

## Ben Maher MBE

**Date of Birth:** 30/1/1983

**Lives:** Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire

**Ranking:** For Longines [click here](#)

Based in Bishops Stortford (Hertfordshire) Ben won his first Championship team medal in 2011 at the European Championships in Madrid. A year later saw him put Great Britain back on the map as world leaders when alongside his team mates he won Team Gold at the London 2012 Olympic Games with the homebred stallion Tripple X III. 2013 saw Ben on the European Championship Team once again, this time in Herning, Denmark with Cella where they secured both Team Gold and Individual Silver.

Learning to ride at the age of just eight years old he regularly competed in pony classes from a young age. Deciding that he wanted to follow a career within the sport he started training with former British Team riders Ted & Liz Edgar in Warwickshire before heading for Switzerland where he spent a couple of years with Beat Mandli.

As a Young Rider he enjoyed considerable success, culminating with his inclusion on the Gold Medal winning team at the 2004 Young Rider European Team Championships. On a senior level his name was put firmly on the map when he won the Hickstead Derby in 2005. It wasn't long before Ben started to make appearances on senior British Nations Cup Teams and his first Championship appearance came in 2011 at the European Championships where he won Team Bronze.

In 2012 he was awarded an MBE (Member of the Order of the British Empire).

**Did you know:** When Ben first started with the Pony Club he'd have a go at everything and would fall off every time!

**Major Achievements:** Total Medals = 7; Total Nations Cups = 38

### **Championships/Games Statistics**

	Medals / Placing		
	Year	Team	Individual
<b>Olympic Games</b>	2012	Gold	9 <sup>th</sup> =
	2008	5 <sup>th</sup>	-
<b>Senior European Championship</b>	2013	Gold	Silver
	2011	Bronze	
<b>Young Rider European Championship</b>	2004	Gold	-

### Top Current Horses

Name	Owner	Sire	Country of Origin	Year of Birth	Sex	Colour
Cella	Jane F Clark	Cento	Belgium	2002	M	Grey
Chaventyno	Sandra Mockoviak	-	Germany	2006	G	Chestnut
Contigo 37	Yusuf Huysal	Calatp	Germany	2005	G	Bay
Diva II	Tatiana Korsakova	Kannan	UK	2005	M	Chestnut
Sarena	Jane F Clark	-	France	2006	M	Bay
Valinski S	Michael Dorman & Wyndmont	Nijinski	Netherlands	2002	G	Bay

