Mutuel** will showcase a truly exceptional creation: **Chronos**, the prototype that led to the design of **Zeus**, the spectacular metallic horse that captivated millions during the **Paris 2024 Olympic Games Opening Ceremony**.

Imagined and crafted in **Nantes** by **Atelier Blam**, with the support of the **City of Nantes**, *Chronos* represents the very first stage of the artistic process that eventually gave life to **Zeus**. It reveals the research, experimentation, and craftsmanship that culminated in one of the most iconic works of the 2024 Games.

Entirely handmade by the artisans of **Atelier Blam**, *Chronos* combines mechanics, design, and imagination. It served as the testing ground for materials, movement, and proportions before the creation of **Zeus**, the majestic **aluminium and light horse** that amazed audiences worldwide.

Alongside the installation, a **photographic exhibition** retraces the stages of design and experimentation — from the first sketches to the final result. These images offer a fascinating behind-the-scenes insight into the genesis of **Zeus**, highlighting the creative process carried out in Nantes by the artists and technicians of **Atelier Blam**.

Displayed at the heart of the **Parc Départemental de l'Isle Briand**, *Chronos* naturally finds its place within the **Mondial du Lion Crédit Mutuel** — an event where **equestrian heritage, contemporary art, and technological innovation** come together.

This exceptional presentation is made possible thanks to the commitment of **Laurent Rossez**, Partner and Director at **AIA Life Designers**, an architectural firm based in the Anjou region and partner of the **Mondial du Lion Crédit Mutuel** for this initiative.

A lifelong equestrian enthusiast, Laurent shares this passion with his wife **Dorothée**, a faithful visitor of the Mondial for over 30 years.

Their daughter **Jeanne** now carries the torch — this year competing at the event with her horse *Izem du Marois*.

This collaboration also carries a deeply personal significance: the artist **Aurélien Meyer**, creator of **Zeus** and the **Olympic Cauldron**, is their cousin.

THE “ESPOIRS DU COMPLET” AND THE “JEUNES TALENTS BY DEVOUCOUX”

Two highlights enrich the 2025 programme, shining a spotlight on the **next generation** of eventing stars.

Les Espoirs du Complet, organised by the **Selle Français Stud Book**, the **Anglo-Arab Stud Book**, and **France Complet**, will take place on **October 16 and 17**.

This final aims to identify the most promising 3-year-old horses showing aptitude for eventing, offering them visibility and helping to promote their value.

The programme includes:

- Free jumping tests
- Conformation assessments
- Ridden paces and jumping under saddle

All within the festive and professional atmosphere of the Mondial du Lion Crédit Mutuel.

Another key moment takes place at **5:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 18**, in the **main arena: The Jeunes Talents du concours complet by Devoucoux (SHF)**, an exclusive masterclass organised by the **Société Hippique Française**.

This special event will highlight the **training of the young eventing horse**, guided by a prestigious guest: **Arnaud Boiteau**, Olympic team champion in Athens and écuyer of the renowned **Cadre Noir de Saumur**.

This encounter promises both a **technical showcase of high-level horsemanship** and a **unique insight** into the education and development of young eventing horses.

Together, these two events perfectly embody the philosophy of the Mondial du Lion Crédit Mutuel: promoting the future of eventing — both its horses and its riders.

THE VILLAGE

A redesigned space for the public

Every year, the **Village of the Mondial du Lion Crédit Mutuel** brings together more than a hundred exhibitors — the true beating heart of the event. For this anniversary edition, the entire area has been **redesigned** around **five complementary themes**:

- **Wellbeing & Nutrition**
- **Equestrian Equipment & Saddlery**: technical gear, innovation, and artisanal craftsmanship
- **Fashion & Accessories**: collections for riders and visitors, lifestyle and leisure shopping
- **Institutions & Tourism**: meet the key players of the region and the equine industry
- **Food & Hospitality**: convivial dining spaces showcasing local flavours

For visitors, this new layout offers:

- ☐ A clearer and more intuitive experience
- ☐ Easier discovery routes
- ☐ The promise of a rich and varied journey — whether coming with family, friends, or as passionate equestrian fans.

For exhibitors, it means:

- ☐ Enhanced visibility thanks to themed zones
- ☐ Optimised visitor flow
- ☐ A valuable opportunity to showcase their products and services to an engaged, curious, and numerous audience.

