

IRISH CHAMPIONS FESTIVAL

Leopardstown 9th September
The Curragh 10th September



**IT ALL
COMES
DOWN
TO THIS**

OWNERS & TRAINERS GUIDE 2023

DAY 1

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

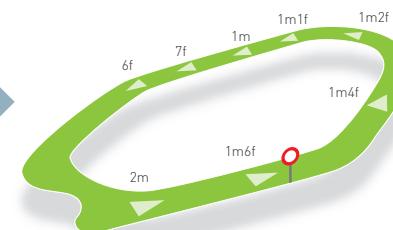
of €150,000 over 12.5f.
For 3 years old and upwards which are EBF eligible (105 = 10st).
Closing for entries: 23rd August 2023

* Provisional race conditions correct at time of publication.

** Forfeit, Second Entry & Supplementary stages can be obtained at +353 45 455452.

LEOPARDSTOWN'S COURSE

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



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 or call +353 (0)1 2890500

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

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

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.



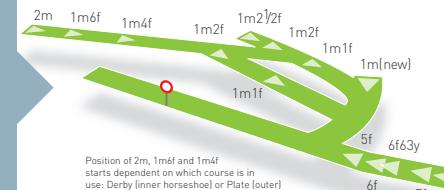
TRAINING GROUNDS

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

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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 for more information.

TRAVELLING TO IRELAND BY SEA

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



France: Cherbourg, Roscoff

FERRY, COACH & TRAIN OPERATOR CONTACTS

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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

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 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 - 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



For all updates before traveling to Ireland, see The Department of Foreign Affairs website: www.dfa.ie/travel/travel-advice/

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