

SVĚTOVÝ POHÁR V PARKUROVÉM SKÁKÁNÍ FEI WORLD CUP SHOW JUMPING

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OLOMOUC WILL BE CROWDED. ALMOST 400 HORSES ARE COMING TO THE CSI2*-W WORLD CUP

The interest in the show-jumping World Cup in Olomouc is traditionally great, but the late start of this year's equestrian season has caused that the organizers of the eighth season of this event must literally deal with the question of "Where to place them?" There are almost 400 horses on the entry list.

The international show-jumping event CSI2*-W Olomouc 2021 will start in full on Wednesday, June 16th and will offer a total of 24 competitions over five days. Almost 250 riders and over 370 horses should present themselves in all competition categories. The largest numbers are within CSI2*-W, with 150 riders and over 250 horses. About 60 young horses are also entered and another 60 should compete in the younger riders' competitions categories.

"These are preliminary numbers as the entries are still open. However, we expect that the final number of horses should be a maximum of four hundred," Klara Damborska, the event director specified. 14 national flags should be seen at the arena. Belgium, the Czech Republic, Finland, Croatia, Ireland, Hungary, Germany, Poland, Austria, Romania, Russia, Northern Macedonia, Slovakia and Slovenia should be represented.

The most numerous group of participants is of course the Czech riders. In CSI2*-W alone, over 60 home riders with over hundred horses will present themselves. Although the national A-team riders, whose goal is to start at the Tokyo Olympics, are competing at events with higher number of stars as a part of the finishing preparations, the line-up will be of a very high quality. For example, the members of the national team for the Nations Cup CSIO3* in Dutch Peelbergen – Jan Stetina and Vladimir Tretera, who is still the reigning show-jumping champion of the Czech Republic, will be present. And we cannot forget to mention other representatives, such as Nikola Bielikova or Marek Klus. The most prominent Slovak representative is Bronislav Chudyba, who was successful at the recent CSI2* Zduchovice. The traditionally successful participant at the Olomouc meetings is the German rider Jörne Sprehe. Very large team represents Poland, with almost 30 riders and 50 horses.

The organizers also register great interest from spectators, who can arrive in relatively large numbers, provided that all conditions are met. However, due to necessary regulation it is necessary to buy a ticket, preferably online. "Our tradition has always been free entry. However, due to limited number of visitors we had to accede to sell tickets," Michaela Smrckova, the Equine Sport Center director says. In utmost cases, tickets can also be purchased on the spot at the information stand located by the warm-up arena or at the back of public car park complex. However, the organizers recommend purchasing ticket in advance. So the visitors avoid waiting in line and will also be sure to get to the premises in case the maximum capacity is saturated. On weekdays the full entry fee will be 80 CZK, children from 6 to 15 years and seniors will pay half and younger children and handicapped do not have to pay anything. On weekend the basic price is 100 CZK, discounted ticket 50 CZK. Detailed information including link to online pre-sale can be found at www.csiolomouc.cz.

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- Abbreviation CSI2*-W: concours de saut international – international show-jumping event 2* category (1-5 stars) with competition included in the World Cup – W, other abbreviations J (junior riders), YR (young riders), YH (young horses)
- ESC Olomouc – Equine Sport Center venue in Olomouc Lazce, put into operation in 2013.