[DISCOVER OUR EXHIBITORS](#)



CRÉDIT MUTUEL GIVES MOMENTUM

Becoming the title partner of the event

To mark its 40th anniversary, the **Mondial du Lion – World Championship for 6- and 7-year-old Eventing Horses** – is strengthening its long-standing partnership with **Crédit Mutuel**. The event now officially becomes **the Mondial du Lion Crédit Mutuel**, confirming its reputation as a competition of excellence and distinction within the global equestrian calendar.

A partnership that makes sense

A major supporter of sporting events across France, **Crédit Mutuel** has always had a mission: *to give momentum* — to sport, to community life, and to the people who bring them to life. It was therefore only natural for Crédit Mutuel to partner with the **Mondial du Lion Crédit Mutuel**, an event that uniquely combines **international prestige** with **deep local roots**. The Mondial is an event that unites everyone: **world-class riders, equestrian enthusiasts, families, newcomers, and volunteers**

“Being by its side for this anniversary edition is an obvious choice. Together, we share the same values of **commitment, proximity, and passion**,” says **Philippe Tuffreau**, President of **Crédit Mutuel Anjou**.

Through this title partnership, Crédit Mutuel aims to:

- **Support the athletes of tomorrow** – these young horses and riders who are already writing the next chapter of eventing history.
Promote the region – the **Parc de l’Isle Briand** and the **Pays de la Loire**, birthplace of a unique equestrian tradition.
- **Encourage those who make the sport possible** – volunteers, organisers, clubs, and associations who contribute each year to the success of the Mondial.

A partnership turned toward the future

By becoming **Title Partner**, **Crédit Mutuel** contributes directly to the continued success of a sporting and popular event that welcomes over **45,000 spectators** each year and enjoys a reach that extends far beyond France’s borders.

“Crédit Mutuel’s support is a tremendous mark of recognition for our event. As we celebrate our 40th anniversary, it enables us to imagine the future of the Mondial du Lion Crédit Mutuel with renewed ambition,” says Yves-Marie Vandamme, President of Le Lion Équestre – Mondial du Lion.

OUR PARTNERS



MARIE TABARLY, PATRON OF THE MONDIAL DU LION CRÉDIT MUTUEL 2025

To celebrate its 40th anniversary, the **Mondial du Lion Crédit Mutuel** is honoured to welcome an exceptional patron: **Marie Tabarly**.

A French sailor and the daughter of **Éric and Jacqueline Tabarly**, Marie grew up between **Brittany and the open seas**, before charting her own course.

She first worked for several years with horses as an **equine behaviour specialist**, before turning to the sea and adventure, taking part in major expeditions alongside **Olivier de Kersauson** and **Mike Horn**.

For her, the worlds of **equestrianism and navigation** have always been deeply connected — both requiring **trust, intuition, and a mastery of the living world**.

In **2018**, she launched her project **Elemen'Terre**, built around the legendary yacht *Pen Duick VI*, designed by her father.

This original world tour brings together **artists, athletes, and scientists** to encourage dialogue between disciplines and raise awareness of **environmental and human issues**.

More recently, she made headlines by winning the **2023–2024 Ocean Globe Race in real time** — a round-the-world race held in the conditions of 1973, without GPS or modern communications.

In **2024**, she was made **Chevalière of the French National Order of Merit**, and joined **The Famous Project**, an ambitious challenge to win the **Jules Verne Trophy** with an **all-female crew**.

Marie Tabarly perfectly embodies the spirit of **determination, transmission, and respect for nature** — values that deeply resonate with the **Mondial du Lion Crédit Mutuel**, which she will accompany as **Patron of this anniversary edition**.

[READ THE FULL INTERVIEW \(FR\)](#)

40 YEARS: A DIGITAL HALL OF FAME

In **2025**, the **Mondial du Lion Crédit Mutuel** celebrates its **40th anniversary**.

Since 1985, the event has become an **essential landmark in the equestrian world**, recognised for its high-level competition and international reputation.

To mark this exceptional milestone, the **Mondial du Lion Crédit Mutuel** is launching its **Digital Hall of Fame** — a space dedicated to the riders, horses, and personalities who have shaped the event's history.

This Hall of Fame particularly highlights the horses that first competed at the **Mondial du Lion Crédit Mutuel** before going on to shine on the international stage, winning the world's most prestigious eventing competitions.

