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– Press Kit





Foreword

By the FEI President

On behalf of the Fédération Equestre Internationale it is my pleasure to welcome you to Stadl-Paura (AUT), for the FEI Vaulting European Championship for Seniors and the FEI Vaulting World Championship for Young Vaulters and Juniors 2025. In the coming days, we will witness the top-tier of the international Vaulting scene in full action presenting us with the best FEI Vaulting has to offer.

Vaulting is a sport in form of a show, composed of athletic artists, music and choreographies that capture the hearts and imaginations of thousands around the world; reflecting the intensity of the performance and harmonious bond between horse and Vaulters, all while putting on display acrobatic skill and precision. The unique atmosphere this discipline ignites makes it hugely popular with audiences, increasing its global outreach continuously.

Here in Stadl-Paura, we will witness the elite of the FEI Vaulting community at both senior and youth level battle it out for Individual, Pas-de-Deux, Squad and Official Team glory. The FEI Vaulting European Championships for Seniors will once again present an opportunity for our top-level athletes to measure themselves against Europe's best and showcase the culmination of a lifetime's dedication and commitment to the sport.

The FEI Vaulting World Championship for Young Vaulters and Juniors are an essential ingredient to forging talent, acting as a catalyst to inspire and motivate the next generation of Vaulters from all around the world onto future international representation and acclaim. Youth championships always represent an important stepping stone in the career of young Vaulters, helping to bridge the gap up to senior level.

I would like to thank the organising team, as well as all officials and volunteers for their commitment and support to the successful running of this event. Thank you also to all the sponsors and the media, who continuously show their support and play an important role in driving our sport forward.

Ingmar De Vos
FEI President

To the Vaulters and their invaluable support teams, I wish the best of luck! And to the fans, I hope you will enjoy every moment of the best our sport has to offer.

INTRODUCTION

From 30 July to 3 August 2025, Stadl-Paura in Austria will be the prestigious host of the FEI Vaulting European Championship for Seniors and the FEI Vaulting World Championship for Juniors and Young Vaulters 2025. The European Championship will feature a line-up of 72 athletes and 39 horses from 14 nations, all prepared to vie for the coveted titles in Individual, Squad, Pas-de-Deux, and Team categories.

FEI Vaulting European Championships: 4 decades of top-class equestrian history
The FEI Vaulting European Championships have a remarkable history spanning four decades of equestrian excellence. In 1984, just one year after vaulting joined the FEI, the inaugural European Championship took place in the Austrian city of Ebreichsdorf. Sabine Müller, Dietmar Otto, and the German Team emerged as the first European Champions, with Germany claiming seven out of the nine medals awarded that year.

Since then, Germany has maintained its dominance in the discipline, accumulating an impressive total of 109 continental medals (85 medals for Germany and 24 medals for the Federal Republic of Germany). Now, as the 21st edition of the FEI European Vaulting Championship approaches, the stage is set for other nations to challenge Germany's supremacy and showcase the remarkable progress the sport has made across the old continent.

Simultaneously, Stadl-Paura will also host the second edition of the FEI Vaulting World Championships for Juniors and Young Vaulters. From 30 July to 3 August 2025, Vaulting enthusiasts and participants alike will converge on Stadl Paura, making it a truly global hub for this captivating sport.

Willkommen im Stadl Paura!



ABOUT THE VENUE FOR THE FEI VAULTING EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025 – STADL-PAURA EQUESTRIAN CENTER



The Stadl-Paura Equestrian Center covers an area of 30 hectares. The listed historical buildings, also known as the “Stud Ensemble,” are located in the northern section of the site. Modern halls and training facilities have been added in the south, adjoining an extensive outdoor area featuring riding arenas, a driving course, and a forest arena. In total, four indoor riding halls and three outdoor arenas are available, covering a combined area of 25,000 m².

New riding trails, approximately 4 km in length, have been created in the adjoining forest. At the heart of the site stands the historic “Vierkanter,” which can accommodate up to 100 horses. The inner courtyard contains a horse walker and exercise areas.

The training stable offers space for an additional 37 horses and is also equipped with a horse walker and paddocks. At the large Aichetfeld area, 97 event horses can be housed in permanent boxes, with capacity for up to 250 horses in stable tents. In addition to the high-quality equestrian infrastructure and historic buildings, the site features several other highlights: a modern forge, a saddlery, an equestrian sup-

ply store, and the 7er Stall restaurant.

The newly opened Karl's Restaurant in the Karl Bauer Hall is the ideal place to enjoy a meal. Its new glass frontage offers a perfect view into the large indoor arena. The adjacent sun terrace, also newly added, provides a wonderful view of Europaplatz and the surrounding cityscape.



