

# IRISH CHAMPIONS FESTIVAL

Leopardstown 9th September  
The Curragh 10th September



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**OWNERS & TRAINERS GUIDE 2023**

DAY1

# LEOPARDSTOWN

SATURDAY 9TH 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-rated turf races in the world. Leopardstown is a fair, galloping left-handed circuit situated 20 minutes from Dublin City.



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## RACE PROGRAMME

### Royal Bahrain Irish Champion Stakes

(Group 1) of €1,000,000 over 10f.  
For 3 years old and upwards.  
Weights: 3-y-o: 9st 3lb  
4-y-o and up: 9st 9lb  
Fillies allowed: 3lb  
Closing for entries: 24th May 2023  
A Breeders' Cup Challenge Race

### The Coolmore America 'Justify' Matron Stakes

(Group 1) of €400,000 over 8f.  
For 3 years old and upwards fillies only.  
Weights: 3-y-o: 9st 2lb  
4-y-o and up: 9st 7lb  
Closing for entries: 21st June 2023  
A Breeders' Cup Challenge Race

### The Clipper Logistics Boomerang Mile

(Group 2) of €200,000 over 8f.  
For 3 years old and upwards.  
Weights: 3-y-o: 9st 5lb / 4-y-o and up: 9st 10lb  
Fillies allowed: 3lb  
Closing for entries: 2nd August 2023  
Winner of a Group 1 race: 3lb extra

### The KPMG Champions Juvenile Stakes

(Group 2) of €150,000 over 8f.  
For 2 years old only  
Weights: 9st 5lb  
Fillies allowed: 3lb  
Closing for entries: 16th August 2023  
Penalties: Winner of a Group 3 race: 3lb extra Of a Group 2 or a Group 1 race: 5lb extra  
A Breeders' Cup Challenge Race

### The Paddy Power Stakes (Group 3)

of €100,000 over 12f.  
For 3 years old and upwards that have not won a Group 1 race.  
Weights: 3-y-o: 9st 1lb / 4-y-o and up: 9st 9lb  
Fillies allowed: 3lb  
Closing for entries: 16th August 2023  
Winner of a Group 3 race: 3lb extra  
Of a Group 2 race: 5lb extra

### The Ballylinch Stud Irish EBF Ingabelle Stakes (Listed Race)

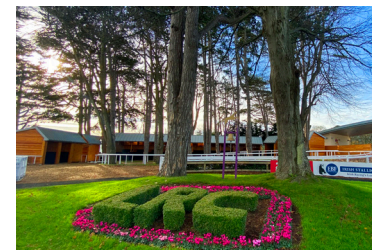
of €100,000 over 7f.  
For 2 years old fillies only, that have not won a listed race or been 1st, 2nd or 3rd in a Group race and are EBF eligible.  
Weights: 9st 2lb  
Closing for entries: 5th September 2023

### The Irish Stallion Farms EBF 'Sovereign Path'

Premier Handicap of €150,000 over 7f.  
For 3 years old and upwards which are EBF eligible (105 = 10st).  
Closing for entries: 23rd August 2023

### The Irish Stallion Farms EBF 'Petingo' Premier Handicap

of €150,000 over 12.5f.  
For 3 years old and upwards which are EBF eligible (105 = 10st).  
Closing for entries: 23rd August 2023



## LEOPARDSTOWN HOSPITALITY

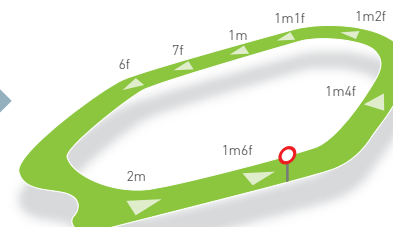
Whether it's the fun of the Circle Lounge or 5-star hospitality in the 1888 Restaurant, we have something to cater for all groups. The stunning 1888 Restaurant sits in the heart of the action on the second level of the Grandstand. The Circle Lounge is the location for our Premium Level ticket holders and seat holders. The unique Leopardstown Pavilion and Mezzanine gives glass fronted views across the finishing line and is perfect for larger groups. These hospitality locations are very popular, so avoid disappointment and book early. For more information visit [Leopardstown.com](http://Leopardstown.com) or call +353 (0)1 2890500

\* Provisional race conditions correct at time of publication.

\*\* Forfeit, Second Entry & Supplementary stages can be obtained at +353 45 455422.

### LEOPARDSTOWN'S COURSE

World renowned Leopardstown is a left-handed oval of one mile and six furlongs with an uphill finishing straight.





DAY 2

# THE CURRAGH

SUNDAY 10TH 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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## RACE PROGRAMME

### The Comer Group International Irish St. Leger

(Group 1) of €500,000 over 14f.  
For 3 years old and upwards.  
Weights: 3-y-o: 9st 2lb  
4-y-o and up: 9st 11lb  
Fillies allowed: 3lb  
Closing for entries: 24th May 2023  
A Breeders' Cup Challenge Race

### The Moyglare Stud Stakes

(Group 1) of €400,000 over 7f.  
For 2 years old fillies only.  
Weights: 9st 2lb  
Closing for entries: 21st June 2023  
A Breeders' Cup Challenge Race

### The Goffs Vincent O'Brien National Stakes

(Group 1) of €400,000 over 7f.  
For 2 years old colts & fillies only.  
Weights: 9st 5lb  
Fillies allowed: 3lb  
Closing for entries: 21st June 2023  
A Breeders' Cup Challenge Race

