

Pre-program

Crystal  
Cup



*Royal Waregem Racing Society*



*Société Royale des Courses de Waregem*



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**Koninklijke Waregemse Koersvereniging**  
**Holstraat 97, 8790 Waregem**

The Crystal Cup European Cross Country Challenge is an initiative that brings together the finest international horses and riders to reward the most successful stable in cross country steeple chasing. The best owner and trainer will be rewarded with the following bonuses:

- Owner: € 25.000 for the first - € 10.000 for the second
- Trainer: € 10.000 for the first - € 5.000 for the second

The 12 race series, with over € 850.000 in prize money, will be hosted by many of Europe's premier racecourses, over unique combinations of hedges, banks, ditches and timber.

The Challenge begins in Waregem in Belgium in September 2026. The final race is at Lion D'Angers in May 2027 after races in France and visits to Italy, the Czech Republic, Ireland, England and Poland.





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## Hotel

All requests for hotel reservations at the Sport Vlaanderen Hotel must be made before 22/08 via the website of Waregem Koerse. Price per room including breakfast: 60 euros/night.

Rooms are only confirmed after payments have been done.

### **Sporthotel**

#### **Domein Sport Vlaanderen, Waregem**

Veldloopstraat 11, 8790 Waregem

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### **Parkhotel Waregem**

Zuiderlaan 31, 8790 Waregem

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## **PRIX FELIX DE RUYCK - HAIES**

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### **HANDICAP - 3600 M**

**(€40.000) €20.000 - €10.000 - €5.000 - €2.500 - €1.500 - €1.000**

**Entry and forfeit: Following the France Galop rules**

For all horses aged 5 years and older that, since January 1, 2025 inclusive, have finished in the first four of a steeplechase race (including point-to-point races).

Minimum weight: 62 kg.

Each horse winning after the publication of the weights remains qualified but will carry a penalty of 3 kg.

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## **PRIX BARON CASIER - LAURENT PERRIER**

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### **STEEPLE-CHASE - 3950 M**

**(€40.000) €20.000 - €10.000 - €5.000 - €2.500 - €1.500 - €1.000**

**Entry and forfeit: Following the France Galop rules**

For all horses aged 5 and 6 that have won and, since January 1, 2025 inclusive, have finished in the first four of a steeplechase (including point-to-point races).

Weight 5 year old: 65 kg

Penalties accumulated for prize money received in steeplechase (wins and placings): 1 kg per 8,000 this year and per 16,000 last year (including point-to-point races).

The waterjump will be jumped once and The Wave once.

Every participating horse finishing out of the first five will be allocated a premium of € 500.

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## ING GRAND STEEPLE CHASE OF FLANDERS

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**HANDICAP - REF. +3 4600 M**

(€100.000) €50.000 - €25.000 - €12.500 - €6.000 - €4.000 - €2.500

**Entry and forfeit: Following the France Galop rules**

For all horses aged 5 years and older that have won a steeplechase and have finished in the top five of a steeplechase since January 1, 2025 inclusive (including point-to-point races). Horses having finished in the first three of a Crystal cup race in 2025 or 2026 will also be qualified.

French horses will be handicapped based on the French General Handicap increased by 3 kilos, without prejudice to the right of the handicapper to deviate from the last published handicap mark.

Minimum weight: 62 kg.

The waterjump and The Wave will be jumped twice. Each horse winning after the publication of the weights remains qualified but gets a penalty of 3 kg.



**Speed Mile, Winner of the Grand Steeple Chase of Flanders 2025**  
**Jockey: L Zuliani**  
**Owner : Jacques Bisson**

## **PRIX RALLYE WAREGEM - STEEPLE CHASE**

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### **HANDICAP - REF. +13 4600 M**

**(€50.000) €25.000 - €12.500 - €6.000 - €3.000 - €2.000 - €1.500**

**Entry and forfeit: Following the France Galop rules**

For all horses aged 5 years and older that have won a steeplechase and have finished in the first five of a steeplechase since January 1, 2025 inclusive (including point-to-point races).

French horses will be handicapped based on the French General Handicap increased by 13 kilos, without prejudice to the right of the handicapper to deviate from the last published handicap mark.

Minimum weight: 62 kg.

The waterjump and The Wave will be jumped twice.

Each horse winning after the publication of the weights remains qualified but gets a penalty of 3 kg.

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## ENTRIES

### ENTRIES FOR ALL RACES TO CLOSE:

On Tuesday, August 11th, by 10:30 AM in Paris.

### PUBLICATION OF WEIGHT

On Monday, August 17th, by 11:00 AM in Paris.

### DECLARATION OF FORFEIT

On Tuesday, August 25th, by 11:30 AM in Paris. (For the 4 courses)

### ADDITIONAL ENTRIES:

On Tuesday August 25th, at 12:30 PM, in Paris at the price of € 1000.

### LIKELY STARTERS

On Wednesday, August 26th, by 11:30 AM in Paris.

### CANCELLING STARTERS AND DECLARATION JOCKEYS

On Thursday, August 27th, by 10:30 AM and Jockeys by 12:30 PM in Paris.

The starting list will be published on the France Galop site for entries.

