

# GUIDE FOR TRAINERS & OWNERS **NATIONAL HUNT SEASON 2024-2025**











# Welcome to Leopardstown Racecourse

The entire team at Leopardstown are extremely excited to be welcoming another exciting season of jumps racing to our track for the 2024 – 2025 season.

We have put together this Owners and Trainers Guide to help you with all the key information you need in relation to National Hunt racing at Leopardstown, and to make your trip here as comfortable as possible. Inside these pages you will find information on each of our National Hunt days including our two festivals and the National Hunt Finale in March.

With fourteen Grade One races and over €3 million on offer across the 2024/2025, we are anticipating another outstanding season at Leopardstown and look forward to carrying on the outstanding National Hunt tradition which was first established in 1888.

The Leopardstown Christmas Festival runs each year from the 26th to 29th of December and celebrates the festive season in style, all wrapped up with top-class racing across no less than six Grade 1 races. Now in its eighth year, the Dublin Racing Festival will again showcase the very best in our sport with eight Grade 1 races across the weekend and has firmly established itself as a world-class festival.

Onsite at Leopardstown we have a number of areas ready to welcome you and your party. Our dedicated Owners and Trainers area in the grandstand, the Leopardstown Lounge, provides beautiful views of the Parade Ring and easy access to enjoy racing with a finishing straight view. Syndicates are always welcome in our Colours Bar, located on the Ground Floor of the Grandstand.

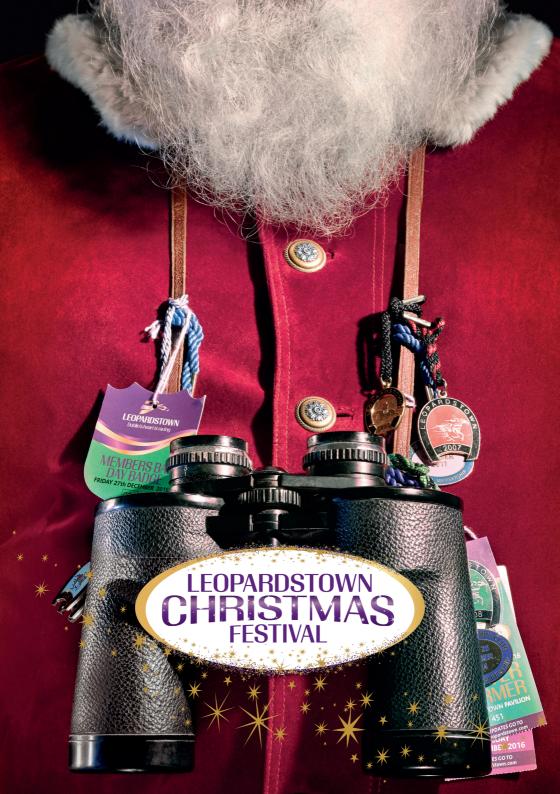
While at Leopardstown please reach out to any member of our team, we are always on hand to help and to give you the warmest of welcomes to Leopardstown.

Wishing you all the very best of luck for the 2024/2025 season.

**Yours Sincerely** 

Tim Husbands, MBE Leopardstown Racecourse CEO

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# THE LEOPARDSTOWN CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL DECEMBER 26th-29th 2024

# **OVER €1.4 MILLION IN PRIZE MONEY**

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

DAY	DISTANCE	RACE	GRADE	PRIZE MONEY
Day 1	3m	The Racing Post Long Distance Novice Steeplechas	se G1	€100,000
Day 1	2m	The Leopardstown Juvenile Hurdle	G2	€45,000
Day 2	3m	The Paddy Power Steeplechase	Listed	€200,000
Day 2	2m1f	The Paddy Power Rewards Club Steeplechase	G1	€125,000
Day 2	2m	The Paddy Power Future Champions Novice Hurdle	e G1	€100,000
Day 3	3m	The Savills Steeplechase	G1	€175,000
Day 3	2m7f	The Leopardstown Christmas Hurdle	G1	€150,000
Day 4	2m	The December Hurdle	G1	€150,000
Day 4	2m4f	The Beatthebank.ie EBF Mares Hurdle	G3	€40,000



# LEOPARDSTOWN CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL 26TH - 29TH DECEMBER

# €1.5 MILLION EUROS IN PRIZE MONEY AND SIX GRADE 1 RACES INCLUDING:

The Racing Post Novice Steeplechase, The Paddy Power Steeplechase, The Paddy Power Future Champions Novice Hurdle, The Leoparsdstown Christmas Hurdle, The Savills Steeplechase and The December Hurdle.

