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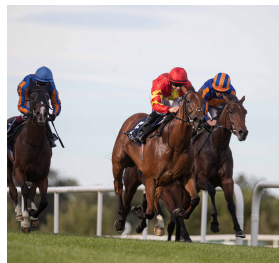
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13 SEPTEMBER THE CURRAGH



THE CURRAGH
WHERE CHAMPIONS ARE MADE



WELCOME TO LONGINES IRISH CHAMPIONS WEEKEND



Longines Irish Champions Weekend is one of the leading international racing festivals. Now in its seventh year, this special event is run over two days at two of Ireland's leading racecourses, Leopardstown and The Curragh. The meeting boasts a strong programme of races, including six Group 1 races and the final Classic of the Irish Flat season. The Irish Champion Stakes and the Coolmore Fastnet Rock Matron Stakes leading the way at Leopardstown while at The Curragh, the card is built around the Comer Group International Irish St Leger, the Derrinstown Stud Flying Five Stakes and two of the very best juvenile races of the year, the Goffs Vincent O'Brien National Stakes and the Moyglare Stud Stakes. Longines Irish Champions Weekend will again attract many of the world's best racehorses, owners, trainers and jockeys and is not to be missed.

DAY 1

LEOPARDSTOWN

SATURDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER

The Irish Champion Stakes and the Coolmore Fastnet Rock Matron Stakes are the highlights on the opening day at Leopardstown with the latter being ranked as the world's best fillies and mares' for the past three years. The day one programme is further enhanced with the Group 2 Clipper Logistics Boomerang Stakes and The KPMG Champions Juvenile Stakes, all of which are Breeders Cup "Win and You're In" Challenge Races.



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Race Programme

The Irish Champion Stakes
(Group 1) over 10f.

For 3 years old and upwards.

Weights: 3-y-o: 9st 11lb

4-y-o and up: 9st 7lb

Fillies allowed: 3lb

Closing for entries: 27th May, 2020

A Breeders' Cup Challenge Race

The Coolmore Fastnet Rock Matron Stakes
(Group 1) over 8f.

For 3 years old and upwards, fillies and
mares only.

Weights: 3-y-o: 9st

4-y-o and up: 9st 5lb

Closing for entries: 24th June, 2020

A Breeders' Cup Challenge Race

The Clipper Logistics Boomerang
Stakes (Group 2) over 8f.

For 3 years old and upwards.

Weights: 3-y-o: 9st 3lb

4-y-o and up: 9st 8lb

Fillies allowed: 3lb

Closing for entries: 5th August, 2020

Penalties: (to count from 1st January, 2020)

Winner of a Group 1 race: 3lb extra

The KPMG Champions Juvenile Stakes
(Group 2) over 8f.

For 2 years old only

Weights: 9st 3lb

Fillies allowed: 3lb

Closing for entries: 5th August, 2020

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

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** Provisional race conditions correct at time of publication.

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The Kilternan Stakes (Group 3) over 12f.

For 3 years old and upwards that

have not won a Group 1 race.

Weights: 3-y-o: 9st 11lb

4-y-o and up: 9st 9lb

Fillies allowed: 3lb

Closing for entries: 5th August, 2020

Penalties: (to count from 1st January, 2020)

Winner of a Group 3 race: 3lb extra

Of a Group 2 race: 5lb extra

The Ballylinch Stud Irish EBF
Ingabelle Stakes 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

Closing for entries: 8th September, 2020

The Irish Stallion Farms EBF
'Sovereign Path' Handicap over 7f.

For 3 years old and upwards which

are EBF eligible (105 = 9st 12lb).

Closing for entries: 26th August, 2020

The Irish Stallion Farms EBF
'Petingo' Handicap over 13f.

For 3 years old and upwards which are

EBF eligible (105 = 9st 12lb).

Closing for entries: 26th August, 2020

REDEVELOPMENT

Leopardstown will have completed a significant redevelopment for Longines Irish Champions Weekend, including a brand new, world class Weigh Room to compliment the new pre-parade ring and saddling stalls nestled amongst the mature trees and the outdoor playground, coffee and family rooms in the old saddling stalls which were completed in 2019. The new Weigh Room building includes state of the art male and female jockeys weigh rooms, Stewards Room and facilities for Garda, medical, media and administration and a winner's suite overlooking the parade ring. This multi-million-euro investment will help solidify the Dublin venue as Ireland's premier racecourse.

