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Nick Skelton OBE

Fact file:

- D.O.B:** 30/12/1957
- Lives:** Alcester, Warwickshire
- Ranking:** For Team GBR Rankings [click here](#)
For Rolex Rankings [click here](#)
- Family:** Son – Dan & Harry (both in the Racing industry)
- Career Summary:** With a career that has spanned four decades Nick has been one of the major front runners of the sport at both a national and international level with prize winnings that total almost £6m. A near-fatal riding injury saw Nick forced to retire in 2001, but he astounded everyone by making an amazing recovery and return to the sport in which he has topped almost ever since. Nick holds the British record for showjumping the highest fence when he cleared over 7'7" on Lastic in 1979, he has competed in six Olympic Games, won five World Championship medals and nine European Championship medals with the most recent being in Madrid 2011 where he brought home both a Team and Individual bronze.
- Did you know:** Nick was born just one mile from where the London 2012 torches were made!

Major Achievements:

- Total Medals:** 15
- Total Nation Cups:** 167

Championships / Games

	Year	Medals / Placing	
		Team	Individual
Olympic Games	2008	5 th	-
	2004	n/a	13 th =
	1996	11 th	-
	1992	-	-
	1988	-	-
	1980	Silver	-
World Equestrian Games	1998	Bronze	-
	1994	-	-
	1990	Bronze	-
	1986	Silver	Bronze
	1982	Bronze	-
Senior European Championship	2011	Bronze	Bronze
	2005	-	-
	2003	-	-
	1999	-	-

Career highlights

Year	Championship / Title	Venue
2004	British Open Champion	British Open
1999	King George V Gold Cup	Hickstead
1996	King George V Gold Cup	Hickstead
1995	World Cup Final	Gothenburg
1993	King George V Gold Cup	Hickstead
1989	Hickstead Derby	Hickstead
1988	Hickstead Derby	Hickstead
1987	Hickstead Derby	Hickstead
1984	King George V Gold Cup	Hickstead
1978	World High Jump Record 7' 75/16	Olympia

	1995	Silver	-			
	1993	Silver	-			
	1991	Silver	-			
	1989	Gold	-			
	1987	Gold	Bronze			
	1985	Gold	-			
Junior European Championship	1975	Silver	Gold			
	1974	Silver	-			

Current Top International Horses:

Horse	Owner	Sire	Country of Origin	Year of Birth	Sex	Colour
Carlo 273	Beverley Widdowson	Contender	Germany	2001	G	Grey
Big Star	Beverley Widdowson	Quick Star	Netherlands	2003	S	Bay
Unique XVIII	Beverley Widdowson	Indoctro	Netherlands	2001	G	Bay

Top placings during 2012

- Receives an OBE
- CSIO5* TL St Gallen (Sui): =2nd Nations Cup (*Carlo*)
- CSIO5*TL La Baule (Fra): 5th Nations Cup (*Big Star*), 1st Grand Prix (*Carlo 273*), 1st 1.45m (*Unique XVIII*)
- CSI5* Global Champions Tour: 1st 1.55m (*Carlo*), 1st 1.60m Grand Prix (*Big Star*)
- CSI4* Antwerpen (Bel): 1st 1.55m Grand Prix, 2nd 1.50m (*Big Star*)
- FTI Winter Equestrian Festival, Wellington (USA)
 - Week 1: 2nd 1:50m, 1st 1.50m (*Unique XVIII*)
 - Week 2: 1st 1.45m (*Carlo*)
 - Week 3: 1st 1.45m (*Carlo*)
 - Week 4: 1st 1.60m Grand Prix (*Big Star*)
 - Week 8: 2nd 1.50m (*Carlo*), 2nd 1.50m (*Unique XVIII*)
 - Week 10: 1st 1.60m Grand Prix (*Big Star*)
 - Week 11: 1st 1.50m (*Big Star*)
- CSIO4* NC Wellington (USA): =4th Nations Cup (*Big Star*), 1st Grand Prix (*Carlo*)

