

Top 100 G1 Races of 2024 Announced

In association with the Longines World Racing Awards, the International Federation of Horseracing Authorities (IFHA) has published its annual list of Top 100 Group 1 and Grade 1 races.

The ranked list is compiled using the annual race ratings, which are calculated based on the first four finishers in each race. Longines and the IFHA use this list to determine the winner of the annual Longines World's Best Horse Race Award.

The 2024 Juddmonte International Stakes (G1) has been honoured as the highest rated race in the world. This is the second time the race has won the award, as it first took the title in 2020. In 2024, the Juddmonte International achieved a rating of 124.25 as City of Troy (USA), Calandagan (IRE), Ghostwriter (IRE), and Bluestocking (GB) were the first four across the finish line.

The remaining Top 10 rated races are the DraftKings Travers Stakes (123.75), Queen Elizabeth Stakes (123.00), King George VI & Queen Elizabeth Qipco Stakes (122.75), Japan Cup in association with Longines (122.50), Longines Breeders' Cup Classic (122.50), Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe (122.50), Royal Bahrain Irish Champion Stakes (122.25), Winx Stakes (121.50), James Squire T. J. Smith Stakes (121.25), and the Ladbrokes Cox Plate (121.25). Because of a tie for the 10th position, there are 11 races in the 2024 Top 10.

The top rated races in the five respective distance categories are the James Squire T. J. Smith Stakes (121.25-Sprint); Winx Stakes (121.50-Mile); Juddmonte International Stakes (124.25-Intermediate); King George VI & Queen Elizabeth Qipco Stakes (122.75-Long); and the Gold Cup (118.50-Extended).

The Qatar Prix Vermeille (117.50) is the highest rated race for fillies/mares, while the highest rated 3-year-old race is the DraftKings Travers Stakes (123.75).

Eleven countries comprise this year's list, representing the foremost racing events throughout the world across 41 different racecourses. Australia leads all countries with 30 total races, followed by Great Britain (20), Japan (13), France (11), United States (11), Hong Kong SAR, China (8), Germany (4), Ireland (4), United Arab Emirates (3), Saudi Arabia (1), and South Africa (1). Because of a nine-way tie for the 98th spot on the list of Top 100 G1 races, the 2024 edition consists of 106 races.

In the context of their partnership, Longines and the IFHA have created a set of prizes rewarding racehorses, jockeys and prominent women and men of the equestrian world. The Longines World's Best Horse Race was created to complete this collection of awards by rewarding the top race in the world. The Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe won

the title in 2021, 2019, 2018, 2017, and it was the inaugural winner in 2015. The Longines Breeders' Cup Classic won in 2022 and 2016, while the Japan Cup in association with Longines won in 2023.

The Top 100 Group 1 and Grade 1 races also serve as the base of an annual competition to recognize top jockeys throughout the world. The jockey who outperforms his or her peers in these races is honoured with the Longines World's Best Jockey Award, and James McDonald won the title for the second time in 2024. He also won in 2022. Ryan Moore won the award in 2023, 2021, 2016, and was the inaugural winner in 2014. Frankie Dettori has also won four times, with his victories coming in 2020, 2019, 2018 and 2015. Hugh Bowman won the title in 2017.

The 2025 Longines World's Best Jockey Award will be based upon performances in these 100 highest-rated Group 1 and Grade 1 races from 1 December 2024 until 30 November 2025. Jockeys accrue 12 points for a win, 6 points for placing second, and 4 points for placing third.

About Longines

Based in Saint-Imier in Switzerland since 1832, the watchmaking company Longines wields expertise steeped in tradition, elegance and performance. With generations of experience as official timekeeper of world championships, and as partner of international sports federations, Longines has built strong and long-lasting relationships in the world of sport over the years. Known for the elegance of its timepieces, Longines is a member of Swatch Group Ltd., the world's leading watch manufacturer. The Longines brand, with its winged hourglass emblem, is established in over 150 countries.

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The IFHA is the global leader for the international sport of Thoroughbred racing, seeking to promote all facets of the worldwide sport; protect the welfare of the equine and human athlete; and protect and grow its global social and economic significance for current and future generations.

Major areas of the IFHA's activities include:

- Making and amending the International Agreement on Breeding, Racing and Wagering (the IABRW)
- Policy development relating to welfare and safety of horses and riders
- International Race Planning and Grading (“black type”)
- World Rankings
- The fight against Equine Prohibited Substances and Practices
- Harmonization of Racing Rules
- Certification of IFHA Reference Labs
- Fostering commercial development of the racing industry globally

The IFHA is a foundation member with Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) of the International Horse Sports Confederation and is affiliated to the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH).

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