

European JUNIOR & YOUNG RIDER WAVE championships

Les Herbiers, France,
from the 21th to the 24th of August 2024.

**EUROPEAN
JUNIORS & YOUNG RIDERS
CHAMPIONSHIPS
OF WORKING
EQUITATION**

**21 au 24
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EQUESTRE
DU BOCAGE
AUX
HERBIERS**

AND EVEN MORE
EVENTS ON SITE
ET ENCORE PLUS D'ÉVÉNEMENTS SUR PLACE

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Vendée Lusitanien

Organisés par les écuries
du Haut Vignaud

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1. WELCOME in FRANCE

Dear members of the WAVE organization,

After the success of the 2022 World Championship, WORKING EQUITATION FRANCE and the association "LES ECURIES DU HAUT VIGNAUD", wish to offer a great experience to the best young European riders, who represent the future of Working Equitation.

The "Parc Equestre du Bocage » in LES HERBIERS was selected to host this international competition.

The new WAVE rules for youth competitions impose a separation of JUNIORS and YOUNG RIDERS, we are therefore going to organize 2 separate competitions.

We look forward to welcoming you in France, and we will do everything to make this European competition unforgettable for your promising junior and young riders .

See you soon!

2. General

2.1 Competition description:

European Working Equitation championships (JUNIORS & YOUNG RIDERS)

From the 21th of August to the 24th of august 2025, Les Herbiers France.

2.2 Organisation

WAVE World Association of Working Equitation

in collaboration with **WEF Working Equitation France** and the association "Ecuries du Haut Vignaud"

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3. Competition entry conditions and provisional program

This competition is governed by the International Working Equitation WAVE Rules.

The schedules are given on an indicative basis, the exact timetable will be shared before the event.

Arrival of horses and riders from Monday the 18th of August.

The parking zone for lorries and horse boxes will be close to the stables.

The stables will be guarded 24 hours a day from Monday evening to Monday morning next week.

Please give in your music to the organisers at the following mail prior to your arrive, under the format "JUNIOR/YR_NAME_SURNAME_HORSE_COUNTRY.MP3"

vendeelusitanien@outlook.com

Tuesday the 19th of August

- Arrival of the President of Jury and the WAVE Technical Delegate.
- Access to the competition arena will be closed to all riders.
- An indoor Arena will be accessible to all riders.

Wednesday the 20th of August

- 8h-11h00: Veterinary visits by alphabetical order of your country and competitors' number (bib), the president of the judges, the WAVE Technical Delegate will be present during these visits.
- 9h00-16h00: Sound check followed by an official warm-up of 30 minutes per country in alphabetical order of country, presence of the main maneability obstacles around the dressage arena
- Arrival of all the Members of the judging panel.
- 16h30-17h15: Meeting of the judge's panel
- 17h15-18h00: Team leaders meeting
- 18h30: Opening ceremony on the site.

Thursday the 21th of August

Please remember schedule is indicative and may vary as function of number of final commitments

- 9h00-12h00: Dressage JUNIOR
- 14h00-17h00 : Dressage YOUNG RIDER
- 18h30: Award ceremony for individual and team dressage events

Friday the 22th of August

- 9h00-12h00 : Maneability JUNIOR
- 14h00-17h00 : Maneability YOUNG RIDER
- 18h00: Award ceremony for individual and team Technical handling events

Saturday the 23rd of August

- 10h00-12h00 : Speed JUNIOR
- 14h00-16h00 : Speed YOUNG RIDER
- 16h30 : Award ceremony for individual and team Speed handling events
- **19h30: Award ceremony for the individual competitors**
- 21h00: Gala meal and closing party

Sunday the 24th of August

- 9h30: Team leaders Meeting - Draw of the cattle for the Cow trial event.
- 10h30-12h00: Cow trial event for Young Riders only.
- 12h30: Award ceremony for the individual and team Cow trial event
- **13h00: Final TEAMS award ceremony**

HORSE DEPARTURE

- Horse departure, it is possible to stay at the stables until Sunday 24th.

Refreshments, meals, entertainment and shows will take place during the 4 days of the event.

4. Competition officials :

Competition president:	João Ralão
WAVE Technical Delegate:	Jose Andres Benito Dias – ESP
Competition managers:	Laurent Durieux and Charles Coutant
Judge president:	Yves Manzanares – FRA
Members of the judging panel:	António Vicente – POR Fiona Price Jones – GB
Paddock Judge :	Barbara LAURENT – FRA

If more Than 45 riders will take part, a second group of judges will be nominated.

Medical services :	Protection Civile Française.
Security :	Guy Vezin
Vet :	Clinique VET'EQUINE - Dr Marion BOURGEAIS.
Farrier :	Jean-Alex Gautier

5. Technical specifications :

- Competition arenas :

Warm-Up:	Outdoor arena, sand
Dressage:	Outdoor arena, Toubin-Clement sand, 20mx40m
Handling:	Outdoor arena, Toubin-Clement sand
Speed:	Outdoor arena, Toubin-Clement sand
Cow trial:	Outdoor grass field

Definition of the running order:

Dressage: Random draw at 17h15 on Tuesday the 19th of July after the judges panel meeting, during the team leaders meeting

Handling and speed events: The running order is defined by international WAVE rules.

Cow trial event: The random draw will take place on the Sunday morning just before the event during the team leaders meeting.