ABOUT THE CITY – STADL-PAURA

The wide range of attractions is not limited to the Salzkammergut — it begins right in and around the town of Stadl-Paura.

The formation of the TAAREG association brought together six municipalities: Stadl-Paura, Lambach, Fischlham, Edt bei Lambach, Bad Wimsbach-Neydharting, and Steinerkirchen an der Traun. The Traun-Ager-Alm region is known for its rich natural diversity and numerous points of interest. Three rivers flow through the area, creating a captivating natural spectacle that can be easily explored on foot or by bicycle. Many picturesque spots invite visitors to relax and linger.

Beyond the natural beauty, the region also offers many historical attractions that transport visitors back in time. Lambach Abbey and the Boatmen's Museum are steeped in history and provide fascinating insights into life during the 18th century.



The local horse center also has its origins in the salt shipping trade, which played a significant role in its historical development.



COMPETITION PREVIEW

New champions will rise as FEI Vaulting Championships head to Austria

By Joanne Littlejohn

Five days of outstanding Vaulting at the FEI European Championship for Seniors and the FEI World Championship for Juniors and Young Vaulters will commence in Stadl Paura (AUT) on 30 July 2025. In a competition which promises drama, creativity and wonderful horsemanship, the champions are far from already decided.

The line-up for the European Championship sees the defending champions in female, male and squad Vaulting return to the circle. Germany's Kathrin Meyer aims to repeat her 2023 success and build on her triple FEI Vaulting World Cup™ Final victories to win her another title, this one with Gesa Bührig and Captain Claus.

Her main challengers come from her teammates, Alice Layher and Alina Ross. Ross, 2023 Silver medallist and 2024 Vice World Champion, had to take some time off at the beginning of the season due to an injury. She was back on top form to take second place at the prestigious CHIO in Aachen (GER) at the end of June. Layher, the 2023 World Young Vaultler Champion and 2024 Senior World Championship Bronze medallist finished ahead of both Meyer and Ross to win in Aachen and enhance the excitement, uncertainty and tension ahead of the Europeans.

Switzerland has a strong contender in Danielle Bürgi. She missed the last championship through injury and has returned in perfect time to complete this season. Austria however, after the retirement of World Champion Eva Nagiller, will have to look to another for their medal hope. Cornelia Pikl may be their top choice to make the podium.

In the Men's competition, defending champion Quentin Jabet (FRA) will start with a new horse and lungers combination, Othello Van't Laarhof and Loic Devedu. Othello Van't Laarhof has only three CVIs of experience, so it remains to be seen how he will cope with the increased atmosphere that comes with championship competition. Compatriot, Ruben De-launey may challenge Jabet for a medal.

Austria too has a great chance in 2023 World Champion Young Vaulters, Philip Clement. He finished an agonising fourth at the 2024 Senior World Championship but this year he will also have the home advantage.

As always, Germany has a very experienced line up and will most likely take home at least one of the medals

on offer. Stalwarts Thomas Brüsewitz and Jannik Heiland are forces to be reckoned with, especially when it comes to championship competition. Between them they have medalled every year since 2018, but the gold has been elusive. To win would be their greatest moment yet.

Davide Zanella and Rebecca Greggio will both compete individually for Italy and together in the Pas-de-Deux competition. The two-time World Cup Champions have a score to settle, having been unable to show their best at either of the last two championships. They are the top choice for the medals if they can make it to the competition in good fitness. Germany has two chances: accomplished duo, current World Champions Diana Harwardt and Peter Künne will battle with first time pairing Arne Heers and Jella Hamman to be at least the top Germans. Heers is no stranger to pressure and success; however, this is his debut contest against the seniors.

2024 Vice World Champions Syra Schmid and Zoe Maruccio will round out their career for Switzerland looking for one more glorious finish. Their hard work and climb



to become one of the world's top Pas-de-Deux has been relentless and rewarding.

There are fewer teams entered in this year's squad competition with only four travelling to Austria. Barring anything untoward the gold medal already looks to be heading home to Germany's team Norka once again. They have been formidable the last four years and even with new team members their standard continues to rise. They will be chased by Switzerland, who present a new squad, as well as Austria and the Netherlands.

This too may be the result in the nations team competition. With outstanding individuals Germany will be hard to beat. Austria may turn the tables on Switzerland and the Netherlands will hope to seize any opportunity allowed to them to climb onto the podium.

FEI Vaulting World Championship for Juniors and Young Vaulters

The Junior Female class for the world championship is the most hotly contested competition at the event with 57 starters including a debut for Zimbabwe, Lupondo Ashley, and Estonia, Anna-Liisa Anson.