It not only traces their journeys but also celebrates the vital role of **breeders**, the true craftsmen behind these sporting successes.

By selecting, raising, and supporting these horses from a young age, breeders contribute to the emergence of tomorrow's champions.

This project was made possible thanks to the meticulous work of the event's **volunteers**, joined by breeders, riders, and owners who enthusiastically shared their memories and archives.

Their combined effort preserves a precious legacy and ensures that the **story of the Mondial du Lion's great horses** will be passed on to future generations.

Through this retrospective, the **Mondial du Lion Crédit Mutuel** pays tribute to **forty years of excellence, knowledge-sharing, and dedication** to the sport horse.

The **Hall of Fame** offers visitors a unique immersion into this living history, celebrating the talent, passion, and teamwork that have defined the event and marked the evolution of eventing itself.

[\[DISCOVER THE HALL OF FAME\]](#)

FOLLOWING THE COMPETITION

A 100% digital experience

LIVE STREAMING

The main platform to watch the entire competition is the official website: www.mondialdulion.com

Spectators will also be able to follow the live coverage on the Mondial du Lion's social media channels, including the two horse inspections.

The competition will also be broadcast live on GRANDPRIX.TV, [Clip my horse](http://Clip.my.horse) (FEI TV), and [Cheval TV](http://Cheval.TV).

REPLAY

Replays of the competition will be available on **France TV Pays de la Loire's YouTube channel**: <https://www.youtube.com/user/france3paysdelaloire>

LIVE TIMING

An essential tool for all followers, **World Sport Timing** provides real-time schedules, start lists, and results.

On www.mondialdulion.com, simply click on "6-year-old Results" or "7-year-old Results" below the livestream to access live data.

SOCIAL MEDIA

As every year, spectators can follow the latest updates and share their own moments from the event using the hashtag **#MondialduLion**.

PRESS ACCESS

Press conferences will be held on Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 October, after the competitions. The top three riders of each ranking will be invited to attend.

Location: Press area, alongside the cross-country course near the racecourse.

Mixed zones will also be available, allowing media representatives to interview riders and their teams after the cross-country test, close to the warm-up area.

Please note:

Access to the stables is strictly by request and must be accompanied by an official member of the event's press relations team.

REDUCING THE CARBON FOOTPRINT

Encouraging sustainable mobility: carpooling and biogas shuttles for the public

In 2024, the Mondial du Lion Crédit Mutuel carried out its first **Carbon Footprint assessment** in partnership with **O2M**. The study showed a total of **1,265 tonnes of CO₂e emissions**, equivalent to **74 kg per visitor** on average. The majority of emissions (nearly **83%**) came from travel — mainly by car — involving spectators, volunteers, and service providers.

Objective for 2025: promoting sustainable mobility

To reduce this impact, the anniversary edition of the Mondial introduces several concrete initiatives:

- **Carpooling:** The **Kuhoo platform** is open to volunteers, partners, and visitors. Simple and accessible, it encourages ride-sharing and reduces individual car use. According to the study, if just **20%** of participants chose carpooling, nearly **185 tonnes of CO₂e** could be saved.
- **Aléop shuttles:** Operating from **Angers train station**, these services make it easy to combine train and bus travel. This year, **10 shuttles** will run on **bioGNV**, a renewable energy produced from organic waste collected on-site.
- A circular approach to energy: In partnership with **GRDF**, all organic waste generated at the Mondial du Lion Crédit Mutuel will now be converted into **local renewable energy**. Collected and processed through **agricultural methanisation**, these wastes become **green gas** used for heating, cooking, and transport.

This innovative process creates a virtuous cycle in which waste becomes a resource, while raising awareness about waste sorting and recovery. With the support of **Moulinot** and **AREMACS**, the event contributes to the region's energy transition — in line with the commitment of **Le Lion-d'Angers**, which will be powered by **100% green gas by 2026**.

Commitment of exhibitors and circular economy

Exhibitors at the Mondial use **Boîtes Nomades** — reusable, returnable containers that drastically cut down on disposable packaging. One Boîte Nomade can replace up to **2,000 single-use containers**, helping reduce plastic waste significantly.

