

Nadja Minder, 24
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It will be a first Defender Burghley for Swiss rider Nadja Minder (24) and her ride Toblerone.

Nadja and Toblerone have moved up through the levels together. They were part of the Swiss team at the 2021 Young Rider European Eventing Championships and went on to win the CCI4*-L at Baborowko in Poland in 2022.

Since then, Nadja has been a regular on the senior Swiss team with Toblerone, competing in the World Championships at Pratoni in 2022 and the European Championships at Haras Du Pin in 2023. They also completed their first five-star together, finishing 25th at Pau in 2023. More recently, Nadja and Toblerone were selected as alternates on the Swiss team at the Paris Olympics.

Nadja says that her passion for horses was sparked thanks to her mother. She grew up in the Zürcher Oberland ("Zürich highlands") in Switzerland and competed in her first eventing competition at the age of 11.

In the lead-up to Burghley, Nadja has based herself with Piggy March to aid her in her final preparations.

Toblerone (Yarlands Summer Song-Medelyne), owned by Nicole Basieux, is a Swiss-bred 17-year-old gelding, who was bred by Eric Attiger. Originally produced by his breeder to two-star level, Nadja took on the ride on Toblerone in 2020 and has progressed through the levels to five-star, completing on their first attempt at this level at Pau in 2023. Nadja and Toblerone have been regulars on the senior Swiss team, competing in the World Championships at Pratoni in 2022 and the European Championships at Haras Du Pin in 2023. They were also selected as alternates on the Swiss team at the Paris Olympics. Toblerone is the "resident joker" of Nadja's yard with a cheeky personality.