

IRISH CHAMPIONS FESTIVAL


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Leopardstown 14th September

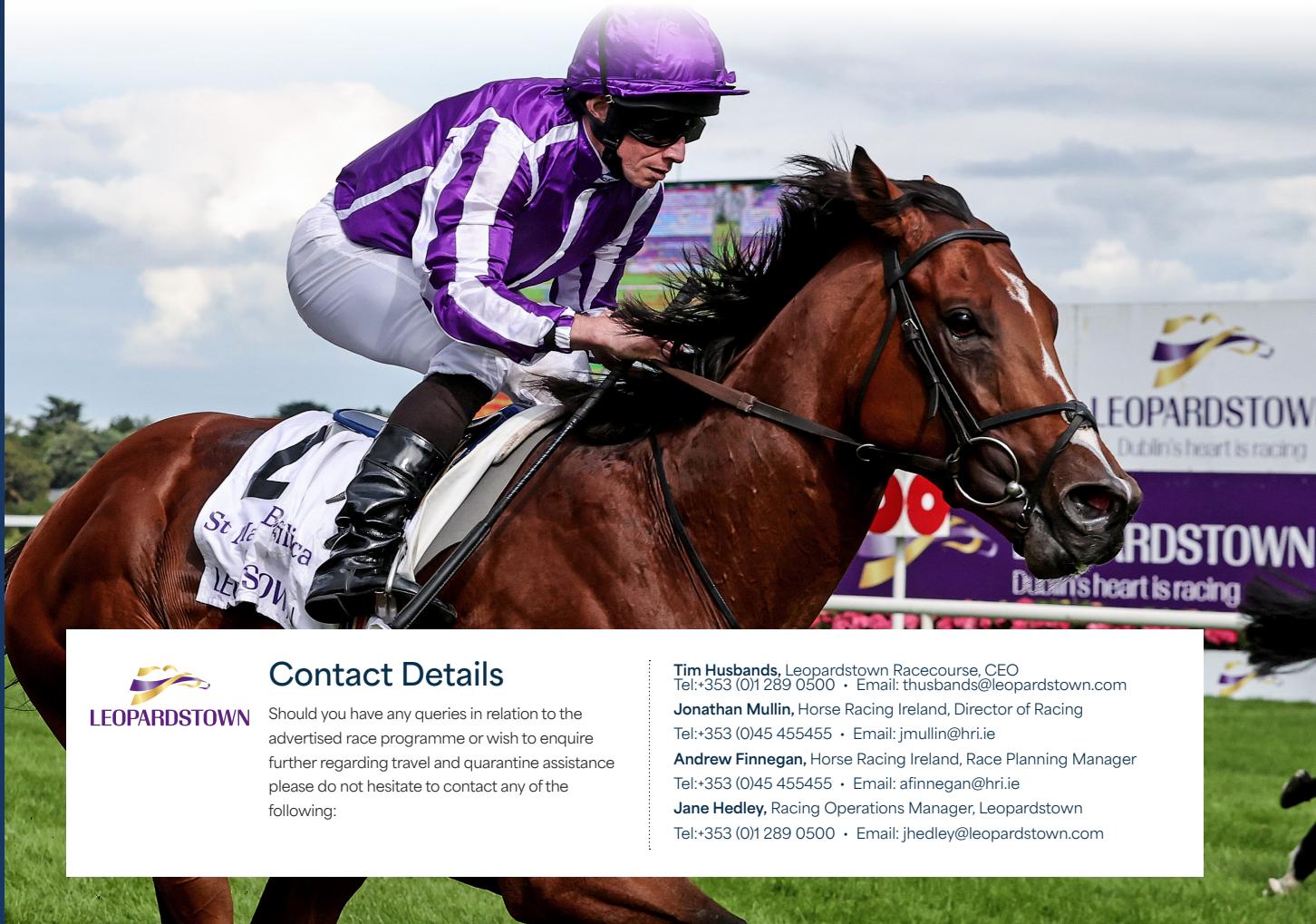
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DAY 1

LEOPARDSTOWN

Saturday, 14th September

The feature race at Leopardstown on Day One of Irish Champions Festival is the Royal Bahrain Irish Champion Stakes which is one of the highest-ranked turf races in the world. Leopardstown is a fair, galloping left-handed circuit situated 20 minutes from Dublin City.