Top placings during 2011

- CSI3* W Washington (USA): 1st Puissance (*Unique XVIII*), 1st Grand Prix (*Carlo*) 1st Leading International Rider
- FEI Senior European Championship (Esp): Team Bronze & Individual Bronze (*Carlo*)
- CSIO5* TL Dublin (Ire): 1st Nations Cup (*Carlo*)
- CSIO5* TL Aachen (Ger): =2nd Nations Cup (*Carlo*) 2nd 1.50m (*Big Star*)
- CSIO5* TL St Gallen (Sui): =2nd Nations Cup, 1st Grand Prix (*Carlo*)
- CSIO5* TL Roma (Ita): 4th Nations Cup, 1st 1.45m (*Unique*)
- CSIO5* TL La Baule (Fra): 4th Nations Cup (*Carlo*), 1st 1.50m (*Big Star*)
- CSI3* Wellington (USA): 2nd 1.60m Grand Prix (*Carlo*)
- CSIO4* Wellington (USA): 3rd Nations Cup, 2nd Grand Prix (*Carlo*)
- CSI2* WEF Wellington (USA): 1st FTI Rider Challenge (Leading Rider), 1st 1.50m Jumper Series Champion (*Big Star*)
 - Week 10: 1st Grand Prix (*Big Star*)
 - Week 2: 1st Grand Prix (*Big Star*)

Top placings during 2010

- Florida (USA): 1st & 2nd 1.50m Classic (*Nemo 119 & Carlo*)
- CSI2* Wellington (USA): 1st Grand Prix (*Carlo*)

- CSIO5* La Mandria (Ita): 2nd Global Champions Tour (*Carlo*)
- CSIO5* TL Rome (Ita): 2nd Nations Cup (*Carlo*)
- CSIO5* TL Dublin (Ire): 5th Nations Cup (*Carlo*)

Top placings during 2009

- CSIO4* Wellington (USA): 2nd Nations Cup (*Transmission*)
- CSIO5* TL Rome (Ita): =3rd Nations Cup (*Nemo 119*)
- CSIO5* TL St Gallen (Sui): 5th Nations Cup (*Nemo 119*)
- Shrewsbury Flower Show: 1st & 2nd Grand Prix (*Carlo & Nemo 119*)
- Addington Young Horse Show: 1st 6yr Championship (*Big Star*)
- Festival of Showjumping: 1st National 6yr Championship (*Big Star*)
- Horse of the Year Show: 1st 6yr Champion (*Big Star*), 1st The Accumulator (*Nemo 119*)
- CSI3* Assen (Ned):1st 1.40m Speed (*Transmission*)

Top placings during 2008

- Beijing Olympic Games: 5th Team (*Russel*)
- CSI3* Grobbendonk: 1st Grand Prix (*Arko III*)
- CSIO5* TL La Baule (Fra): 3rd Grand Prix (*Arko III*)
- CSIO5* TL La Baule (Fra): Team Member (*Russel*)
- CSIO5* TL Aachen (Ger): Team Member (*Arko III*)
- CSIO5* TL Dublin (Ire): 1st Nations Cup (*Arko III*)
- CSIO5* Calgary (Can): Team Member, 1st Grand Prix (*Arko III*)

Top placings during 2007

- CSIO5* TL La Baule (Fra): 5th Grand Prix (*Russel*)
- CSIO5* TL St Gallen (Sui): 8th Nations Cup, 2nd A7 (*Arko III*)
- CSIO5* Estoril: 1st Global Champions Tour Grand Prix (*Arko III*)
- CSIO5* TL Aachen (Ger): 8th Nations Cup (*Russel*)
- CSIO5* TL Hickstead (GBR): 2nd Nations Cup (*Russel*)
- CSIO5* TL Dublin: Team Member (*Russel*)
- CSIO5* Valkenswaard: 2nd Grand Prix (*Arko III*)
- CSIO5* Athens: 2nd Grand Prix (*Arko III*)
- CSIO5*W Olympia: 2nd World Cup Qualifier (*Arko III*)