“The Equine Activity Fresco”: understand to take action

Inspired by the well-known *Climate Fresco*, this collaborative workshop explores the environmental impact of equine activities (breeding, sport, transport, infrastructure, feeding, etc.). **Over a 2–3 hour session, it helps participants to:**

- Break down silos between different sectors
Create dialogue between professionals and amateurs
- Raise awareness without guilt
- Encourage concrete action within the equine community

Based on solid scientific data and supported by the Mondial's Carbon Footprint analysis, the workshop offers a hands-on educational tool to think and act collectively.

Beyond implementing concrete actions, the Mondial du Lion aims to show that **everyone can make a difference.**

By encouraging visitors, volunteers, and partners to adopt more responsible mobility, the event proves that sport, conviviality, and sustainability can go hand in hand.

The Mondial du Lion has been awarded several sustainability labels:

- **EquuRES “Excellence” level (2023 & 2024):**
The highest distinction of this national label dedicated to equestrian events, assessing over 130 criteria including energy management, waste reduction, mobility, and animal welfare.
- **REEVE label:**
A regional recognition that highlights eco-responsible practices in event organisation.



Useful links

Plateforme Kuhoo : <https://kuhoo.tz/fr/p/09c2f8f212> ou sur www.mondialdulion.com onglet “Accès”

O2M : <https://o2m-groupe.com/>

Fresque des activités équine : <https://fresquedesactivitesequines.org/>

EquuRES : <https://equures.fr/>

REEVE : <https://www.reeve-eco-evenement.fr/>

SOLIDARITY AT THE HEART OF THE MONDIAL DU LION CRÉDIT MUTUEL



This year, the Mondial du Lion Crédit Mutuel is proud to join forces with the **Secours Populaire du Maine-et-Loire**, a charity deeply rooted in the region.

As an official partner of the event, the association will be present at the **Parc de l'Isle Briand from 16 to 19 October 2025**, sharing its core values of **solidarity and mutual support**.

Throughout the weekend, volunteers will offer **fun, accessible activities for all**, as well as a **solidarity raffle** with an exceptional prize:

A one-week holiday stay worth €800, to be enjoyed during the first week of the school holidays.

Tickets will be available on-site, and can already be reserved online:

<https://www.helloasso.com/associations/secours-populaire-du-maine-et-loire/evenements/tombola-solidaire>

Through this partnership, the Mondial du Lion reaffirms its commitment to supporting organisations that keep **solidarity alive within the local community** — a natural continuation of the event's human and collective values.

THE PARC DÉPARTEMENTAL DE L'ISLE BRIAND : A natural gem and a land of equestrian tradition

Acquired by the **Maine-et-Loire Department** in **1971**, the **Parc Départemental de l'Isle Briand** quickly established itself as a landmark dedicated to **equestrian activities**, notably with the creation of the **National Stud Farm (Haras National)**. Over time, it has become a true hub for the equine industry, attracting enthusiasts and professionals from around the world.



Since **2017**, the park has been managed by a **Public Interest Group (GIP)** that has undertaken major redevelopment projects to improve visitor access while enhancing its **natural and cultural heritage**.

Today, the park is a dynamic site that hosts a wide range of entities, including a **mounted gendarmerie post**, **SOS Children's Villages**, the **Haras du Lion**, and several regional and national equestrian organisations: the **Lion Equestre – Mondial du Lion**, the **Regional Equestrian Committee**, the **Regional Committee for Equestrian Tourism**, and the **French Institute for Horse and Riding (IFCE)**.

Throughout the year, the park comes alive with **numerous events**:

dressage competitions, eventing and show jumping, working equitation, training courses, and cultural gatherings such as **"Les Folies du Lion"**, an annual celebration combining art, music, and live performance.

The park also provides **facilities and spaces for hire** for both private and professional events. Its arenas and training grounds are open year-round to riders wishing to work their horses in a unique and prestigious setting.

Bordered by the **Mayenne** and **Oudon** rivers, the park covers over **180 hectares**, offering an exceptional natural environment.

It shelters a rich biodiversity — with **more than 140 plant species and 200 animal species** — and is classified as a **Sensitive Natural Area (Espace Naturel Sensible)**.

Preserving this balance is a top priority, ensuring a harmonious coexistence between wildlife and human activity.

Architecturally, the site is remarkable: its **18th-century château**, model farm, and **stables designed by Geoffroy de Crépy** (architect of the National Riding School in Saumur) give the estate its distinct character.