All draws will take place in the presence of the team leaders, the WAVE delegate, the president of the competition and the appeal judges.

6. Invitations :

This championship is only open to countries with WAVE affiliated organizations (with valid protocol) and entries are made through these organizations.

6.1 Teams:

Each country can compete with individual riders.

The teams should be composed with a minimum of 3 riders, and a maximum of 4 riders in each category JUNIOR and YOUNG RIDERS.

6.2 Entries:

Entry fees: 450 € including the entry fee and the stables for YOUNG RIDER.
 400 € including the entry fee and the stables for JUNIOR.

The Gala meal for each rider and for the team leader is included in the fee.

Hay and straw are also included in the fee.

Wood shavings are also available for 14€ a ball (please order in advance)

6.3 Equipment liabilities:

The Organisation committee is not responsible for any damage caused to your vehicles, horse boxes, material, tack, accessories or another objects that may be lost or stolen. We are not responsible for any tack left in the horse boxes provided as a tack room.

6.4 Horses safety:

Access to the stables will be restricted to the competition organisers, riders and grooms.

Members of the security team can ask for identification before accessing the stables. A wristband to access the stables will be given to you on arrival.

7. Commitment dates:

- **Precommitment:** February the 28th, to know if the country is taking part in the competition, in teams or individually.
- **Final commitment:** May the 15th, to know how many riders are taking part & payment of the entry fees.
- **Nominative commitment:** July the 15th.

8. Veterinary rules:

All horses must have identification papers from their country of origin.

This document must be shown on arrival at the event.

All horses must be vaccinated against flu and equine rhinopneumonitis abiding FEI rules.

A temperature reading will be done on arrival before getting access to the stables.

Please inquire about transport / export rules and documentation in your country.

Any veterinary costs due to these rules have an additional fee.

9. Anti-doping rules:

Anti-doping tests by blood sampling or/and urine tests may be carried out during the whole event.

10. Claims:

Abiding international rules, any claims have to be written in English, submitted to the president of the judges panel along with a deposit. The 100€ deposit will only be refunded if the claimant is successful and the claim valid.

11. Ceremonies:

Opening ceremony:

Wednesday the 20th of August, opening ceremony and presentation of all team.

Awards after each event:

The award ceremony for the 4 events will take place at the end of each event, with the 5 first riders on horseback.

The individual award ceremony will take place on Saturday the 23th of August at the end of the day, with all the riders and their horses.

The team award ceremony will take place on Sunday the 24th of August at the end of the day, with all the teams and their horses.

12. Gala Night :

Saturday the 23th of August, a gala Diner and Night Party will take place.

This meal is included in the entrance fee for each rider and for any team leader that has entered the competition.

It is also possible to book this Gala Night for people who did not compete.

13. Insurance:

All owners and competitors are personally responsible for the damages caused to third parties, by themselves, employees, agents or horses and they are accordingly most strongly advised to take out civil liability insurance, fully covering their participation in Trials in their own country or abroad and that such insurance policy must be kept up to date. The organizing committee is not responsible by third parties if a competitor does not have a valid insurance policy. Horses and competitors equipment remain under the riders/owners responsibility. Competitors are responsible for all costs resulting from accidents.

As a consequence of the above paragraph, competitors forthwith their right to any legal redress against the organizing committee. All participants must ensure that their personal civil liability, individual accidents and medical insurance policies etc. are valid for the period of their activity.

14. How to get here:

By plane:

- Nantes Atlantique airport is a 1-hour drive.
- Paris airports are a 4-hour drive.
- Bordeaux Airport is a 3-hour drive.

Address :

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Bocage Avenue
Henri Jeanneau
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Accommodation:

To find accommodation don't hesitate to contact the tourism office in Les Herbiers.

www.ot-lesherbiers.fr

Telephone: +33 244 40 20 20.

*Please have in mind that we are situated in a highly touristic region of France,
try to book as soon as possible.*

15. Program change:

In exceptional cases and with the approval of the team leaders, the president of the appeals committee and the WAVE delegate, the organisers have the possibility to make changes to the program. These alterations may be made to sort out any problems, mistakes made by omissions or unforeseen circumstances.

All competitors, team leaders and officials will be informed as soon as possible if any alterations are made to the program.

These changes do not jeopardise the application of the international rules and regulations.

16. Code of conduct for horse welfare:

Considering that WAVE aims to meet the highest standards of equestrian competitions and therefore aspires at all times to defend horse welfare, we strongly recommend that at all times the following principles are achieved by anyone involved:

In all stages of the competition, during preparation and training of competition horses, welfare must prevail over any other demand.

Owners, trainers and judges have to be sure that horses and competitors must be fit and in good health before they are allowed to compete.

The events OC have to pay careful attention to the facilities, surrounding competition areas, ground surfaces, stabling, weather conditions, site safety and also to the horse's state of fitness before travelling at the end of the event.

WAVE urges anyone involved with equestrian sport to reach the highest level of training in their areas of expertise.

Dear rider friends, team leaders, grooms, trainers and supporters,

We can't wait to welcome you here in Les Herbiers.

We are preparing an event that will offer meals, a bar, entertainment and exhibitor stands throughout the whole competition.

Once again we remind you to book your accommodation in advance.

Hope to see you very soon in La Vendée.

Annex 1: Plan of the site.