Top placings during 2006

- CSIW Dubai: 1st Dubai Classic, 3rd Grand Prix (*Arko III*)
- CSI-W Wellington: 2nd World Cup Qualifier (*Arko III*)
- CSIO5* Wellington: 1st WEF Open Challenge (*Russel*)
- CSIO5* Wellington (USA): 6th Nations Cup (*Russel*)
- CSIO5* TL La Baule (Fra): 6th Nations Cup (*Russel*)
- CSIO5* TL Rome (Ita): =2nd Nations Cup (*Arko III*)
- CSIO5* Lucerne: 8th Nations Cup (*Russel*), 1st Longines Grand Prix (*Arko III*)
- CSIO5* TL Rotterdam: =5th Nations Cup (*Arko III*)
- CSIO Spruce Meadows (Can): 2nd Nations Cup (*Russel*)
- CSIO4* Cannes : 2nd Grand Prix (*Arko III*)
- Castle Ashby: 1st Grand Prix (*Arko III*)
- World Equestrian Games, Aachen: Team Member (*Russel*)

Top placings during 2005

- CSI-W Leipzig: 1st World Cup Qualifier (*Arko III*)
- CSIO5* TL La Baule (Fra): 2nd Nations Cup (*Russel*)
- CSIO5* TL Rome (Ita): 1st Nations Cup (*Arko III*)
- CSIO5* TL Hickstead: 5th Nations Cup (*Russel*)
- CSIO5* TL Dublin (Ire): 1st Nations Cup (*Arko III*)

- CSIO5* TL Aachen (Ger): 4th Nations Cup (*Arko III*)
- CSI3* Spruce Meadows (Can): 1st Canada One Grand Prix (*Arko III*)
- Senior European Championship, San Patrignano: 6th Team (*Arko III*)
- Royal International Horse Show: 2nd King George V Gold Cup (*Russel*)
- BSJA/Scope Festival: 2nd 5yr Championship (*Concas*)
- Spruce Meadows: 2nd Grand Prix (*Arko II*)
- Las Vegas: 2nd World Invitational Grand Prix (*Arko III*)

Top placings during 2004

- British Open Championship: 1st British Open Champion (*Arko III*)
- CSIO5* TL La Baule (Fra): 4th Nations Cup (*Arko III*)
- CSIO5* TL Rome (Ita): 2nd Nations Cup (*Arko III*), 1st A7 (*Pandur*)
- CSIO Lucerne: 6th Nations Cup (*Arko III*)
- CSIO5* TL Rotterdam: 4th Nations Cup (*Russel*)
- CSIO5* TL Hickstead: 1st Nations Cup (*Russel*)
- CSIO Spruce Meadows (Can), 5th Nations Cup, 1st Speed (*Russel*)
- CSIO5* TL Dublin (Ire): 3rd Nations Cup (*Arko III*)
- CSIO Barcelona: 3rd Nations Cup (*Russel*)
- Royal Windsor: 1st Grand Prix (*Russel*)
- Royal International Horse Show: 1st Grand Prix, 2nd King George Gold Cup (*Russel*)
- Olympics, Athens: 13th= Individual (*Arko III*)
- CSI-W Olympia: 1st Six Bar (*Russel*), 2nd Grand Prix (*Arko III*)

Top placings during 2003

- CSIO5* TL Rome (Ita): 3rd Nations Cup, 3rd Grand Prix (*Arko III*)
- CSIO5* TL St Gallen (Sui): 4th Nations Cup (*Arko III*)
- CSIO5* TL Hickstead: 1st Nations Cup (*Arko III*)
- CSIO5* TL Dublin (Ire): 2nd Nations Cup (*Arko III*)
- CSIO Calgary (Can): 2nd Nations Cup (*Arko III*)
- Senior European Championships, Donaueschingen: Team Member (*Arko III*)
- Horse of the Year Show: 1st Grandstand Media Cup, 2nd Grand Prix (*Arko III*)
- CSI-A Leeuwarden: 1st Grand Prix (*Arko III*)
- CSI5*W Olympia: 1st Christmas Stakes (*Arko III*), 1st Santa Stakes (*Pandur*)

