

International equestrian meeting

2 – 5 september 2021



The sanitary requirements constrain the organizers to cancel equissima® 2021

Less than a month ago, the organizers of equissima® announced that all signals were green for their event to be held from September 2 to 5. Unfortunately, today, they have to backtrack. The requirements linked to the pandemic are too high, making it impossible to meet for an event without ticketing and held outdoors.

Some announcements are always difficult to publish. The cancellation of equissima® for the second year in a row is clearly one of them. However, it is not for a lack of work on the part of the organizers of the international equestrian meeting in the heights of Lausanne. They studied different scenarios in detail. They took into consideration all the cantonal requirements in terms of health protection. And despite a rigorously elaborated protection plan, the organizers had to give up.

«As we are an event hosting more than 1,000 people, we have to ensure that participants and the public will be controlled at the entrance (COVID Pass), explains Marc-Henri Clavel, President of the Organizing Committee. This means that we have to fence off our different competition areas. With the Peccau site, at the Chalet-à-Gobet riding school, and the Mauvernay plain, which is the joy of Lausanne's budding skiers in winter, this is simply impossible!» In addition to this, there are also the costs of controls carried out by professionals, which are too important to be carried out by volunteers.

Since the beginning, equissima® has been an event with free entrance to allow equestrian disciplines – and in particular Eventing the triathlon of equestrian – to be a showcase for a public which may not be necessarily well-informed but loves to see competitions involving horses. Also, having to give up setting up their event for the second consecutive year gives the organizers the unpleasant impression that a free event, which is moreover in the open air, is clearly disadvantaged.

The organizers are counting on the understanding of the public: everything has been done to put on a safe event. But the health requirements, ordered by the Canton of Vaud and following those issued by the swiss Government, are such that they prefer to give up in order not to prejudice the future of equissima®. *«We are giving an appointment to our public from the 1st to the 4th of September 2022, because we absolutely want to offer high level equestrian competitions that is always free of access»,* concludes the President Marc-Henri Clavel.

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