



LEOPARDSTOWN

Dublin's heart is racing

GUIDE FOR TRAINERS & OWNERS

NATIONAL HUNT

SEASON 2023-2024





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Dublin
Racing
Festival
at
LEOPARDSTOWN

Welcome to Leopardstown Racecourse

The team at Leopardstown are looking forward to featuring some of the best jumps racing in the UK and Ireland during this 2023 – 2024 season.

This Owners and Trainers Guide is designed to provide you with all the key information you need in relation to National Hunt racing at Leopardstown, and the team here are available to answer any questions you may have.

Since 1888 there has been a great tradition of National Hunt racing at Leopardstown featuring some iconic moments over the years, and we look forward to this season in anticipation of many more such moments. For this year, the iconic Leopardstown Christmas and Dublin Racing Festivals will see over €3 million in prize money on offer, plus fifteen Grade 1 races.

Taking place each year from the 26th to 29th December, the Leopardstown Christmas Festival returns for the 2023/2024 season, with outstanding prize money and a host of Grade 1 races. On the 3rd and 4th of February, Leopardstown will host the Dublin Racing Festival. Now in its seventh year and established as a feature on the National Hunt calendar, races offer a minimum of €100,000.

During your time at Leopardstown you will be welcomed in to the Leopardstown Lounge, our dedicated Owners and Trainers area, or into the Colours Bar where syndicates are always welcome. A warm welcome and complimentary lunch for your party awaits on the day(s) your horse(s) are racing, as well as views of both the Parade Ring and the Finishing Straight to ensure your time at Leopardstown is as comfortable as possible.

We are always on hand to answer any questions you have and look forward to welcoming you to Leopardstown during the 2023-2024 National Hunt Season.

All the very best of luck during your season.

Yours Sincerely



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THE LEOPARDSTOWN CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

DECEMBER 26th-29th

OVER €1.4 MILLION IN PRIZE MONEY

The racing programme includes seven Grade 1 races, plus other valuable races including:

DAY	DISTANCE	RACE	GRADE	PRIZE MONEY
Day 1	17F	The Racing Post Nov Steeplechase	G1	€100,000
Day 1	16F	The Knight Frank Juvenile Hurdle	G2	€45,000
Day 2	24F	The Paddy Power Steeplechase	GB	€200,000
Day 2	17F	The Paddy Power Rewards Club Steeplechase	G1	€125,000
Day 2	16F	The Paddy Power Future Champions Nov Hurdle	G1	€100,000
Day 3	24F	The Savills Steeplechase	G1	€175,000
Day 3	24F	The Dornan Engineering Christmas Hurdle	G1	€150,000
Day 4	16F	The Matheson Hurdle	G1	€150,000
Day 4	24F	The Neville Hotels Novice Steeplechase	G1	€100,000
Day 4	20F	The Beatthebank.ie EBF Mares Hurdle	G3	€40,000

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LEOPARDSTOWN CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL 26TH - 29TH DECEMBER

€1.4 MILLION EUROS IN PRIZE MONEY AND SEVEN GRADE 1 RACES INCLUDING

The Racing Post Novice Steeplechase, The Paddy Power Steeplechase, The Paddy Power Future Champions Novice Hurdle, The Dornan Engineering Christmas Hurdle, The Savills Steeplechase, The Neville Hotels Novice Steeplechase and The Matheson Hurdle.

DAY 1 - TUESDAY 26TH DECEMBER: RACING POST DAY

FIRST RACE: 12.00 APPROX

AGE	DISTANCE	RACE	GRADE	PRIZE MONEY
4	16F	The TRI Equestrian Maiden Hurdle 4yo only		€15,000
5+	16F	The Thorntons Recycling Maiden Hurdle 5yo and up		€15,000
3	16F	The Knight Frank Juvenile Hurdle 3yo only	G2	€45,000
4+	16F	The careers@dornangroup.com Novice Handicap Hurdle	(0-123)	€20,000
4+	17F	The Racing Post Novice Steeplechase*	G1	€100,000
4+	17F	The Racing Post Handicap Steeplechase	(0-140)	€30,000
4	16F	The Race and Stay INH Flat Race		€12,000

CLOSING DATES

*8 Early Closing Races Close on Wednesday November 22nd
Day 1 Entries - 19th December 2023