Top placings during 2002

- Wales & West; 1st 1.40m Open (*Arko III*)
- South of England; 2nd International Trial (*Arko III*)
- Royal Highland; 1st International Trial, =1st A&B (*Arko III*)
- CSIC Royal Show: 1st Open, 3rd Grand Prix (*Arko III*)
- CSIC Essex International: 3rd Grand Prix (*Arko III*)
- CSIB Chester International: 2nd Grand Prix (*Arko III*)
- CSIB Lizerias: 1st Grand Prix (*Arko III*)
- CSI-A The Horse Show: 2nd Great Leighs Gamble (*Arko III*)
- CSI-A Portimao; 1st Grand Prix (*Arko III*)
- Horse of the Year Show: 1st Leading Gentleman Rider, 3rd The Grand Prix (*Arko III*)

Top placings during 2000

- Devon County: 1st International Trial (*Braveheart*)
- Royal Windsor: 1st Gentlemen's Championship, 1st Grand Prix (*Jalisco*)
- CSIO4* Lisbon: 3rd Nations Cup (*Lalique*)
- CSI-A Barcelona: 1st A4 (*Jalisco II*), 1st Acc. (*Showtime*)
- CSI-A Madrid: 1st A4 (*Jalisco*); 1st Acc. (*Showtime*)
- Royal Show: 1st Aon 6ur Old (*Arko III*)
- Halton Show: 1st International Trial, 1st A&B (*Showtime*)

- Bakewell Show: 1st International Trial (*Jalisco*)
- Bicester & Finmere: 1st International Trial (*Jalisco*)

Top placings during 1999

- CSIO Modena: 5th Nations Cup (*Hopes Are High*)
- CSIO5* TL Hickstead: 2nd Nations Cup (*Hopes Are High*)
- CSIO5* TL Dublin (Ire): 2nd Nations Cup, 3rd Grand Prix (*Hopes Are High*)
- CSIO Spruce Meadows (Can): Nations Cup Team Member (*Hopes Are High*)
- Royal International Horse Show: 1st King George V Gold Cup (*Hopes Are High*)
- Senior European Championships: 4th Team (*Hopes Are High*)

Top placing during 1998

- CSIA Madrid (Esp): 1st Grand Prix (*Virtual Village Showtime*)
- Royal International Horse Show: 2nd King George V Gold Cup (*Hopes Are High*)
- CSIO5* TL Dublin (Ire): 1st Grand Prix (*Hopes Are High*)
- CSIO5* TL La Baule (Fra): Nations Cup Team Member (*Giselle*)
- CSIO Lisbon: Nations Cup Team Member (*Giselle*)
- CSIO5* TL Dublin (Ire): =3rd Nations Cup (*Hopes Are High*)
- CSIO Gijon: 6th Nations Cup, 1st Grand Prix (*Hopes Are High*)
- CSIO Spruce Meadows (Can): 6th Nations Cup, 1st Grand Prix (*Hopes Are High*)
- World Equestrian Games, Rome (Ita): Team Bronze (*Hopes Are High*)
- CSI- B Leeuwarden: 1st Grand Prix (*Virtual Village Zalza*)

Top placings during 1997

- CSIA Monte Carlo: 1st Leading Rider
- CSIO Lisbon: 1st Grand Prix (*Virtual Village Showtime*)
- Horse of the Year Show: 1st Grand Prix, 1st 6&7yr Championship (*Virtual Village Cartegene*)
- CSIO Modena: 1st Nations Cup (*Virtual Village Showtime*)
- CSIO Royal Windsor: 1st Nations Cup (*Virtual Village Showtime*)
- CSIO Lisbon: =2nd Nations Cup (*Virtual Village Showtime*)
- CSIO5* TL Dublin (Ire): 5th Nations Cup (*Virtual Village Showtime*)
- CSIO5* TL La Baule (Fra): 7th Nations Cup (*Virtual Village Tinka's Boy*)
- CSIO5* TL Gijon: 1st Nations Cup (*Virtual Village Tinka's Boy*)

