

The Longines Masters of Hong Kong 2019



The Hong Kong Jockey Club - Founding Partner of the Longines Masters of Hong Kong and Asia Horse Week

The Club and equestrian sport share the same spirit of partnership and commitment to excellence. As the Founding Partner of the five-star Longines Masters of Hong Kong, the Club enables the community to enjoy one of the world's most prestigious show jumping competitions, as well as to experience the excitement of equestrian sport.

Held at AsiaWorld-Expo from 15 to 17 February 2019, this Asian leg of the Grand Slam of Indoor Show Jumping featured the HKJC Trophy and HKJC Race of the Riders, plus three new competitions: the HKJC Asian Challenge, the HKJC Asian Junior Challenge, and the HKJC Asian Junior Grand Prix. In addition, the 2018 Asian Games dressage gold medallist Jacqueline Siu was also there to demonstrate her medal-winning performance with Jockey Club Fuerst on Tour for the first time in Hong Kong.

With support from the Club as Founding Partner, the second edition of the Asia Horse Week, held alongside the Longines Masters of Hong Kong from 14 to 16 February. Bringing together representatives from leading equestrian federations, regional horse clubs, and leading professionals in the equine industry, Asia Horse Week is a landmark event for equestrian sport in Asia and for the development of the sport globally.

Asia Horse Week



The Club supports the ongoing development of equestrian sport in Hong Kong and is the Founding Partner of the Asia Horse Week. Complementing the Longines Masters of Hong Kong, this annual event brings renowned speakers to Hong Kong from equestrian-related organisations around the world, providing an essential forum for them to continue their dialogue on the future of equestrian sport in the region.

Programme Rundown

14 February 2019

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| Session 1 | Opening Ceremony |
| Session 2 | Horse Welfare and Clean Sport. One Goal |
| Session 3 | Education of the Trainer and Horse Management and Horse Welfare |
| Section 4.1 | Horse's Health, Welfare and Education |
| Section 4.2 | FEI Clean Sport Seminar - FEI Global Anti-doping and Controlled Medication Program (EADCMP) |
| Section 5 | FEI Clean Sport Seminar - Horse Movement and Welfare |

15 February 2019

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| Session 6.1 | Asian Milestones in Equestrian Sport |
| Session 6.2 | FEI Clean Sport Seminar - Equine Prohibited Substances |
| Session 7.1 | Sport Development in Asia |
| Session 7.2 | FEI Clean Sport Seminar - Avoiding a Positive Sample |
| Session 8 | The Sports to Breeding Connection |
| Session 9 | The Breeding to Sports Connection |
| The Auction | |
| Closing Ceremony | |

HKJC Asian Challenge



At the 2019 Masters, the inaugural HKJC Asian Challenge was held alongside the HKJC Trophy. Featuring six talented riders from Asian countries and regions – China, Japan and South Korea – and two from Hong Kong: HKJC Equestrian Team members Jacqueline Lai and Raena Leung, the Challenge gave Asian riders the opportunity to showcase their skills in an international competition.

The Challenge was won by Hikari Yoshizawa from Japan, with Raena Leung and Jacqueline Lai finishing runner-up and third respectively. The trio shared prize money of HK\$250,000 between them.

Participants

| Participant | Nationality |
|-------------------|------------------|
| KWON, Manjun | South Korea |
| LAI, Jacqueline | Hong Kong, China |
| LEUNG, Raena | Hong Kong, China |
| WANG, Ella | China |
| YOSHIZAWA, Hikari | Japan |
| ZHANG, You | China |

HKJC Trophy



For the sixth year in a row, the world's top equestrian riders competed for the honour of being named the HKJC Trophy champion. This spectacular 1.50m class is based on the principle of the “winning round”. This means that there are two rounds, with the second round reserved for the top-ten ranked riders from the first round. They will, however, start the second round in reverse order; that is, the fastest rider from the first round starts last. Scores from the first round are discarded and everyone starts from scratch again! The winner is the one with the least penalties and the best time.

In 2019, Olivier Philippaerts of Belgium was crowned the HKJC Trophy champion ahead of second-placed Pius Schwizer of Switzerland and third-placed Emanuele Gaudiano of Italy.