**All times are in Brussels time CEST.**

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Entries to run must be made by writing, telefax, e-mail or online:

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CS 64440, 75819 Paris Cedex  
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[www.france-galop.com](http://www.france-galop.com)

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## PRIZE-MONEY WON IN FOREIGN CURRENCY

	2024 - €	2025 - €
British pound £ Livre Sterling	1,21	1,15
U.S. Dollar \$ Dollar USA	0,95	0,94
Franc Suisse Swiss - francs	1,06	1,07

Entries must be made by writing, telefax or e-mail :

Each first entry made in Belgium must contain the exact description of the horse entered, his name, age, sex and breeding. The name, the address and colors of the owner as well as the name and the address of the trainer. The entry must be accompanied by a certificate mentioning the amount of prize money won since 1/01/25 and the latest 4 performances of the horse.

Every horse that was not born in Belgium, is only admitted to run on presentation of the following documents:

1. A certificate mentioning the name, breeding, age, sex and color of the horse and the visual natural or accidental marks of the horse. This certificate must be signed by the authorities of the country where the horse was born or otherwise the authorities of the country where the horse has been staying where the qualifications are similar in their own country with those of the Belgian Jockey Club.
2. This document must be together with a sanitary certificate established following the local rules of the local country.
3. A certificate mentioning that the horse has incurred no disqualification or is not on a forfeit or similar list. Certificate to be signed by the authorities mentioned before (Racing Clearance Notification-RCN).

**Horses coming from abroad must be vaccinated against flu and rhinopneumonia corresponding to the rules of France Galop before they are allowed into the stables of the racecourse.**

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## GENERAL CONDITIONS

Races are governed by the Code and Regulations of France Galop, as well as by the general conditions below:

Anyone who enters, races, or has any interest in the ownership of a horse entered or racing in a public race, anyone subject to the provisions of the Code and regulations, anyone allowed to use the race and training grounds of the Royal Society of Races of Waregem, is deemed to know the Code and Regulations of France Galop. They thereby submit to all their provisions and all the consequences that may result from them, as well as to the decisions of the Belgian Jockey Club, its Committee, the Race Commissioners, and the Committee of the Royal Society of Races of Waregem, in particular regarding the limitation of the number of starters in each race. Any entry received after the fixed time is null and void, even if the delay is justified by reasons of force majeure.

Any entry in Belgium for a horse whose most recent race was run abroad must, under penalty of nullity, be accompanied by a dated and signed declaration from the owner stating the horse's last four performances, as well as a summary of all races won since 01/01/25, including the dates of those victories.

No fine will be imposed on a horse declared to start and unable to race for health reasons, provided a veterinary certificate is issued.

### **FOR ALL THE RACES IN THIS PROGRAMME THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF HORSES PER RACE WILL BE 12.**

If the number of declared runners is greater than 12, the following rules will apply in order to choose the effective runners.

#### **A. In the condition races**

The withdrawal of declared runners will be made in the following order in order to reach 12 declared runners:

1. Horses who have been supplemented by an supplementary entry.
2. Horses with the lesser money won (win and places) since 1/01/25, starting with the lowest amount and going upwards. In the case of equal amount between two or more horses, there will be a draw.

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### **B. In the handicap**

The withdrawal of declared runners will be made in the following order in order to reach 12 runners. Firstly, the horses with the lowest weight as attributed by the handicapper when the weights were published, starting with the lowest weight and going upwards, taking into account weight for age. In the case two or more horses carry the same weight, priority will be given to the horses who have finished in the first four of a race run in Waregem on the 2th of September 2025 and then by eliminating the horses with the lesser money won (win and places) since 1/01/25.

In the case these criteria cannot split two horses, there will be a draw. The stewards of the races are allowed to change the weights until the moment of declaration of the starters.

**The entry fee paid for the horse declared running and not taking part will be multiplied by 4.**

### **BLINKERS & AUSTRALIAN BLINKERS**

Are forbidden.

### **WEARING OF A CRASH HELMET**

No person is admitted to ride in one of the races in this programme, when not wearing a crash helmet equipped with a chinstrap according to the model approved by the Belgian Jockey Club.

### **WEARING OF A BODY PROTECTOR**

No person is admitted to ride in one of the races in this programme, when not wearing a body protector according to the model approved by the Jockey Club.

### **JOCKEYS**

To be qualified jockeys must have won 3 jump races since 01-07-2025. No claims are allowed to the jockeys.

### **HANDICAPS**

The stewards of the Royal Waregem Racing Society have the authority to increase the weights at the declaration of the likely starters so that the top weight carries a maximum of 70 kilograms.



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## DOPING CONTROL

The doping control will be handled by the laboratory of Verrières - le - Buisson (FR). A second analysis will be done by one of the laboratories proposed by the Jockey Club, and chosen by the trainer.

## VET CHECK BEFORE THE RACES

The decision of the vet appointed by the Royal Waregem Racing Society is irrevocable. A counter expertise by an external veterinarian cannot be requested.

## TRAINING

Training on the jumps of the racecourse is forbidden, except on the Monday preceding the racing day and in the morning of the racing day, when it will be allowed to jump the movable hurdle and The Wave.