Horse Update: Dollar Girl retired at Olympia

Top placings during 1996

- Olympic Games, Atlanta: =11th Team (*Show Time*)
- Royal International Horse Show: 1st King George V Gold Cup (*Cathleen Three*)
- World Cup Final, Geneva: 3rd World Cup Final (*Dollar Girl*)
- CSIA Moorseele (Fra): 1st Grand Prix (*Dollar Girl*)
- CSIA Madrid (Esp): 1st Grand Prix (*Showtime*)
- CSIO Gijon: 1st Grand Prix (*Dollar Girl*)
- CSIO Lisbon: 1st Nations Cup (*Cathleen Three*)
- CSIO5* TL Dublin (Ire): 1st Nations Cup (*Dollar Girl*)
- CSIO5* TL Gijon: 6th Nations Cup (*Dollar Girl*)
- CSIO Calgary (Can): 1st Nations Cup (*Showtime*)
- CSIO Luxembourg: =3rd Nations Cup (*Sublime*)

Top placings during 1995

- Senior European Championships, St Gallen (Sui): Team Silver (*Everest Dollar Girl*)
- World Cup Final, Gothenburg: 1st World Cup Final (*Everest Dollar Girl*)
- CSI Barcelona: 1st Grand Prix (*Everest Showtime*)
- CSIO San Marino: 1st Grand Prix (*Everest Showtime*)

- Horse of the Year Show: 1st Grand Prix (*Everest Showtime*)
- CSIW Aarhus: 1st Masters (*Everest Dollar Girl*)
- CSI Stuttgart: 1st Grand Prix (*Dollar Girl*)
- CSI5* Olympia: Leading Rider of the Show

Top placings during 1994

- World Championships, The Hague: 6th Team (*Everest Dollar Girl*)
- Glasgow Masters: 1st Puissance (7'4") (*Everest Limited Edition*), 1st Lochinvar Stakes (*Everest Dollar Girl*)
- CSI-W Millstreet (Ire): 1st World Cup Qualifier (*Everest Dollar Girl*)
- CSIO5* TL Dublin (Ire): 1st Nations Cup (*Everest Limited Edition*)

Top placings during 1993

- Senior European Championships: Team Silver (*Everest Dollar Girl*)
- Royal International Horse Show: 1st King George V Gold Cup (*Everest Limited Edition*)
- CSI-W Paris: 1st World Cup Qualifier/Grand Prix (*Everest Major Wajor*)
- Gothenburg World Cup Final: 1st Grand Prix (*Everest MajorWajor*)
- CSIO St Galen: 1st Grand Prix (*Everest Dollar Girl*)
- Horse of the Year Show: 1st Everest Final (*Everest Showtime*)
- CSA Ascona: 1st Grand Prix (*Everest Dollar Girl*)
- CSIO Calgary (Can): 1st Grand Prix (*Everest Dollar Girl*)
- CSIO Toronto (USA): 1st Leading Rider (*Everest Limited Edition*)
- CSIO5* TL Hickstead: 1st Nations Cup (*Everest Limited Edition*)

Top placings during 1992

- Olympic Games, Barcelona: Team 7th (*Dollar Girl*)
- CSIO Dublin (Ire): 1st Grand Prix Qualifier (*Everest Werra*), =1st Puissance (*Everest Limited Edition*)
- CSI-W Gothenburg (Swe): 1st Grand Prix (*Everest Major Wager*)
- CSI Genk (Bel): 1st Grand Prix (*Everest Major Wager*)
- CSI Royan (Fra): 1st Puissance (*Everest Limited Edition*)
- CSI-W Amsterdam (Ned): 1st Masters (*Everest Limited Edition*)
- CSI-W Olympia: 1st Leading Rider Award
- CSIO5* TL Hickstead: 1st Nations Cup (*Limited Edition*)
- CSIO Calgary (Can): 1st Nations Cup (*Dollar Girl*)

Top placings during 1991

- European Championships, Stockholm: Team Silver (*Phoenix Park*)
- Horse of the Year Show: 1st Leading Jumper, 1st Henderson Masters (*Alan Paul Phoenix Park*)
- CSIO5* TL Rome (Ita): 1st Nations Cup (*Alan Paul Apollo II*)
- CSIO5* TL Dublin (Ire): 1st Nations Cup (*Phoenix Park*)
- CSIO Luxembourg: 1st Nations Cup (*Phoenix Park*)
- CSIO Calgary (Can): 1st Nations Cup (*Phoenix Park*)