### The Al Basti Equiworld, The Flying Five Stakes

(Group 1) of €400,000 over 5f.  
For 3 years old and upwards.  
Weights: 3-y-o: 9st 5lb  
4-y-o and up: 9st 6lb  
Fillies allowed: 3lb  
Closing for entries: 21st June 2023  
A Breeders' Cup Challenge Race

### The Moyglare "Jewels" Blandford Stakes

(Group 2) of €200,000 over 10f.  
For 3 years old and upwards fillies only.  
Weights: 3-y-o: 9st 2lb  
4-y-o and up: 9st 8lb  
Closing for entries: 2nd August 2023  
Winner of a Group 1 race: 3lb extra

### The Irish Stallion Farms EBF 'Bold Lad' Sprint Premier Handicap

of €150,000 over 6f.  
For 3 years old and upwards which are EBF eligible (105 = 10st).  
Closing for entries: 23rd August 2023

### The Irish Stallion Farms EBF 'Northfields' Premier Handicap

of €150,000 over 10f.  
For 3 years old and upwards which are EBF eligible (105 = 10st).  
Closing for entries: 23rd August 2023



## THE CURRAGH

The Curragh, one of the world's most iconic racecourses offers magnificent facilities on a par with the best in the world. The centrepiece of the racecourse is the spectacular multi-purpose grandstand which incorporates five-star facilities on four levels and superb viewing of the racecourse. Featuring a parade ring and saddling boxes, which ensures that more patrons can share in the excitement and build up to the racing, while the historic Queen's Rooms celebrates the heritage of the racecourse and is used on race days to bring winning owners for celebratory refreshments.

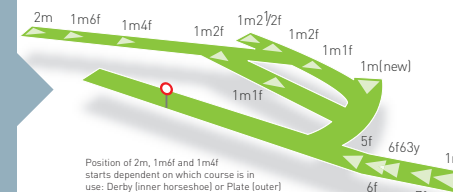


## TRAINING GROUNDS

Comprising of approximately 1,500 acres, the Curragh training grounds include 80 miles of grass gallops. Used daily by approximately 900 horses in the care of 55 horse trainers. The training grounds are owned and managed by the Curragh and have been used by international stars such as Harzand and Sea The Stars. The Curragh training grounds are located at the Curragh Racecourse, 40 minutes from Leopardstown Racecourse and Dublin airport. Use of the facilities during your horse's stay can be arranged through Ciara Doyle on 045 441205 or racing@curragh.ie

## 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.



# TRAVEL GUIDE

Travelling to Ireland is convenient with an increasing number of air and ferry routes to the island now available. The island of Ireland has five main ferry ports - Belfast, Dublin, Dun Laoghaire, Larne and Rosslare, and seven main airports - Belfast, Cork, Dublin, Kerry, Knock, Shannon and Waterford. If travelling from Great Britain to Ireland by ferry, you can bring your car or go as a foot passenger.

Visit [ireland.com](http://ireland.com) for more information.

TRAVELLING TO IRELAND BY SEA			
DEPART	ARRIVE	CARRIER	DURATION
Cairnryan	Larne	P&O Ferries Stena Line	1hr
	Belfast		2hrs 15mins
Fishguard	Rosslare	Stena Line	2hrs
Holyhead	Dublin	Irish Ferries Irish Ferries Stena Line	3hrs 15mins
			1hr 50mins
			3hrs 45mins
	Dun Laoghaire	Stena Line	2hrs
Liverpool	Dublin	P&O Ferries	7hrs 30mins
Pembroke	Rosslare	Irish Ferries	3hrs 45mins

FERRY, COACH & TRAIN OPERATOR CONTACTS		
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Stena Line	+44 844 770 7070	<a href="http://stenaline.co.uk">stenaline.co.uk</a>
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TRAIN		
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## GETTING TO: LEOPARDSTOWN RACECOURSE

**BY CAR**  
Trainers and Owners should take either exit 14 or 15 off the M50 and proceed to the check point for car parks B, C, D, E & F. Once you have a runner your name will be on the car parking list and you will be allowed access to these designated car parks on the day.

**BY AIR**  
For overseas owners, Leopardstown will provide complimentary transport from Dublin airport and hotel accommodation. Please contact the Leopardstown office +353 ( 0) 1 2890500 or Jane Hedley, Racing Operations Manager to organise. Email: [jhedley@leopardstown.com](mailto:jhedley@leopardstown.com)

**CAR PARKING**  
On the day there will be car parks reserved in close proximity to the enclosure for owners and trainers with runners.

**HELICOPTER FACILITIES**  
Helicopter facilities available, must be booked in advance by contacting Leopardstown Administration Office on +353 (0)1 2890500



## GETTING TO: THE CURRAGH

**BY CAR**  
When travelling by car from Dublin, take Exit 9 off the M50 onto the N7 southbound. Take Exit 12 off the M7. Follow the R413 for a short drive until you are greeted by Curragh signage and directions towards the car park, which is located on the right.

**BY AIR**  
For overseas owners, The Curragh will assist with transport from Dublin airport. For any assistance and for more information on travel and accommodation, please contact Ciara Doyle on [racing@curragh.ie](mailto:racing@curragh.ie) or Tel 045 441205

**CAR PARKING**  
When arriving at the Curragh Racecourse, you will find that there are plenty of free car parking spaces, which are only a short walk away from the Racecourse.

**BY BUS/TRAIN**  
The Curragh provides a free shuttle bus service collecting at both Newbridge and Kildare Train Stations. From Dublin, Expressway provide a direct bus return service - to reserve your place please see [expressway.ie](http://expressway.ie) - Return: €25 | Under16: €18.

**HELICOPTER FACILITIES**  
Helicopter facilities available, landings must be booked in advance by contacting The Curragh Racecourse directly on +353 (0) 45 441205

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