2023 defending World Champion Clara Ludwiczek (AUT) will perform against 2024 European Champion Josephine Vedel Sondergaard Nielsen (DEN). Vedel Sondergaard Nielsen will compete with Sultan EG who, despite only being in his first season, has risen to the challenge. Ludwiczek joins Antonia Mayerhofer and Fanny Seidl for Austria, all of whom have a great opportunity to thrill their home crowd with a medal.

Switzerland presents three talented hopes, Valentina Plüss, Eva Carraro and Lena Bollhalder while Germany's trio are all very young but not short on skill. Jennifer Reichert and Lara Andrew are entered alongside 2024 European bronze medallist Amari Santamaria Diaz.

There is also a chance for at least one medal to find its way out of the larger nations. Auke Talpe carries Belgium's medal hopes, Isalotte Van Agteren could win one for the Netherlands, Evie Jessett for Great Britain, or Lena Dao Duc Long for France. Not to mention the potential contenders from the USA; Emi Yang and Hannah Wildermuth.

Daniel Klotz-Dedora has high hopes of bringing home a Junior Male medal to Canada for the first time. He will fight off competition from the silver medallist from the last two years, Germany's Lukas Heitmann who will be reaching for the gold medal but in turn faces challengers, specifically from his fellow countrymen Henry Frischmuth and Luca Fuchslocher. Italians Jan Stellahaegi and Ettore Arena were biting at the heels of the top three last year and might make their mark in history were they to take home some silverware.

The Pas-de-Deux competition is shaping up to be as competitive and exhilarating as ever, with ten combinations ready to perform. Germany has just one pairing, 2024 European silver medallists Felix Wöhe and Greta Helene Liebig. With last year's gold medallists now aged out of the category the way is clear for them to go for the gold. Looking to thwart them or to join them in receiving honours are 2024 Bronze medallists Evie and Milly Jessett (GBR), Austria's Eva Koren and Julia Alber and championship debutants Flora Maurer and Larissa Jöbstl (AUT) and Lea Maeder and Lena Nyffenegger from Switzerland.

Sweden has high expectations in the Squad competition. They come into the event as one of the favourites having claimed the bronze medal at the European Championship 2024. They beat their Nordic neighbours, the Danish squad earlier in the season but only just, so the battle will recommence in Austria. Italy have also presented a strong squad this season and have been building towards this championship, coming ahead of the Swiss team at the CVI in Stadl Paura. That said, Switzerland always presents themselves well and have medalled at the last four championships. Germany too may take home a medal. Their young but mighty team will gain much in experience but also have a chance to succeed.

In the Young Vaulters class the way is clear for a new champion and the class is very open. After a completely black-red-gold podium last year, Lisa Wagner (GER) is the only medallist eligible to compete again. She hopes to add another medal to her European Championship bronze. Her teammates Johanna Timm and Frances Nandy Moldenhauer come with huge potential for glory. They will face 2023 World silver medallist, Canada's Averill Saunders, who has returned to competition following a year off. Austria has a very good chance of breaking Germany's domination of the top step of the podium; their 2023 Bronze medallist Anna Weidenauer represents the red and white alongside Leonie Koller and Jana Matuschka. However, Switzerland have also been performing strongly in this category. Noemi Licci has years of cham-

pionship experience but contends with her compatriots Mara Hofer and Joana Bachmann as much as the rest of the line-up.

As a championship class still in its infancy there are many who will make history with a ribbon around their necks. Outside of the major players, Giorgia Fanucci might take home medal for Italy, Roksana Naumiuk for Poland, Maelys Marmin for France or the USA's Kynnn Ghafouri if she has recovered from a recent injury.

The Male competition will be a real good fight, with major players 2023 Young Vaulters world silver medallist Bela Lehn (GER) and double Junior World Champion Sam dos Santos (NED) going head-to-head. They recently battled in Aachen, competing at 3* level, where Lehn was victorious. Dos Santos has a new horse who has been learning at each event to cope with the pressures of competition, so it will be enthralling to watch the action unfold.

The pressure will also be on current European Champion Arne Heers to add a World individual title to his collection. He too cannot rest easy as Jakub Roguski has ascended from bronze medal Junior level success and looks to match that at least as a Young Vaulters. Similarly, Frenchman Baptiste Terrier could make his mark at Young Vaulters level or could be thwarted by teammate Louis Dumont who has been on top form this season.

With many potential victors it is arguably one of the most open championships of recent years. Through years of effort, preparation and a sprinkle of luck, new champions will come to the fore. Excellent quality equine partners will be vital to emerge triumphant.

In any case this combined championship will be a moment in history not to be missed.