Past Results

| Year | Winner & Horse | Second Place & Horse | Third Place & Horse |
|------|--|--|---|
| 2019 | Olivier Philippaerts (Belgium) H&M Cue Channa | Pius Schwizer (Switzerland) About A Dream | Emanuele Gaudiano (Italy) Chalou |
| 2018 | Daniel Deusser (Germany) Cornet D'Amour | Jérôme Guery (Belgium) Garfield de Tiji des Templiers | Robert Smith (Great Britain) Ilton |
| 2017 | Martin Fuchs (Switzerland) Clooney | Simon Delestre (France) Chesall Zimequest | Emanuele Gaudiano (Italy) Caspar 232 |
| 2016 | Bertram Allen (Ireland) Quiet Easy 4 | Anna-Julia Kontio (Finland) Pacific des Essarts | Laura Renwick (Great Britain) Bintang II |
| 2015 | Martin Fuchs (Switzerland) PSG Future | Emanuele Gaudiano (Italy) Caspar 232 | John Whitaker (Great Britain) Argento |
| 2014 | Harrie Smolders (Netherlands) Regina Z | Penelope Leprévost (France) Flora de Mariposa | Roger-Yves Bost (France) Castle Forbes Cosma |

HKJC Asian Junior Challenge and HKJC Asian Junior Grand Prix



In addition to the inaugural HKJC Asian Challenge, which was being held as part of the HKJC Trophy, there were two new events — HKJC Asian Junior Challenge and HKJC Asian Junior Grand Prix — which provided up-and-coming junior riders from Asia with a valuable chance to experience top-level competition. In 2019, there were five rising stars of Asian show jumping aged under 18 who showcased their skills in front of local fans. They include two from the HKJC Junior Equestrian Training Squad: Vincent Capol and Edgar Fung.

HKJC Asian Junior Challenge

This is a one-round competition with 14 jumps set at 1m. There are no penalties on the first seven jumps. The winner will be the rider with the best time and fewest penalties. The 2019 HKJC Asian Junior Challenge was won by Muhammad Akbar Kurniawan of Indonesia.

HKJC Asian Junior Grand Prix

This is a two-round competition with jumps set at 1.10m. The winner will be the rider with the fewest penalties across both first and second rounds – and with the best time in the second round. In 2019, the HKJC Asian Junior Grand Prix was won by HKJC Junior Equestrian Training Squad member Vincent Capol.

Participants

CAO, Jiaxian (Guangdong, China) – Winner of 2018 FEI Equestrian Youth Handicap Competition Finals 110cm

CAPOL, Vincent (Hong Kong, China) – Winner of the CSIJ Hong Kong 2018

FUNG, Edgar (Hong Kong, China) – Hong Kong Representative in 2018 Youth Olympic Games

KURNIAWAN, Muhammad Akbar (Indonesia) – 4th Place of the 3rd Asian Equestrian Federation Junior Jumping Championship

LIN, Tzu-Yen (Chinese Taipei) – Winner of the 3rd Asian Equestrian Federation Junior Jumping Championship

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HKJC Race of the Riders



Unique to the Asian leg of the Longines Masters of Hong Kong, the Race of the Riders pairs four of the city's well-known jockeys with four of the world's top show jumpers who will coach their jockey partners on how to best tackle the course and take the jumps. Partnership is everything as each jockey-and-rider team competes in a relay-style competition over 14 jumps. The top two teams after the first round qualify for the final and the chance to be crowned the champions! Two different disciplines, one common goal – to be the fastest team of all!

Team Fantastic, formed by local jockey Neil Callan and French rider Simon Delestre, were crowned the champions of HKJC Race of the Riders in 2019.

Team HKJC



Vincent Ho, Jacqueline Lai

Team Fantastic



Neil Callan, Simon Delestre

Team Treasure



Keith Yeung, Olivier Philippaerts

Team Rattan



Chad Schofield, Raena Leung

Dressage Demonstration by Jacqueline Siu



HKJC Equestrian Team member Jacqueline Siu, who won Hong Kong's first-ever equestrian gold medal at the 2018 Asian Games, reprised her gold medal-winning Asian Games dressage performance on the same Club-sponsored horse Jockey Club Fuerst on Tour. This gave Hong Kong fans the first chance to see this graceful routine for themselves.

Currently based in the UK, Jacqueline is a member of the Hong Kong Equestrian Performance Plan initiated and funded by the Club to help top athletes achieve international success. Over the years, Siu's inner strength has led to many achievements that made her proud. More recently, Jacqueline has found success at major events. As the first and only Hong Kong representative in dressage at the 2017 National Games, she gave an impressive performance with her horse Jockey Club Fuerst on Tour and won a first-ever silver medal for the Hong Kong team. At the 2018 Asian Games, she claimed the gold medal in the individual dressage competition to give Hong Kong its first-ever equestrian gold, which led the way for the Hong Kong Equestrian Team to post its best-ever showing at the Asian Games.