Top placings during 1990

- World Championships, Stockholm: Team Bronze (*Alan Paul Grand Slam*)
- CSI Kossen: 1st Grand Prix (*Fiorella*)
- CSI Cortina: 1st Grand Prix (*Fiorella*)
- CSIO5* Dublin (Ire): 1st Grand Prix (*Phoenix Park*)
- Volvo World Cup Final, Dortmund: 1st Grand Prix (*Burmah Top Gun*)
- Horse of the Year Show: 1st Grand Prix (*Alan Paul Grand Slam*)
- CSIO5* TL Rome (Ita): 1st Nations Cup (*Grand Slam*)
- CSIO Calgary (Can): 1st Nations Cup (*Grand Slam*)
- CSIO New York (USA): 1st Nations Cup (*Grand Slam*)
- CSIO Dublin (Ire): 1st Nations Cup (*Phoenix Park*)

- Presented with World Cup Silver Medal for 100 World Cup Competitions.

Top placings during 1989

- 1989 Senior European Championships, Rotterdam: Team Gold (*Burmah Apollo / Serenade*)
- 1989 Hickstead Derby: 1st Hickstead Derby (*Apollo*)
- 1989 CSIO Luxembourg: 1st Nations Cup (*Burmah Serenade*)
- 1989 CSIO5* TL Dublin (Ire): 1st Nations Cup (*Burmah Grand Slam*)
- 1989 CSIO Calgary (Can): 1st Nations Cup (*Burmah Grand Slam*)
- 1989 CSIO5* TL St Gallen (Sui): 1st Nations Cup (*Burmah Apollo*)

Top placings pre 1988

- 1988 Seoul Olympic Games: Member of British Team (*Apollo*)
- 1988 Hickstead Derby: 1st Hickstead Derby (*Apollo*)
- 1988 CSIO Dublin (Ire): 1st Nations Cup, 1st Grand Prix (*Apollo*)
- 1988 CSIO Rome (Ita): 1st Nations Cup (*Apollo*)
- 1987 European Championships, St Gallen: Team Gold, Individual Bronze (*Raffles Apollo*)
- 1987 Hickstead Derby: 1st Hickstead Derby (*J Nick*)
- 1987 CSIO Gijon: 1st Nations Cup (*Airborne*)
- 1986 World Championships, Aachen (Ger): Team Silver, Individual Bronze (*Raffles Apollo*)
- 1986 CSIO Jerez: 1st Nations Cup (*Raffles Apollo*)
- 1986 CSIO5* TL Dublin (Ire): 1st Nations Cup (*Raffles Apollo*)
- 1986 CSIO5* TL Rotterdam: 1st Nations Cup (*Raffles Apollo*)
- 1986 CSIO Toronto (USA): 1st Nations Cup (*Raffles Apollo*)
- 1985 Senior European Championships, Dinard: Team Gold (*Everest St James*)
- 1985 CSIO5* TL Hickstead: 1st Nations Cup (*Everest Apollo*)
- 1985 CSIO5* TL Dublin (Ire): 1st Nations Cup (*Everest Apollo*)
- 1985 CSIO Calgary (Can): 1st Nations Cup (*Everest Apollo*), 1st Grand Prix (*Everest St James*)
- 1984 Royal International Horse Show: 1st King George V Gold Cup (*St James*)
- 1984 CSIO Paris (Fra): 1st Nations Cup (*St James*)
- 1984 CSIO Liege: 1st Nations Cup (*Apollo*)
- 1983 CSIO Paris (Fra): 1st Nations Cup (*St James*)
- 1982 World Championships, Dublin (Ire): Team Bronze (*Everest If Ever*)
- 1982 CSIO Lucerne: 1st Nations Cup (*Everest If Ever*)
- 1981 CSIO5* TL Aachen (Ger): 1st Nations Cup (*Maybe*)
- 1980 Rotterdam Alternative Olympic Games: Team Silver (*Maybe*)
- 1979 CSIO Zuidlaren: 1st Nations Cup (*Maybe*)
- 1978 Horse of the Year Show: 1st Leading Show Jumper of the Year (*Maybe*)
- 1978 Olympia: World High Jump Record 7' 75/16" (*Lastic*)