FULL PROGRAMME

Tuesday - 29 July	13:00	Draw
Wednesday - 30 July	From 08:00	Ind. Junior Male Compulsory Ind. Junior Female Compulsory Ind. Young Vaulters Male Compulsory Ind. Young Vaulters Female Compulsory Ind. Senior Female Compulsory
	19:00	Opening Ceremony
Thursday - 31 July	From 08:30	Ind. Senior Male Compulsory Squads Junior Compulsory Squads Senior Compulsory Pas-de-Deux Junior Free Test Ind. Junior Male Free Test Ind. Junior Female Free Test
Friday - 1 August	From 08:30	Ind. Young Vaulters Male Technical Test Ind. Young Vaulters Female Technical Test Squads Junior Free Test Ind. Senior Female Technical Test Ind. Senior Male Technical Test Pas-de-Deux Senior Free Test Ind. Junior Male Free Test

FULL PROGRAMME

Saturday - 2 August	From 08:30	Ind. Junior Female Free Test Squads Junior Free Test Ind. Senior Male Free Test Ind. Senior Female Free Test Pas-de-Deux Junior Free test Squads Senior Free Test
	18:30	Prize Giving Ceremony
Sunday - 3 August	From 08:30	Ind. Young Vaulters Male Free Test Ind. Young Vaulters Female Free Test Pas-de-Deux Senior Free Test Official Team Competition
	16:00	Prize Giving Ceremony

OFFICIAL MEMBERS

Ground Jury President – Senior: Doris Knotter (AUT)

Ground Jury President – Junior: Gaby Benz (ITA)

Technical Delegate: John Eccles (GBR)

Chief Steward – Katharina Jothe (GER)

FEI Veterinary Delegate: Dr. Petra
Kramaric (SLO)

You can check the Official Schedule
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DEFINITE ENTRIES

Check all the athletes participating
at the FEI Vaulting European Cham-
pionship for Seniors and World
Championships for Young Vaulters
and Juniors 2025 in Stadl-Paura
[here](#)



FEI VAULTING EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP 2025 IN NUMBERS

72

**Total number
of athletes**

39

**Total number
of horses**

14

Total nations

5

**Total nations
(Pax-de-Deux)**

4

**Total Nations
(Squad)**

40

**Athletes competing
for the first time**

27

**Horses competing for
the first time**

13_{yo}

**Youngest athlete:
Maria Klosin & Yara
Metwally (SUI)**

35_{yo}

**Oldest Athlete:
Sabine Kuntner (AUT)**

Most Appearances

MALE:

7 appearances
Kai Vorberg (GER)

FEMALE:

7 appearances
Rikke Laumann (DEN)

TEAM

2 appearances
8 athletes

PAS-DE-DEUX

3 appearances
11 athletes

SQUAD:

5 appearances
Natalie Brixman & Ella
Filippa Velandar (SWE)

PAST WINNERS

Number of Medals (per country)

Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Germany (& FRG)	43	41	25
Austria	7	6	12
Switzerland	7	9	7
France	6	4	11
Denmark	1	3	5
Great Britain	3	3	1
Sweden	-	1	4
Slovakia	1	-	1

Number of Medals per Athlete

Athlete	Medals	Gold
Kai Vorberg (GER)	8	3
Joanne Eccles (GBR)	6	2
Rikke Laumann (DEN)	5	1
Nadia Büttiker (SUI)	5	-
Katharina Luschin (AUT)	5	2
Jasmin Lindner (AUT)	5	2

Champions FEI Vaulting European Championship 2023 – Flyinge (SWE)

Event	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
<u>Individual (M)</u>	Quentin Jabet (FRA) & Andrea Boe & Ronaldo 200 NRW	Theo Gardies (FRA) & Sebastien Langlios & Sir Sensation	Jannik Heiland (GER) & Barbara Rosiny & Dark Belu- ga NRH
<u>Individual (F)</u>	Kathrin Mayer (GER) & Sonja Meyer & San Classico S OLD	Alina Ross (GER) & Volker Ross & Baron R	Ilona Hannich (SUI) & Monika Winkler & Rayo de la Luz
<u>Pas-de-Deux</u>	Eva Nagiller & Ro- mana Hintner (AUT)	Diana Harwardt & Peter Künne (GER)	Ilona Hannich & Li Laffer (SUI)
<u>Squad</u>	Germany	Switzerland	Sweden
<u>Team</u>	Germany	Switzerland	Denmark

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Schedules and **results** will be available [here](#).



The **FEI Vaulting European Championship 2025** in Stadl-Paura will be broadcast live on [FEI TV](#), the FEI's official broadcasting platform.



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Biographies from the main participants are available [here](#)



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