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PRATONI 2022 EVENTING ENTRY LIST IS BURSTING WITH TALENT

In just four weeks' time, the **FEI Eventing World Championship** will be underway on September 15-18 in the beautiful surroundings of **Pratoni del Vivaro**, Italy, and it promises to be a thrilling competition. Nominated entries closed this week and an **impressive number of nations** - 27 - will be represented, with 17 of them potentially fielding a team.

The complete list of nominated riders includes such well-established and famous names as Australia's triple Olympic gold medallist **Andrew Hoy**, dual European champion **Pippa Funnell** (GBR), former world number one William Fox-Pitt (GBR), a European team gold medallist at Pratoni in 1995, **Phillip Dutton** (USA), who could be contesting his ninth consecutive World Championship, and **Karin Donckers** who has been representing Belgium at championship level for three decades.



Julia Krajewski (GER) riding Amande de B'Neville - © FEI / Christophe Tanière

The **last three individual World Champions** from 2010, 2014 and 2018 respectively are listed - **Michael Jung** (GER), **Sandra Auffarth** (GER) and **Ros Canter** (GBR) - plus **Nicolas Touzaint** (FRA), who won the European title at Pratoni in 2007, and world number one **Oliver Townend** (GBR), a member of the winning British team in 2007 and the reigning Olympic champion, **Julia Krajewski** (GER).

Alongside such legendary names are a brand-new generation **Felix Vogg**, the first Swiss CCI5*-L winner for 71 years, his compatriot **Robin Godel**, who won the Pratoni Test Event in May, Japanese rider **Kazuma Tomoto**, fourth individually at Tokyo Olympic Games, and **Lissa Green** (AUS), whose mother, Lucinda, won the 1982 title for Great Britain.

New Zealand, the country that dominated the last World Championship at Pratoni, in 1998, through Blyth Tait, Mark Todd, Vaughn Jefferis and Andrew Nicholson, now has a new generation of riders headed by power couple **Jonelle** and **Tim Price**, number two and three on the FEI World Rankings for Eventing, plus **Amanda Pottinger**, whose mother, Tinks, competed in the 1986 World Championships.



Tim Price (NZL) riding Falco - © Massimo Argenziano

Great Britain, who won both FEI European Eventing Championships at Pratoni, in 1995 and 2007, also has new names in the form of Olympic gold medallists **Tom McEwen** and **Laura Collett**, plus **Yasmin Ingham**, second on her CCI5*-L debut this year.

"With such an incredible range of talent this promises to be a very competitive World Championship which will result in some truly deserving medallists," commented **Giuseppe Della Chiesa**, Event Director and Course Designer for cross country. *"It is very exciting to see so many nations competing and I think we are all intrigued to see who will be standing on the podium at the end."*

Definite entries are due on September 5. At this stage, the following nations could enter teams: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, France, Great Britain, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Japan, New Zealand, Poland, Spain, Switzerland, Sweden and USA.

Ten nations will be represented by individual riders: China, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, Hungary, India, Lithuania, Mexico, Netherlands and Thailand.

Notes to Editors

The FEI Eventing World Championships have been held every four years since they started in 1966. This will be the 15th running.

Pratoni del Vivaro hosted the championships in 1998, as part of the FEI World Equestrian Games in Rome, and has also hosted the FEI Eventing European Championships in 1995 and 2007.

For details of tickets and timetabling, visit www.pratoni2022.it

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