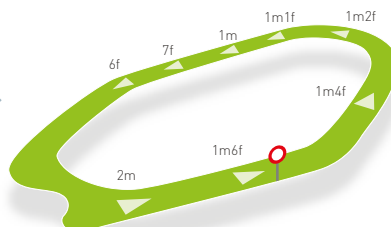


GOFFS BOUTIQUE CHAMPIONS SALE

Ireland's premier bloodstock sales company Goffs will host their boutique Champions Sale in the parade ring at Leopardstown Racecourse before racing on Saturday, September 12th. The catalogue offers the opportunity to purchase some of the most sought after horses-in-training. Indeed, certain lots could hold an engagement at Longines Irish Champions Weekend and the new owner will be facilitated to allow their purchase to race in their colours should they wish. The Goffs Champions Sale is a great way to start the weekend's racing for racegoers and industry professionals alike.

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 13TH SEPTEMBER

Sunday's card 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 Derrinstown Stud Flying Five Stakes.



THE CURRAGH

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Race Programme

The Comer Group International Irish
St. Leger (Group 1) over 14f.
For 3 years old and upwards.
Weights: 3-y-o: 9st
4-y-o and up: 9st 9lb
Fillies allowed: 3lb
Closing for entries: 27th May, 2020

The Moyglare Stud Stakes (Group 1)
over 7f.
For 2 years old fillies only.
Weights: 9st
Closing for entries: 24th June, 2020
A Breeders' Cup Challenge Race

The Goffs Vincent O'Brien National Stakes (Group
1) over 7f.
For 2 years old colts & fillies only.
Weights: 9st 3lb
Fillies allowed: 3lb
Closing for entries: 24th June, 2020

The Moyglare "Jewels" Blandford
Stakes (Group 2) over 10f.
For 3 years old and upwards, fillies
and mares only.
Weights: 3-y-o: 9st
4-y-o and up: 9st 6lb
Closing for entries: 5th August, 2020
Penalties: (to count from 1st
January, 2020)
Winner of a Group 1 race: 3lb extra

The Derrinstown Stud Flying Five
Stakes (Group 1) over 5f.
For 3 years old and upwards.
Weights: 3-y-o: 9st 3lb
4-y-o and up: 9st 4lb
Fillies allowed: 3lb
Closing for entries: 24th June, 2020
A Breeders' Cup Challenge Race

The Tattersalls Ireland Super
Auction Sale Stakes over 6f and 63yds.
For 2 years old only.
Weights: 9st 3lb Fillies allowed: 5lb
Closing for entries: Closed For
Entries
Penalties: Winner of a race: 2lb extra
Of a Listed or a Group race: 5lb extra

The Irish Stallion Farms EBF
'Bold Lad' Handicap over 6f.
For 3 years old and upwards which
are EBF eligible (105 = 9st 12lb).
Closing for entries: 26th August, 2020

The Irish Stallion Farms EBF
'Northfields' Handicap over 10f.
For 3 years old and upwards which
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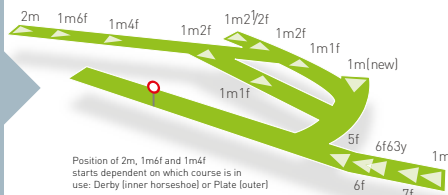
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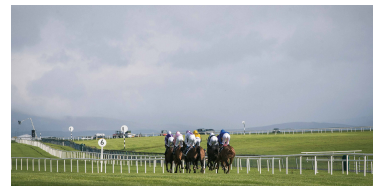
THE CURRAGH'S COURSE

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.



THE CURRAGH FACILITIES

The new Curragh ensures that one of the world's
most iconic racecourses now offers superb
facilities on a par with the best in the world.
The centrepiece of the redevelopment, which
was completed last year, is the magnificent
Grandstand which incorporates five-star
facilities on four levels and offers superb
viewing of all the racing action on the track. The
Stable Yard has also been upgraded to provide
excellent facilities for overseas trained horses
during their stay in Ireland.



