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

Organizer
Aachen-Laurensberger Rennverein e.V. (ALRV)
Founded in 1898
President: Stefanie Peters
Managing Board: Philip Erbers, Birgit Rosenberg

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

Top Level Sponsors
Mercedes-Benz, Allianz, Turkish Airlines, Rolex

Duration/Date
June 28th to July 7th, 2024

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

Disciplines:
- **Jumping** (Main Stadium, capacity: 40,000)
- **Dressage** (Deutsche Bank Stadium, capacity: 6,300)
- **Eventing** (jumping in the Main Stadium, dressage in the Deutsche Bank Stadium, cross-country on the cross-country course at the Aachen Soers)
- **Driving** (Driving Stadium, capacity: 2,600, and Soers Marathon Course). Every year the marathon attracts tens of thousands of visitors on Saturday, free entry
- **Vaulting** (Albert-Vahle-Arena, capacity: 1,100)
Highlights:

- Opening Ceremony on Tuesday, July 2nd, the official opening of the event
- Mercedes-Benz Nations’ Cup (team jumping competition with two rounds), Thursday evening, under floodlights, July 4th
  Defending champion: Switzerland
- Rolex Grand Prix, Grand Prix of Aachen
  (Jumping competition with two rounds and a jump-off), Sunday, July 7th
  Defending champion: Marcus Ehning (GER) with Stargold
- Deutsche Bank Prize, Grand Prix Dressage of Aachen
  (Grand Prix Freestyle), Sunday, July 7th
  Defending champion: Jessica von Bredow-Werndl (GER) with TSF Dalera BB
- Turkish Airlines-Prize of Europe (Jumping competition with jump-off), Wednesday evening, under floodlights, July 6th
  Defending champion: Yuri Mansur (BRA) with Miss Blue-Saint Blue Farm
- SAP-Cup, eventing cross-country competition in Aachen’s Soers
  Saturday, July 6th
  Defending champion: Yasmin Ingham (GBR) with Banzai du Loir
  Defending champion team: Germany
- Prize of schwartz Group
  Four-in-hand driving marathon competition in Aachen’s Soers
  Saturday, July 6th, entry free of charge
  Defending champion individual / Prize of Family Richard Talbot: Boyd Exell (AUS)
  Defending champion team / Boehringer Ingelheim Nations’ Cup: Netherlands
- Vaulting (Albert-Vahle-Arena), Prize of Sparkasse: female, male and squad vaulting, Pas de Deux, Nations’ Cup
  Friday, June 28th to Sunday, June 30th
  Defending champion team: Germany I

Rolex Grand Slam:
The CHIO Aachen, the CSIO Spruce Meadows ‘Masters’ (Canada), CHI Geneva (Switzerland) and The Dutch Masters (Netherlands) have joined forces to create the Rolex Grand Slam of Show Jumping; The system is simple: Anyone, who wins three shows in a row, receives €1 million bonus prize. If that same rider then continues their success by winning a fourth Major in succession, they will be rewarded with an additional €1 million bonus prize. Scott Brash became the first rider who won the Rolex Grand Slam in 2015. Current contender for the Rolex Grand Slam is Marcus Ehning. All information on this ultimate challenge of the jumping sport can be found at: www.rolexgrandslam.com

Special Features:

- Soers Sunday (June 30th), 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 Saturday, June 29th, 2022: Symphony Orchestra Aachen meets top class show programme in the Deutsche Bank Stadium.
- The event is attended by countless celebrities from the world of show-business, sports and politics
- CHIO Aachen Selfie Spots: In the CHIO Aachen Selfie Lounge as well as at various other locations on the grounds, for example also at the CHIO Aachen Superstore, there are different photo spots that invite to take special CHIO snapshots.
The CHIO Aachen in Figures

5 Disciplines:
Jumping, dressage, eventing, driving, vaulting
approx. 90 hours of sport at the Soers

Participants:
ca. 330 active participants (riders, drivers and vaulters) from 32 countries

Horses:
International competitions: ca. 600 horses
National competitions: ca. 50 horses
Concert Horse & Symphony: ca. 90 horses
Soers Sunday: ca. 60 horses
Opening ceremony: ca. 200 horses
Total: 1000 horses (competition horses und show horses)

Visitors:
about 350,000

Prize-money:
Total Endowment (including Special Trophies): 3.9 million Euros

Budget:
20 million Euros

Media / TV:
600 accredited journalists and photographer as well over 200 TV employees

TV coverage:
National coverage: more than 30 hours of (ARD, ZDF 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:
65 FEI judges and officials
45 FEI stewards
330 grounds stewards
30 medical employees, plus Malteser staff and emergency doctors
60 shuttle service employees

VIP area:
Hostesses: ca. 80
Restaurants: 4
Sponsor lounges: 4
**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

**Contest “Tschio-Chic”**
Retailers of the city Aachen and the StädteRegion Aachen decorate their store windows with motives of the CHIO and of the partner country

**TV/Internet at the showground**
(Official telecommunications service provider NetAachen)
- More than 500 km fibreglass cable, 600 km copper twin wire
- Approx. 200 telephone and internet connections, around 200 television connections
- 80 WLAN access points to supply the showground
- Internet speed 5,000 Mbit/s

**Fences**
- Side parts of the fences: ca. 200
- Poles: ca. 800
- Fences of sponsors: ca. 30

**Walk of fame**
Horseshoe instead of hand print: Some of the most famous horses of the world are perpetuated on the traditional showground. Already 26 horseshoes are embedded inside the stars in front of the CHIO Aachen offices, adding some new each year. Thus it is clear to every Aachen visitor that the red carpet will be rolled out for horses first.

**CHIO Aachen Village:**
- 200 exhibitors
- Approx. 270 tents
- Total tent area (including catering): 23,000 square metres
- 43 kilometres of installed cables – the contents of three large sea freight containers
- Products: From fashion to Mercedes-Benz cars
- 6-8 weeks of build-up time
- 69 truckloads
- 1,400 tons of material
Caterer „Käfer“, Munich/DPB - Event Management, Aachen

36 dishwashers
60 cooks and 10 Patissiers
30 temporary staff (kitchen)
300 service staff
4 semi-trailer trucks delivering plates and bowls
20,000 glasses and coffee cups
20,000 pieces of cutlery
250 salt and pepper shakers
155,000 napkins

Raw goods being processed:
Approx. 1.4t of fish, 1.9t of meat, 1.4t of vegetables, 900 kg of pasta, 1.1t of fruit
2t of ice cubes
1t of small rolls, baguettes, rolls, Kaiser rolls, loaves of bread
1,500 loaves of bread from the own bakery (Käfer)
2,000 litres of milk
34kg of ketchup, 20 kg of mustard, 25 kg of mayonnaise

Green areas
358,310,400 blades of grass in the main stadium
2.9 km of wooden fences
Hedges: approx. 4.2 km from 30,000 individual plants

Floodlight
Established in 2005
4 floodlight masts: 45-49 meters high
299 spotlights
Approx. 1,100 lux