

Article 1 – Organiser

SPL L'Équestre (hereinafter referred to as "the Organiser"), whose registered office is located at 11 rue du Maréchal Leclerc, 49400 Saumur, France, and registered under SIRET number 93351843300018, is organising a photography competition from **24 September to 16 October 2026**, followed by a photography exhibition from **17 October to 20 December 2026**, as part of the ArtCheval Festival.

Article 2 – Eligibility

This competition is free of charge and requires no purchase. It is open to all participants. Minors wishing to enter the competition must provide written parental or legal guardian consent. Participation in the competition implies full acceptance of these Official Rules.

Article 3 : Modalités de participation et périmètre du jeu

Participants are invited to submit one or more photographs illustrating the theme: **"Complicity with horses"**.

Each participant may submit a maximum of **three (3) photographs** in one of the following categories:

- Amateur Category
- Professional Category

Photographs, together with the completed entry form, must be sent by email to lequestre.saurmur@gmail.com no later than **13 September 2026 at 11:59 p.m. (UTC+2)**.

Article 4 – Photograph Specifications

Participants must ensure that their submissions comply with the following requirements:

- Photographs will be printed in a **1500 × 900 mm landscape format** and must be submitted as **high-definition JPEG files**, with a minimum size of **6000 pixels wide × 3600 pixels high**, at a resolution between **100 and 150 dpi**, without logos or watermarks. Large files should be transferred using an appropriate file-sharing service if necessary.
- Photographs must be free of third-party rights and may be cropped by the Organiser if required.
- Minor image adjustments, such as colour correction or contrast enhancement, are permitted. Image manipulation or the use of artificial intelligence that alters the content of the photograph—including adding, removing or moving objects or introducing elements that were not originally present—is strictly prohibited.
- If a photograph includes identifiable adults or children, the participant must have obtained their permission (or, in the case of minors, the permission of a parent or legal guardian) allowing the Organiser to use the photograph.

Article 5 – Selection Process

A jury will meet between **16 and 23 September 2026** to choose the **20 photographs** that will be exhibited.

Any photograph found to have been digitally manipulated or generated or modified using artificial intelligence will be disqualified. The jury may also disqualify the photographer concerned.

Article 6 – Exhibition

The selected photographs will be printed by the Organiser using the digital files provided.

Subject to technical feasibility, the exhibition will be presented:

- at **Distillerie Combiér** from **16 October to 1 November 2026**;
- throughout the streets of **Saumur** from **2 November to 20 December 2026**.

The exhibition may be extended at the request of the City of Saumur and may also be displayed at the **Verrie Racecourse** during 2027.

Participants also authorise the exhibition of their works in the European horse capitals that are members of the **Euro Equus** network. Subject to technical feasibility, this will constitute a simultaneous European exhibition open to the public free of charge.

Partner cities remain free to determine the exhibition format and venue. International usage rights are limited to this exhibition and to the communication necessary for its promotion.

Article 7 – Determination of the Winners

The twenty selected photographs will be published on the festival's social media accounts (**Facebook: @artchevalsaumur** and **Instagram: @artcheval.saumur**) on **24 September 2026**.

The number of "likes" recorded by **16 October 2026 at 12:00 noon (UTC+2)** will count for **50% of the final score**, with the remaining **50% determined by the jury**.

Selected participants will be invited to attend the exhibition opening and awards ceremony on **Friday, 16 October 2026**, at Distillerie Combier.

The Organiser reserves the right to disqualify any participant who violates these Rules, behaves unfairly, causes prejudice to another participant, acts contrary to the spirit of the competition, or for any other reason deemed appropriate by the jury. Any decision to exclude a participant shall be final and shall not entitle that participant to any compensation or prize.

Article 8 – Prizes

Winners attending the awards ceremony at Distillerie Combier on **Friday, 16 October 2026**, will receive the following prizes:

Professional Category

1st Prize : Souvenir framed print, gift offered by Distillerie Combier and €500

2nd Prize : Souvenir framed print, gift offered by Distillerie Combier and €250

3rd Prize : Souvenir framed print, gift offered by Distillerie Combier and €100

4th to 10th Prize : Souvenir framed print and gift offered by Distillerie Combier

Amateur Category

1st to 3rd Prize : Two tickets to the ArtCheval Equestrian show, souvenir framed print and gift offered by Distillerie Combier

4th to 10th Prize : Souvenir framed print and gift offered by Distillerie Combier

Prize money awarded in the Professional Category will be paid even if the winner is unable to attend the awards ceremony.

Article 9 – Use of the Photographs

By entering the competition, participants grant the Organiser the non-exclusive right to reproduce, display and use their submitted photographs for the promotion of the ArtCheval Festival, including the exhibitions described in Article 6.

Photographs may be reproduced on any physical medium (posters, flyers, brochures, etc.) and digital media (website, social media, etc.) for a period of **three (3) years** following the end of the competition.

Article 10 – Personal Data

Participants' personal information is collected and processed by the Organiser solely for the purposes of administering the competition and awarding prizes. In accordance with applicable data protection legislation (GDPR), participants may request access to, correction or deletion of their personal data. Prize winners authorise the Organiser to use their names for publicity or public relations purposes, in any media, without additional compensation other than the prize awarded.

Article 11 – Official Rules

These Official Rules may be consulted on the ArtCheval Facebook page (@artchevalsaumur) and on the website www.lequestre.fr. A copy of these Rules may also be provided free of charge upon request to the Organiser. The Organiser reserves the right to extend, shorten, amend or cancel the competition at any time, particularly in the event of force majeure, without liability or compensation to participants.

Article 12 – Acceptance of the Rules

Participation in the competition constitutes unconditional acceptance of these Official Rules.

The Organiser reserves the right to amend these Rules at any time should circumstances require.