TRAINING GROUNDS

Comprising of approximately 1,500
acres, the Curragh training grounds include
70 miles of grass gallops. Used daily by
approximately 1,000 horses in the care of 60
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 Stable
Yard Security at stableyardmanager@curragh.ie.

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FREE ENTRY SCHEME

The following races have been included in the 'Longines Irish Champions Weekend Free Entry Scheme' incentive, a series of races in which the winning horses will be entitled to a refund equivalent to the total cost of running for a horse which had been entered at the initial entry stage should they run in designated races on Longines Irish Champions Weekend. Valuable and prestigious races in their own right, the additional bonus of free entry for Longines Irish Champions Weekend makes them all the more enticing:

RACE DATE	RACECOURSE	QUALIFIER RACE	FREE ENTRY FOR
6th August	Leopardstown	Ballyroan Stakes (Group 3) 3yo+ 12f	Comer Group International Irish St. Leger (Group 1)
7th August	Tipperary	El Gran Senor Stakes (Listed) 2yo 7 1/2f	KPMG Champions Juvenile Stakes (Group 2)
9th August	The Curragh	Rathasker Stud Phoenix Sprint (Group 3) 3yo+ 6f	Derrinstown Stud Flying Five Stakes (Group 1)
12th August	Gowran Park	Hurry Harriet Stakes (Listed) 3yo+ F 9 1/2f	Moyglare "Jewels" Blandford Stakes (Group 2)
13th August	Leopardstown	Desmond Stakes (Group 3) 3yo+ 8f	Clipper Logistics Boomerang Stakes (Group 2)
14th August	The Curragh	Comer Goup International Irish St. Leger Trial (Group 3) 3yo+ 14f	Comer Group International Irish St. Leger (Group 1)
14th August	The Curragh	Royal Whip Stakes (Group 3) 3yo+ 10f	Irish Champion Stakes (Group 1)
22nd August	The Curragh	Galileo Futurity Stakes (Group 2) 2yo 7f	Goffs Vincent O'Brien National Stakes (Group 1)
22nd August	The Curragh	A.R.M Holding Debutante Stakes (Group 2) 2yo F 7f	Moyglare Stud Stakes (Group 1)
27th August	Tipperary	Fairy Bridge Stakes (Group 3) 3yo+ F 7 1/2f	Coolmore Fastnet Rock Matron Stakes (Group 1)
27th August	Tipperary	Abergwaun Stakes (Listed) 3yo+ 5f	Derrinstown Stud Flying Five Stakes (Group 1)
29th August	The Curragh	Snow Fairy Stakes (Group 3) 3yo+ F 9f	Moyglare "Jewels" Blandford Stakes (Group 2)

* Subject to races being ran on their scheduled dates.

For further information, please contact the Programmes Department of Horse Racing Ireland at +353 (0)45 455 416.

OVERSEAS OWNERS

As one of the world's leading racing festivals, Longines Irish Champions Weekend attracts a significant number of international participants. The teams at Leopardstown and the Curragh racecourses endeavour to ensure those travelling connections enjoy the best of what Ireland has to offer. Advice on ticketing, hospitality, transportation, local hotels or anything related to the raceday experience should be directed to:

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Owners Hospitality

Both racecourses offer owners a premium raceday experience. Located in a prime area of the Grandstand at Leopardstown and at the Curragh. Owners' Lounge provides a comfortable and exclusive location for owners to enjoy their days racing. With complimentary lunch, a full pay bar and Tote betting on site, the very best of Irish hospitality can be enjoyed at two of the world's leading racecourses.

Additional Information

Each owner with an entry for Longines Irish Champions Weekend will receive an email from both Leopardstown and The Curragh prior the weekend. These emails will outline in detail the main points of interest for owners ahead of their days racing including hospitality, admissions, car park facilities etc. As an owner, at any stage, should you have any queries relating to your raceday experience please do not hesitate to contact a member of the racecourse team.

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 Belfast	P&O Ferries Stena Line	1hr 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

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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.

