

World Equestrian Festival, CHIO Aachen

- CHIO = Concours Hippique International Officiel (french)
- Official international tournament of the Federal Republic of Germany (the status "official" means that Aachen is the only German tournament that is allowed to organise Nations' Cup competitions)
- Disciplines: Jumping, dressage, eventing, four-in-hand driving, vaulting
- Nations' Cup in all five disciplines, since 2008 also in vaulting

Organiser

Aachen-Laurensberger Rennverein e.V. (ALRV)
Founded in 1898
President: Carl Meulenbergh
Chairman of the Managing Board / Show Director: Frank Kemperman

Marketing

Aachener Reitturnier GmbH (ART)
Founded in 1975
Managing Partner: Michael Mronz

Top Level Sponsors

Mercedes-Benz, DHL, Turkish Airlines, Rolex

Duration/Date

July 14th to 23rd, 2017

Tickets

- Ticket hotline: +49-241-917 11 11
- Current ticket information: www.chioaachen.de

Disciplines:

- Jumping (Main Stadium, capacity: 40,000)
87 participants from 18 nations with 252 horses
- Dressage (Deutsche Bank Stadium, capacity: 6,300)
76 participants from 17 nations with 90 horses
- Eventing (jumping in the Main Stadium, dressage in the Deutsche Bank Stadium, cross-country on the cross-country course at the Aachen Soers)
41 riders, 42 horses from 10 nations + 6 horses for Jump & Drive
- Driving (Driving Stadium and Soers Marathon Course). Every year the marathon attracts tens of thousands of visitors on Saturday, free entry
24 carriages from 10 nations, 120 horses + 24 horses for Jump & Drive
- Vaulting (Albert-Vahle-Arena, capacity: 1,100)
106 participants from 12 nations with 40 horses



2017 we are looking forward to:

105 hours sport in Aachen, divided in:

- 15 hours Vaulting
- 17 hours Driving
- 11 hours Eventing
- 33 hours Dressage
- 29 hours Jumping

Highlights:

- Opening Ceremony on Tuesday, July 18th, the official opening of the event
- Mercedes-Benz Prize (team jumping competition with two rounds), Thursday evening, under floodlights, July 20th
Defending champion: Germany
- Rolex Grand Prix, Grand Prix of Aachen (Jumping competition with two rounds and a jump-off), Sunday, July 23th
Defending champion: Philipp Weishaupt (GER) with Convall
- Deutsche Bank Prize, Grand Prix Dressage of Aachen (Grand Prix Freestyle), Sunday, July 23th
Defending champion: Kristina Bröring-Sprehe (GER) with Desperados FRH
- DHL Prize, eventing cross-country competition in Aachen's Soers Saturday, July 22th
Defending champion: Michael Jung (GER) with fischer Takinou
Defending champion team: Australia
- Marathon
Four-in-hand driving marathon competition in Aachen's Soers Saturday, July 22th, entry free of charge
Defending champion individual / Prize of Family Richard Talbot: Boyd Exell (AUS)
Defending champion team / Fendt Nations' Cup: Netherlands
- Vaulting (Albert-Vahle-Arena), female, male and squad vaulting, Nations' Cup Friday, July 14th to Sunday, July 16th

Rolex Grand Slam:

- Since 2013 the CHIO Aachen, the CSIO Spruce Meadows 'Masters' (Canada) and CHI Geneva (Switzerland) have joined forces to create the Rolex Grand Slam of Show Jumping; the first global initiative to reward the outstanding rider who wins the Grand Prix at each show in succession – within 12 months. The winner of the Rolex Grand Slam of Show Jumping will be rewarded with a €1 million bonus prize. Scott Brash became the first rider who won the Rolex Grand Slam in 2015.

Special Features:

- Partner country 2017: The Netherlands
- Once again throughout the World Equestrian Festival, CHIO Aachen 2017, is placing the focus on the promotion of therapeutic riding, campaign "Glücks-Bringer"
- Store Window Contest in the city of Aachen and its surrounding region
- The event is attended by countless celebrities from the world of show-business, sports and politics



- Soers Sunday, the traditional open day offers an entertaining show programme with free admission, starts at 11.30 a.m. with an Ecumenical Ceremony in the Deutsche Bank Stadium
- Concert “Horse & Symphony” on Friday, July 14th and on Saturday, July 15th, 2017: Symphony Orchestra Aachen meets top class show programme in the Deutsche Bank Stadium

The CHIO Aachen in Figures

- 5 Disciplines:
Jumping, dressage, eventing, driving, vaulting
- Participants:
334 active participants (riders, drivers and vaulters) from 27 countries,
- Horses
International competitions: 567 horses
National competitions: 24 horses Quadrille Championships / 22 horses U25 Jumping
Concert Horse & Symphony: 60 horses
Soers Sunday: 90 horses
Opening ceremony: 185 horses
Kids day: 25 horses
CIAT – Traditional Driving Event: 56 horses

Total number of horses: 1,029 horses (incl. show programme and side events)
- Visitors:
348,200 in the year 2016
- Most important competitions:
Rolex Grand Prix
Mercedes-Benz Nations’ Cup
Deutsche Bank Prize
- Prize-money:
Total Endowment (including Special Trophies): approx. 2.7 mil. Euros
- Budget:
14.5 mil. Euros
- Media / TV:
600 accredited journalists and photographer as well over 200 TV employees
- TV coverage:
National coverage: more than 30 hours of (ARD and WDR), of which over 25 hours were programmes showing pure sport;
International coverage: broadcasts in over 140 countries all over the world
- Employees/Volunteers: Approx.: 1,200



Including among others:

68 judges and officials

44 stewards

330 grounds stewards

34 medical employees, plus Malteser staff and emergency doctors

54 shuttle service employees

- VIP area:
Hostesses: 80
Restaurants: 4
Sponsor lounges: 5
- Horse Accommodation:
430 permanent stables
18,000 kg of oats
18,000 kg of hay
1,500 bales of straw
600 bales of straw (for bedding)
- Veterinarian Centre:
Four stables, two examination rooms, X-ray room, darkroom, pharmacy, laboratory, 30 employees in the veterinarian area
- CHIO-Village:
Over 200 exhibitors from all over the world
Approx 230 tents
Total area of the tents (including gastronomy): 22,000 square metres
43 kilometres of cables have to be laid – the contents of three large sea freight containers
Products: From fashion through to Mercedes-Benz cars
- Store Window Contest:
Approx 80 retailers of the city Aachen and the StädtRegion Aachen decorate their store windows with motives of the CHIO and of the partner country.