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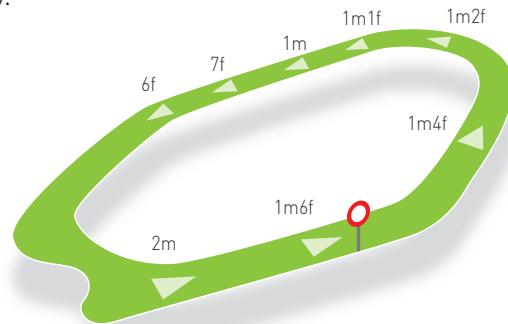
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WHY CONSIDER THE ROYAL BAHRAIN IRISH CHAMPION STAKES?

- ◇ Group 1, 2000m, total prize money €1.25 million.
- ◇ One of the highest-ranked turf races in the world – 6th in IFHA World’s Top 100 Races in 2023; 7th in 2022, 2nd in 2020 and 2nd in 2016.
- ◇ It is both a Group 1 of the highest quality and it is also the perfect race before the Prix de l’Arc de Triomphe three weeks later in Paris, or the British Champion Stakes at Ascot in October.
- ◇ Four winners of the Arc since 2009 have contested the Leopardstown showpiece – Sottsass (2020), Found (2016), Golden Horn (2015) & Sea The Stars (2009).
- ◇ Vadeni finished 3rd at Leopardstown in 2022 and finished 2nd in the Arc; Tarnawa was 2nd in both races in 2021.
- ◇ Deirdre (JPN) finished fourth in the Irish Champion Stakes of 2019.
- ◇ Auguste Rodin, winner of the 2023 Royal Bahrain Irish Champion Stakes, went on to win the Group 1 2023 Longines Breeders’ Cup.
- ◇ The official going has been ‘Good’ or faster on 11 occasions since 2009.
- ◇ First entries close Wednesday, 29th May.

LEOPARDSTOWN’S COURSE

Leopardstown is a galloping, left-handed oval turf course of one mile and six furlongs with a slightly uphill finishing straight.



DAY 2

THE CURRAGH

Sunday, 15th September

Day Two at the Curragh includes four Group 1 races, highlighted by the Comer Group International Irish St Leger, the final Irish Classic of the season, and the Flying Five Stakes, together with The Goffs Vincent O'Brien National Stakes and the Moyglare Stud Stakes, two of the best juvenile races of the year which are likely to determine the champion two-year-olds in Europe once again.



THE CURRAGH

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RACING AT THE CURRAGH

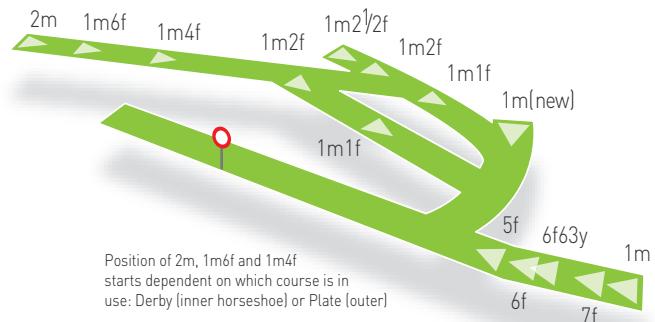
The four Group 1 Races on the eight-race card on Day 2 of Irish Champions Festival.

- ◇ Comer Group International Irish St Leger - G1 - 3yo+ - 2800m
- ◇ Flying Five Stakes - G1 - 3yo+ - 1000m
- ◇ Moyglare Stud Stakes - G1 - 2yo fillies - 1400m
- ◇ Goffs Vincent O'Brien National Stakes - G1 - 2yo - 1400m



THE CURRAGH'S COURSE

A right-handed horseshoe-shaped course over two miles, with an adjoining chute feeding into the home straight which stages races of up to a mile. It has a three furlong run-in with an uphill finish and is regarded as one of the best and fairest racecourses in the world.



STABLING & ACCOMMODATION

Stabling will be available at the world-famous Curragh Training Grounds less than one hour from Dublin. Comprising of approximately 1,500 acres, the Curragh training grounds include 80 miles of grass gallops. The natural turf gallops are complemented by a range of artificial surfaces which can be used for all types of work during all seasons.

Accommodation and transportation for racing staff will be provided courtesy of Horse Racing Ireland.





WIN AND YOU'RE IN - OSAKA HAI - HANSHIN

Horse Racing Ireland has partnered with the Japan Racing Association to have the Group 1 Osaka Hai as a 'Win and You're In' race, meaning a place is guaranteed in the Royal Bahrain Irish Champion Stakes for the winner of the big race at Hanshin at the end of March.

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