A playground for nature and horse lovers alike, the park perfectly blends **heritage, biodiversity, and equestrian passion**.

The **Isle Briand Departmental Park** is a **unique destination** where **sport, culture, and nature** come together to offer an unforgettable experience for visitors of all backgrounds.

For more information: <https://www.isle-briand.fr/>

LE LION ÉQUESTRE

The organisation behind the Mondial du Lion

Created in **1986**, the **association Le Lion Équestre** has been the official organiser of the **Mondial du Lion** since its very first edition.

Chaired by **Élisabeth Delesalle**, it brings together a team of passionate professionals and volunteers who share a common goal:

to make the Mondial du Lion a **benchmark event** in the world of international eventing.

Over nearly four decades, Le Lion Équestre has built a **solid reputation** for the quality of its organisation and its ability to combine **sporting excellence, environmental responsibility, and conviviality**.

The association coordinates all aspects of the event — from logistics and hospitality to partnerships, communication, and volunteer management.

Behind the scenes, a dedicated core team works year-round alongside nearly **600 volunteers** who bring the competition to life every October at the **Parc de l'Isle Briand**.

This human network, loyal and committed, is the true strength of the Mondial du Lion.

Le Lion Équestre also plays an active role in promoting **equestrian culture and the equine industry** in the region.

Beyond the competition itself, it supports educational initiatives, awareness programmes, and partnerships that reinforce the **territory's equestrian identity** and its strong connection to the horse.

The association continues to innovate with the same ambition that has guided it from the beginning: to make the Mondial du Lion a **global showcase for young eventing horses** and a **celebration of equestrian excellence**, open to everyone.

LE LION ÉQUESTRE



VOLUNTEERS

The beating heart of the Mondial du Lion Crédit Mutuel

Every year, nearly **600 volunteers** take part in organising the **Mondial du Lion Crédit Mutuel** — a human adventure as strong and essential as the competition itself.

They come from all over France, and sometimes even from abroad, united by their **passion for horses** and their desire to contribute to one of the world's most prestigious equestrian events.

From **setting up the cross-country course** to **welcoming the public and riders**, from **logistics** to **media coordination**, every volunteer plays a crucial role in the event's success. Their expertise, generosity, and enthusiasm embody the values that make the Mondial du Lion so unique: **team spirit, commitment, and conviviality**.

The organisation pays special attention to creating a welcoming and rewarding environment for them: accommodation, meals, volunteer outfits, and dedicated areas are all part of the experience.

Each year, bonds are strengthened, friendships are made, and many return edition after edition — some have even been part of the adventure since its very beginning in 1986!

Being a volunteer at the Mondial du Lion means joining a **community of enthusiasts** who share the same pride: that of contributing to a competition that shines both in France and internationally, while remaining true to its roots in the **Anjou region**.

A Volunteer Day to Bring Colour Back to the Cross-Country Obstacles

Among the highlights of the event's preparation, **6 September** stood out as a memorable day. Volunteers gathered for a large-scale **painting and staining session** dedicated to refreshing the cross-country obstacles.

Coming from as far as **Rennes, Orléans**, as well as from **Le Lion-d'Angers** and **Angers**, everyone brought their **energy, smiles, and enthusiasm**. Their teamwork helped restore weathered structures, perfect the finishing touches, and even revive the natural decorations using **fir branches collected directly from the park**.

As **Jean-François Arthuis**, former president of *Le Lion Équestre – Mondial du Lion*, summed it up perfectly: "After our work, everything shines."

A Team-Building Day in Saumur

Because their dedication truly deserves recognition, a **team-building day** was organised on **10 May** to thank the volunteers.

Together, they discovered the **behind-the-scenes world of the Cadre Noir** during the morning sessions in Saumur, visited the **IFCE facilities**, and shared a **friendly picnic** kindly offered by **Langlois**.

A simple, collective, and inspiring moment — perfectly reflecting the spirit of the **Mondial**

family. A heartfelt thank-you to our partners **IFCE** and **Langlois** for their support during this day of togetherness.

This spirit of volunteerism creates a genuine sense of **camaraderie and solidarity**, strengthening the bond between **equestrian enthusiasts and the local community**. Thanks to their commitment, the **Mondial du Lion Crédit Mutuel** remains a **friendly and welcoming event**, where **horses and sport** bring people together.

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