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Polytrack becomes the sponsor of a new all-weather challenge

POLYTRACK 

Martin Collins, the manufacturer of Polytrack (PSF) all-weather racing surfaces from the Martin Collins Group, has become the sponsor of a new challenge held on fibresand, which will be called the "Polytrack Challenge". The agreement has been signed with the Martin Collins Group for a duration of three years, until the 2026 event.

"France Galop is proud to welcome Polytrack, a brand from the Martin Collins Group, as a partner of the new challenge held on Polytrack tracks (PSF)," announced Henri Pouret, deputy managing director at France Galop. "The Polytrack tracks installed by this specialist in all-weather surfaces are used by over 30 racecourses worldwide, including Deauville and Cagnes-sur-Mer in France, which both host stages of the Polytrack Challenge."

This new challenge was presented by France Galop and the Côte d'Azur Racing Association on 10th October.

The first event of the new Polytrack Challenge is scheduled on Sunday 5th November 2023 at Deauville racecourse. The two finals of this challenge, in the Intermediate/Classic category and Speed/Mile category, will be held on 27th January 2024 and 11th February 2024, respectively, at Cagnes-sur-Mer racecourse. These finals of the Polytrack Challenge will be the high points of the racecourse's winter flat meeting.



Within the framework of this three-year partnership, the Martin Collins Group will promote the Polytrack brand and the Polytrack Challenge races will carry its name. Polytrack will reward the entourage of the winning teams at the two finals in Cagnes-sur-Mer.

Mr Ajay Anne, Chairman of the Martin Collins Group, said, "As the world's leading supplier of all-weather racing surfaces, we are delighted to give horses, jockeys and trainers the opportunity to compete on our top-of-the-range racing surfaces. We are eager to experience the Polytrack Challenge and our partnership with France Galop."

The "POLYTRACK Challenge"

Cagnes-sur-Mer racecourse joined France Galop in creating the Polytrack Challenge as the host of the two finals.

Six winter Listed races run on Polytrack are being included in this challenge, with two bonus prizes up for grabs:

- A bonus for the horse that scores the most points in events ranging from 7 furlongs to a mile: Speed/Mile category.
- A bonus for the horse that scores the most points in events ranging from a mile and 1 ½ furlongs to a mile and a half: Intermediate/Classic category.

The three Listed races selected for each category are as follows:

Speed/Mile category

Date	Racecourse	Race	Distance
November 5 th 2023	Deauville	Prix Irish River	1400m
December 3 rd 2023	Deauville	Prix Luthier	1500m
February 11 th 2024	Cagnes-sur-Mer Final	Prix Saonois	1600m

Intermediate/Classic category

Date	Racecourse	Race	Distance
November 28 th 2023	Deauville	Prix Lyphard	1900m
December 16 th 2023	Deauville	Prix Arcangues	2500m
January 27 th 2024	Cagnes-sur-Mer Final	Grand Prix de la Riviera Côte d'Azur	2000m

Points scale for the "Polytrack Challenge"

Races	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
Prix Irish River Prix Luthier Prix Lyphard Prix Arcangues	50 pts	20 pts	15 pts	10 pts	5 pts
Finals: Prix Saonais Gd Px de la Riviera Côte d'Azur	100 pts	40 pts	30 pts	20 pts	10 pts

There is also a total €40,000 prize bonus for the owners of the two horses that scored the most points in each category: €30,000 to the first and €10,000 to the second.

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