DAY 2 - WEDNESDAY 27TH DECEMBER: PADDY POWER DAY

FIRST RACE: 12.00 APPROX

AGE	DISTANCE	RACE	GRADE	PRIZE MONEY
3	16F	The Paddy Power Maiden Hurdle 3yo only		€15,000
4+	17F	The Paddy Power Games Beginners Steeplechase		€17,500
5+	17F	The "Paddy Rewards Club" Steeplechase *	G1	€125,000
4+	16F	The Paddy Power Future Champions Novice Hurdle *	G1	€100,000
4+	16F	The Paddy Power Handicap Hurdle	(0-145)	€30,000
4+	24.2F	The Paddy Power Steeplechase *	GB (0-150)	€200,000
4+	20F	The Paddy Power INH Flat Race		€12,000

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Day 2 Entries - 19th December 2023

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DAY 3 - THURSDAY 28TH DECEMBER: SAVILLS DAY

FIRST RACE: 12.00 APPROX

AGE	DISTANCE	RACE	GRADE	PRIZE MONEY
4	20F	The Savills Maiden Hurdle 4yo only		€15,000
4+	20F	The Irish Daily Star Christmas Novice Handicap Hurdle	(80-116)	€15,000
4+	24F	The Pertemps Network Handicap Hurdle (Pertemps Qualifier)		€50,000
4+	24F	The Dornan Engineering Christmas Hurdle *	G1	€150,000
5+	24F	The Savills Steeplechase 5yo and up*	G1	€175,000
4+	21F	The Ballymaloe Foods Beginners Steeplechase		€17,500
4+	16F	The Midland Legal Solicitors INH Flat Race		€12,000

CLOSING DATES

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Day 3 Entries - 20th December 2023

DAY 4 - FRIDAY 29TH DECEMBER: MATHESON HURDLE DAY

FIRST RACE: 12.00 APPROX

AGE	DISTANCE	RACE	GRADE	PRIZE MONEY
4+	21F	The Adare Manor Handicap Steeplechase	(0-123)	€20,000
5+	20F	The Pigsback.com Maiden Hurdle 5yo and up		€15,000
4+	20F	The Beatthebank.ie EBF Hurdle (Mares)	G3	€40,000
4+	24F	The Neville Hotels Novice Steeplechase *	G1	€100,000
4+	16F	The Matheson Hurdle *	G1	€150,000
4+	20F	The Irish EBF Novice Handicap Hurdle	(80-130)	€25,000
4+	16F	The Plusvital INH Flat Race		€20,000

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Day 4 Entries - 20th December 2023

Dublin Racing Festival *at* LEOPARDSTOWN

Celebrate
THE JUMPS WITH 8 GRADE ONES





DUBLIN RACING FESTIVAL

FEBRUARY 3rd - 4th 2024

OVER €2 MILLION PRIZE MONEY ACROSS THE WEEKEND

MINIMUM RACE VALUE IS €100,000

The racing programme includes eight Grade 1 races and other valuable graded and handicap races.

DAY	DISTANCE	RACE	GRADE	PRIZE MONEY
Day 1	22F	The Nathaniel Lacy & Partners Solicitors " €50,000 Cheltenham Bonus for Stable Staff" Novice Hurdle	G1	€150,000
Day 1	16F	The Spring Juvenile Hurdle	G1	€125,000
Day 1	17F	The Goffs Irish Arkle Novice Steeplechase	G1	€150,000
Day 1	24F	The Paddy Power Irish Gold Cup	G1	€250,000
Day 2	17F	The Ladbrokes Dublin Chase	G1	€150,000
Day 2	21F	The Ladbrokes Novice Chase	G1	€150,000
Day 2	16F	The Chanelle Pharma Irish Champion Hurdle	G1	€200,000
Day 2	16F	The Tattersalls Ireland Novice Hurdle	G1	€150,000

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DUBLIN RACING FESTIVAL

3RD - 4TH FEBRUARY 2024

The racing programme across one weekend includes the Paddy Power Irish Gold Cup and the Chanelle Pharma Irish Champion Hurdle, eight Grade 1 races, two Grade 2 races and five Premier Handicaps, with a minimum race prize money value of €100,000. This is jumps racing at its finest!

DAY 1 - SATURDAY, 3RD FEBRUARY

FIRST RACE: 12.50PM APPROX

AGE	DISTANCE	RACE	GRADE	PRIZE MONEY
5+	22.2F	The Nathaniel Lacy & Partners Solicitors "€50,000 Cheltenham Bonus for Stable Staff" Novice Hurdle *	G1	€150,000
4	16F	The Spring Juvenile Hurdle *	G1	€150,000
5+	17F	The Goffs Irish Arkle Novice Steeplechase*	G1	€150,000
4	24F	The Race and Stay at Leopardstown H'cap Hurdle	GB(0-150)	€100,000
5+	24.3F	The Paddy Power Gold Cup*	G1	€250,000
5+	17F	The Sandyford Handicap Steeplechase	GB(0-150)	€100,000
4-7	16F	The I.N.H Flat Race (C&G)	G2	€100,000

