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Spring Magic, Top-Level Sport, and World-Class Elite: The Mega Driving Event in Kladruby

International driving elite gathers in Kladruby nad Labem – the Rudolf Cup 2026 is a mega event with record interest – 102 carriages from 15 nations at the start.

From April 22 to 26, 2026, the historic Czech stud in Kladruby nad Labem will transform into the heart of the international driving world.

90 carriages from around the globe will compete, including the absolute elite – the reigning FEI World and European Four-in-Hand Champions, the current FEI World Cup Champion, and many other stars of the sport, such as FEI World Champions in single-horse driving and multiple World Champions of young driving horses.

CAIO / CAI Kladruby nad Labem, Czech Republic – the international driving event with Nations Cup for Four-in-Hand at the National Stud Kladruby nad Labem is one of the outstanding highlights of the international driving season in spring and, for many competitors, the traditional start into the green outdoor season.

The top-level sport is complemented by the great hospitality of the dedicated organizing team, ensuring a smooth and professional event.

The year 2026 is marked by the major highlights of the driving season – the FEI World Championships for Four-in-Hand (Aachen, August 19–23, 2026) and Single-Horse (Munich, September 2–6, 2026).

At the modern driving facility of the historic stud, visitors can expect a top-class field of 102 carriages from 15 nations.

Nations Cup for Four-in-Hand – CAIO: 8 teams (AUT, BEL, CZE, GER, GBR, HUN, NED, POL) plus top individual competitors from Australia, USA, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, and the USA.

In the CHIO H4, 33 Four-in-Hand carriages will compete – including the absolute world elite.

Reigning FEI World Champion Boyd Exell (AUS), FEI European Champion

Bram Chardon (NED), and current FEI World Cup Champion Dries Degrieck (BEL) have confirmed their participation.

Kladruby will once again become the meeting point of the “Who’s Who” of Four-in-Hand driving.

Single-Horse Competitors Begin Their World Championship Season

Single-horse drivers also contribute significantly to the sporting quality of the event.

In this World Championship year, the field is particularly strong and numerous, underlining the importance of the competition. FEI World Champions in single-horse driving will also be at the start.

Kladruby – The Place to Be in Spring

But Kladruby is more than just sport. The springtime setting of the stud captivates: blooming trees, vast pastures, and mares with their foals create a unique atmosphere where tradition meets top-level performance.

Participants especially appreciate the excellent conditions on site: spacious training and warm-up areas, optimal footing, and a challenging marathon with eight large, solidly built obstacles guarantee top conditions – designed fairly and modernly by FEI Championship Course Designer Josef Middendorf (GER).

Top-level excitement is guaranteed on marathon day.

On Saturday, a true festival atmosphere takes over, with numerous spectators thrilled by spectacular driving sport.

Unfortunately, Not All Carriages Could Be Accepted

With great regret, the organizer had to decline numerous entries.

In order to ensure fair, safe, and athlete-friendly conditions for each carriage, the number of participants was deliberately limited.

Given the enormous interest, this decision was not taken lightly – many applications could unfortunately not be accepted.

At the same time, the exceptionally high demand is a clear sign of the international importance of the event and a great compliment to the organizer. Entries were accepted strictly in order of receipt.

In addition to top-level sport, the event also offers a special scenic appeal: Set within the spring landscape of Kladruby, with blooming trees, wide pastures, and mares with their foals, the historic stud unfolds its unique atmosphere, making the event an unforgettable experience for participants and spectators alike.

Kladruby 2026 – Top-Level Sport, Springtime Charm, and World-Class Elite in Perfect Harmony.

An experience not to be missed!

We look forward to Kladruby 2026! Hippoevent will provide extensive coverage from Kladruby – featuring stunning photos by Gabriela Pilařová, links to live results, live video, and all up-to-date information about the event.

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