

FEI World Champion Stéphane Chouzenoux has passed away

It is with profound sadness and deep regret that we bid farewell to Stéphane Chouzenoux.

Stéphane devoted his life to the equestrian world with exceptional passion. At the age of eight, he discovered horse riding, before turning to driving as a teenager – a discipline that would stay with him for the rest of his life.

His journey took this true horseman to the very highest level of international sport. In 2002, he reached the pinnacle by becoming FEI World Champion in single horse driving – an unforgettable moment shared with his loyal partner Ramiro. This title marked the beginning of a career defined by dedication, discipline, and unwavering determination.

Whether at the FEI World Equestrian Games, World Championships, or European Championships, Stéphane represented France with pride, impressing with his skill, precision, and the deep connection he shared with his horses. It was particularly in four-in-hand driving that he demonstrated, across many competitions and championships, the full extent of his talent and his profound love for horses:

- FEI World Champion, Single Horse Driving, Conty (FRA), 2002
- FEI Vice World Champion, Pair Driving, and Team Bronze Medalist, Conty (FRA), 2011

With unwavering commitment, Stéphane Chouzenoux represented France in single, pair, and four-in-hand driving: in 2006 at the FEI World Equestrian Games in Aachen, in 2008 at the FEI World Championships in Beesd (NED), and in 2010 as the sole French driver at the FEI World Equestrian Games in Lexington (USA).

Alongside his sporting career, he ran his own business with determination, successfully balancing professional life and passion with humility and remarkable strength.

Stéphane was a true horseman – to him, the horses in his reins were far more than sporting partners; they were part of his life and a reflection of the deep bond he shared with them.

With Stéphane Chouzenoux, we lose not only an outstanding athlete, but above all a man of heart, integrity, and passion. His legacy will live on – in memories, in stories, and in the lasting impact he leaves on the world of driving.

His memory will forever remain in our hearts.

A life may pass, but the memory of a special person lives on forever.

On behalf of the global driving community, we extend our heartfelt condolences to Stéphane's family, his friends, and all those who had the privilege of knowing him.

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