CLOSING DATES *8 Early Closing Races Close on Wednesday, 10th January 2024
Early Closing Handicaps close on Wednesday, 17th January 2024
Bumpers close on Wednesday, 17th January 2024

DAY 2 - SUNDAY, 4TH FEBRUARY

FIRST RACE: 12.40PM APPROX

AGE	DISTANCE	RACE	GRADE	PRIZE MONEY
4+	17.7F	The Irish EBF Mares "Paddy Mullins" Handicap Hurdle	GB(0-140)	€100,000
5+	21.3F	The Ladbrokes Novice Steeplechase *	G1	€150,000
5+	17F	The Ladbrokes Dublin Chase *	G1	€150,000
5+	21.3F	The O'Driscoll's Irish Whiskey Leopardstown Steeplechase*	G3	€150,000
4+	16F	The Chanelle Pharma Irish Champion Hurdle*	G1	€200,000
5+	16F	The Tattersalls Ireland Novice Hurdle *	G1	€150,000
4+	24F	The Liffey Handicap Hurdle	GB(0-150)	€150,000
4-7	16F	The Coolmore Nh Sires I.N.H Flat Race (Mares)	G2	€100,000

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Going Reports

From entry stage up to the day of racing we supply regular going reports on our website - <https://www.leopardstown.com/race-meetings/race-information/the-going> and also post regular updates on our Leopardstown Racecourse Twitter pages @LeopardstownRC. Going reports can also be found on the IHRB (Irish Horseracing Regulatory Board) - <https://www.hri-ras.ie/race-meetings/ground-reports/> You are also welcome to call our Racing Operations Manager, Jane Hedley, anytime on +353 (0) 86 1078329 for further updates.

Leopardstown Track

The track is a left-handed oval of one mile and six furlongs with a run in of 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ furlongs and an uphill finish. There are seven hurdles and ten chase fences on the circuit

Racing Surface

Our experienced team work throughout the year to provide the best possible racing surface here at Leopardstown.

Stables, Equine Care and Accommodation

Our purpose built and user-friendly stables are located within the centre of the race-track. Our stable manager is the point of contact for travelling teams and is always more than happy to help with any queries. While your horse is here the best equine care is available, from farriers to vets, to ensure the highest welfare standards are met. Please get in touch directly if you have any queries at +353 01 289 0500 or email info@leopardstown.com

Stable Staff

All stable staff attending Leopardstown have the use of the Stable Staff canteen located in the racecourse stables and run by Coles Catering. The stable staff canteen is open every race day three hours before the first race time and provides a range of hot and cold meals along with sandwiches, cakes and snacks. There is also a full selection of hot and cold drinks.

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Ownership & Syndicate Liason

Leopardstown offers a range of facilities from the Leopardstown Lounge to the Colours Bar for all owners and syndicates with a horse running on the day. All owners, syndicate and club members will receive relevant badges from the Owners Welcome Point at the South Entrance of the racecourse.

Owners in possession of an AIR card will receive an Owners and Trainers pass and a complimentary food voucher for the Leopardstown Lounge. Owners Guests and Syndicate members will receive Parade Ring and Colours Bar wrist bands this gives the owner access into our Colours Bar and the parade ring.

The Leopardstown Lounge is a self-serve dining room with a full functioning bar situated on the second floor of the grandstand. With great views of the parade ring and easy access out to the grandstand, it is the ideal location for owners.

The Colours Bar is situated opposite the Parade Ring, next to the Legacy Lounge. The Bar is fully equipped with a range of beverages from draught beer to bottles of bubbly. There will be a free offering of tea and coffee also available.

Additional tickets can be purchased for race meetings outside the festivals at a discounted rate. We also offer hospitality upgrades at a discounted rate. If you would like avail in any of these offerings, please contact our Owner Liaison Danielle Murray (dmurray@leopardstown.com).

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Travelling Information for non-Irish Based Runners

Travelling Horses & Grooms

We can provide secure overnight accommodation for horses travelling from overseas. Our staff will be on hand throughout the night and will have all the necessary contact details should horses or staff require any assistance.

For grooms traveling from overseas to Leopardstown, we will arrange complimentary accommodation in a local hotel for two members of staff per horse, and we will also arrange a car or provide transfers to and from the hotel when required. To discuss your staff and horse travel arrangements, please contact our Racing Operations Manager Jane Hedley on jhedley@leopardstown.com / 00353 86 1078329.

Owners, Trainers and Jockeys

We are also pleased to offer complimentary airport transfers for connections of travelling horses, and can assist with the booking of local accommodation. Please contact Danielle Murray (dmurray@leopardstown.com) for further information.

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