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 parks.

BY AIR

For any assistance on travel and accommodation, please contact racing@curragh.ie

BY TRAIN

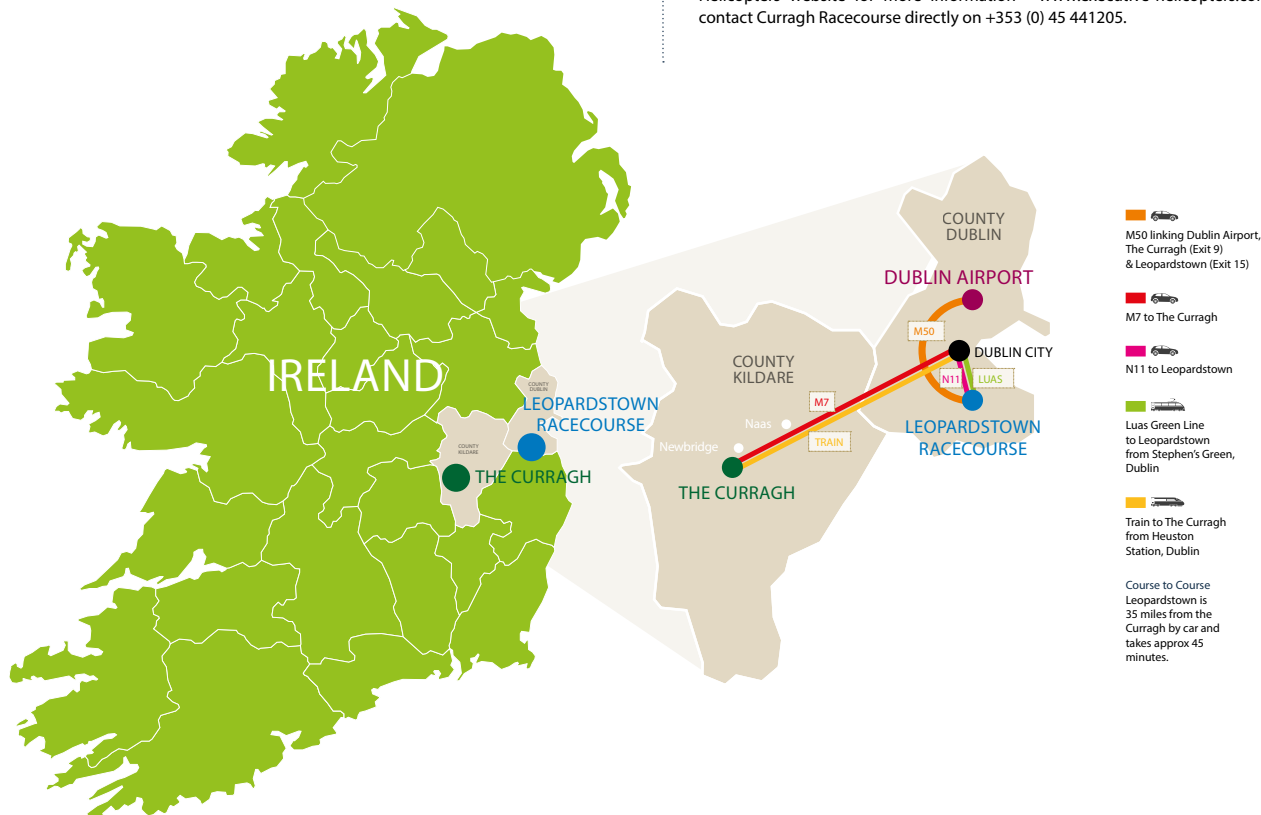
Trains to Kildare Town and Newbridge are serviced by a free shuttle bus to the racecourse on race days.

CAR PARKING

When arriving at the Curragh Racecourse, you will find that there are plenty of free car parking spaces positioned close to the main entrance building.

HELICOPTER FACILITIES

Executive Helicopters provide transfers from various airports, hotels and private locations to helipad located at the racecourse's West End area. Visit the Executive Helicopters website for more information - www.executive-helicopters.com/ and contact Curragh Racecourse directly on +353 (0) 45 441205.





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