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“FITTY” FIT FOR FUN AT RIO

Luciana Diniz is one of the top riders. She is ranked 29 on the Longines F.E.I. world ranking. She is also the top Portuguese rider. Luciana has a range of top horses like Winningmood, Lennox and Fit for Fun. Fit for Fun is one of the main horses that Luciana competes with. Together they have won numerous Grand Prix competitions at the highest level of show jumping. For example, when Fit for Fun was 11 years old she and Luciana clinched the Global Champions Tour title in 2015. “Fitty”, as she was better known at home, was one of the three Olympic hopefuls for Rio. She is not only a championship horse but a family horse too. Luciana said about her, *“Whenever she jumps she inspires people with her light and her talent”*.



Fitty is a Hanoverian Chestnut mare owned by Luciana Diniz and Ralf Junger. For Luciana she is “my pretty girl.” “She is simply beautiful and downright magic!” Fit for Fun is not only beautiful looking she also is a spectacular ride. Luciana said about her: *“Fit for Fun bears her name for a good reason. It is pure pleasure to ride her”*. *“Have you ever experienced a feeling of flying? It is when you’re riding Fit for Fun, it is like flying, it’s magic, it’s lightness, it was a dream come true the day Fit for Fun came into my life”*, she added. *“Fitty is a combination of agility, flexibility and she’s naturally fast”*, says Luciana.

Luciana was totally confident about the Rio Olympics of 2016. She qualified for the games with Fit for Fun. On the first day (the 1st individual qualifier) she had **8** faults; one was touching the water jump and the other one was knocking down a pole and her rank was **53**. In the 2nd qualifier they both had a tremendous clear round with a total of **8** points and her rank was **1**. At the 3rd qualifier Luciana and Fit for Fun had **4** jump penalty points and **1** time penalty with a rank of **24**. They were then qualified to the individual jumping finals round A. They had **4** jump penalties and her rank was **16** but overall she was qualified to round B. They had a clear round in round B but with a total of **4** penalties from round A. Unfortunately, due to the **4** penalties they were unable to compete in the jump-off. Overall they both were a spectacular team at the Games. They made it to round B and their **overall ranking was 9.** 🏆