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III FIP LADIES EUROPEAN POLO CHAMPIONSHIP



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MILAN: THE CAPITAL OF LADIES' POLO

Italy is delighted to have won the FIP XIII European Championship in Sotogrande and proud to welcome to Milan Polo Ladies playing for Great Britain, Ireland, Germany and Italy.

These are the nations competing in the third edition of the 'U.S. Polo Assn. – III FIP Ladies European Championship 2021' hosted from **September 21st to 26th** at the beautifully organised **Polo Club La Mimosa in Pogliano Milanese**, a very British styled corner of **Italy** just a few minutes from the centre of **Milan**.

For the past years this has been the most important event in the ladies' polo calendar on the Old Continent and Italy is honoured to be hosting the event **for the second time** after winning the **gold** medal at the first championship (Chantilly in 2017) and the **silver** at the second (Villa a Sesta in 2018).



The Polo Club La Mimosa is preparing to welcome the delegations from the **four nations competing** with the arrival of more than 80 horses for the 16 'polo-ladies' who as always will fight to the bitter end for title and medals.

The FIP Ladies Polo Championship is being organised by the **Polo Club La Mimosa**, one of the most active in Italy, in cooperation with the **Italian Equestrian Sports Federation (FISE)** and under the aegis of the **International Polo Federation (FIP)**, **Regione Lombardia**, **Comune di Milano** and **Comune di Pogliano Milanese**.

TEAMS

ITALY

Costanza Marchiorello	HP3
Ginevra Visconti	HP1
Alice Coria	HP3
Camilla Rossi	HP5



GERMANY

Eva Brühl	HP6
Hana Grill	HP5
Marie Haupt	HP3
Steffi von Pock	HP2
Riserve	
Mona Scharf	HP3
Christina Strasser	HP1



GREAT BRITAIN

Fran Townsend	HP1
Milly Hughes	HP3
Heloise Wilson-Smith	HP6
Emma Tomlinson	HP6
Riserve	
Jess Andrews	HP5
Tilly Bruce	HP1
Natasha Tisminlesky	HP4



IRELAND

Caroline Keeling	HP1
Siobhan Herbst	HP4
April Kent	HP4
Ina Lalor	HP6
Riserve	
Luca Moore	HP1





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GAMES SCHEDULE

21st Tuesday

Teams arrive

22nd Wednesday

Game 1: Germany vs Italy	3:00 PM
Game 2: Ireland vs Great Britain	5:00 PM

23rd Thursday

Game 3: Winner G1 vs Loser G2	3:00 PM
Game 4: Winner G2 vs Loser G1	5:00 PM

24th Friday

Free

25th Saturday

Game 5: Loser G1 vs Loser G2	3:00 PM
Game 6: Winner G2 vs Winner G1	5:00 PM

26th Sunday

3rd place	10:30 AM
Final	12:00 AM



Increasingly tougher Ladies in the world of polo

Like all equestrian disciplines, be they included in the Olympic Games or not, Polo is a sport in which **men and women compete together**.

It is true that in the equestrian world gender equality is very well known but polo, the **most ancient** of equestrian sports, was the last to acknowledge the arrival of ladies in a sporting context since it was quite unusual to see women playing top level polo until about two decades ago, while ladies were already winning gold medals in Olympic disciplines such as show jumping, eventing and dressage as well as in World Championships.

For some years now, however, **ladies polo** has started to catch up quickly and the number of players is **constantly increasing**. Tournaments reserved to ladies, which initially seemed to be something really new, have now multiplied and the calendar is intense and exciting in many countries. The International Polo Federation (FIP) created the European Championships in 2017 and Argentina too has launched a ladies' version of the most important tournaments in the world, the Camera, Republica and Abierto.

Who is Who U.S. Polo Assn. - FIP Ladies European Polo Championship 2021

Stefania Annunziata – OC President

Alessandro Giachetti – Responsible of the Polo FISE Department

Domitilla Lenzi - Project Manager

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Federation of International Polo FIP – FIP founded in 1982 with headquarters in Buenos Aires, promotes the organisation and dissemination of polo in the world. Through the work done by national federations, it ensures that rules are respected in all countries in which polo is played, it organises official events such as the European and World Championships as well as sponsoring courses and clinics to encourage the young to approach this sport in a spirit of sporting honesty, friendship, safety and fair play.

Italian Federation Equestrian Sports FISE - FISE founded in 1926, recognised by the Italian National Olympic Committee (CONI) and a member of the International Equestrian Federation (FEI) as well as the FIP, is responsible for all equestrian sports, including training and competitions as well as recreational and educational activities. As the most ancient equestrian sport, polo is part of this vast range of activities. The Polo Department was founded in 2005.

Mimosa Polo Club ASD - Set in a natural oasis and surrounded by enchanting green areas, the Mimosa Polo Club ASD welcomes its guests to Pogliano Milanese, a small town close to the centre of Milan. The club provides stabling for about 80 horses with two wonderful regulation size polo fields, a sand track, a field used for arena polo, a magnificent park for hacking and a club house for its members. The club has an active polo school run by a qualified instructor so as to start the young off in this wonderful sport, all thanks to the passion experienced by its president Stefania Annunziata, daughter of the immensely famous polo player Horacio Annunziata, a legend and a pioneer for polo in Italy.

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