DAY 1 - THURSDAY 26TH DECEMBER: RACING POST DAY			FIRST RACE: 12.00 APPROX							
AGE	DISTANCE	RACE	GRADE	PRIZE MONEY						
4	2m	The TRI Equestrian Maiden Hurdle 4yo only		€15,000						
5+	2m	The Thorntons Recycling Maiden Hurdle 5yo and up		€15,000						
3	2m	The Leopardstown Juvenile Hurdle 3yo only	G2	€45,000						
4+	2m	The Dornan Group Novice Handicap Hurdle	(0-123)	€20,000						
4+	3m	The Racing Post Long Distance Novice Steeplechase*	G1	€100,000						
4+	2m1f	The Racing Post Handicap Steeplechase	(0-140)	€30,000						
4	2m	The Race and Stay INH Flat Race		€12,000						

CLOSING DATES

\*8 Early Closing Races Close on <u>Wednesday November 27th</u> Day 1 Entries - 18th December 2024

#### DAY 2 - FRIDAY 27TH DECEMBER: PADDY POWER DAY

FIRST RACE: 12.00 APPROX

AGE	DISTANCE	RACE	GRADE	PRIZE MONEY
3	2m	The Paddy Power Maiden Hurdle 3yo only		€15,000
4+	2m1f	The Paddy Power Beginners Steeplechase		€17,500
5+	2m1f	The "Paddy Rewards Club" Steeplechase *	G1	€125,000
4+	2m	The Paddy Power Future Champions Novice Hurdle *	G1	€100,000
4+	2m	The Paddy Power Handicap Hurdle	(0-145)	€30,000
4+	3m	The Paddy Power Steeplechase *	Listed (0-150)	€200,000
4+	2m4f	The Paddy Power INH Flat Race		€12,000

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#### DAY 3 - SATURDAY 28TH DECEMBER: SAVILLS DAY

FIRST RACE: 12.00 APPROX

AGE	DISTANCE	RACE	GRADE	PRIZE MONEY
4	2m4f	The Savills Maiden Hurdle 4yo only		€15,000
4+	2m4f	The Mercedes Benz South Dublin Hurdle	(80-116)	€15,000
4+	2m7f	The Pertemps Network Handicap Hurdle (Pertemps C	Qualifier)	€30,000
4+	2m7f	The Leopardstown Christmas Hurdle *	G1	€150,000
5+	3m	The Savills Steeplechase 5yo and up*	G1	€175,000
4+	2m5f	The Ballymaloe Relish Rising Stars Beginners Steeple	chase	€17,500
4+	2m	The Midland Legal Solicitors INH Flat Race		€12,000

CLOSING DATES

\*8 Early Closing Races Close on <u>Wednesday November 27th</u> Day 3 Entries - 19th December 2024

#### DAY 4 - SUNDAY 29TH DECEMBER

#### FIRST RACE: 12.00 APPROX

AGE	DISTANCE	RACE	GRADE	PRIZE MONEY
4+	2m5f	The Adare Manor Handicap Steeplechase	(0-123)	€18,500
5+	2m4f	The Leopardstown Maiden Hurdle 5yo and up		€15,000
4+	2m4F	The Beatthebank.ie Irish EBF Hurdle (Mares)	G3	€40,000
4+	3m	The Neville Hotels Premier Handicap Hurdle *	Listed	€100,000
4+	2m	The December Hurdle *	G1	€150,000
4+	2m4f	The SIS Irish EBF Novice Handicap Hurdle	(80-130)	€25,000
4+	2m	The Plusvital INH Flat Race		€20,000

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# Dublin Racing Festival at LEOPARDSTOWN

# **Celebrate** THE JUMPS WITH 8 GRADE ONES



# **DUBLIN RACING FESTIVAL** FEBRUARY 1st - 2nd 2025

# 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	2m6f	The Nathaniel Lacy & Partners Solicitors		
		Novice Hurdle	G1	€150,000
Day 1	2m	The Gannon Recovery Juvenile Hurdle	G1	€150,000
Day 1	2m1f	The Goffs Irish Arkle Novice Steeplechase	G1	€150,000
Day 1	3m	The Paddy Power Irish Gold Cup	G1	€250,000
Day 2	2m5f	The Ladbrokes Dublin Chase	G1	€150,000
Day 2	2m5f	The Ladbrokes Novice Chase	G1	€150,000
Day 2	2m	The Irish Champion Hurdle	G1	€200,000
Day 2	2m	The Tattersalls Ireland Novice Hurdle	G1	€150,000



### **DUBLIN RACING FESTIVAL**

#### **1ST - 2ND FEBRUARY 2025**

The racing programme across one weekend includes the Paddy Power Irish Gold Cup and the 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, 1ST FEBRUARY			FIRST RACE: 12.50PM APPROX	
AGE	DISTANCE	RACE	GRADE	PRIZE MONEY
5+	2m6f	The Nathaniel Lacy & Partners Solicitors		
		Novice Hurdle *	G1	€150,000
4	2m	The Gannon Recovery Juvenille Hurdle *	G1	€150,000
5+	2m1f	The Goffs Irish Arkle Novice Steeplechase*	G1	€150,000
4	3m	The Race and Stay at Leopardstown H'cap Hurdle	Listed (0-150)	€100,000
5+	3m	The Paddy Power Irish Gold Cup*	G1	€250,000
5+	2m1f	The Sandyford Handicap Steeplechase	Listed (0-150)	€100,000
4-7	2m	The Future Stars I.N.H Flat Race (C&G)	G2	€100,000

CLOSING DATES \*8 Early Closing Races Close on <u>Wednesday, 8th January 2025</u> Early Closing Handicaps close on <u>Wednesday, 15th January 2025</u> Bumpers close on <u>Wednesday, 15th January 2025</u>

#### DAY 2 - SUNDAY, 2ND FEBRUARY

FIRST RACE: 12.40PM APPROX

AGE	DISTAN	CE RACE	GRADE	PRIZE MONEY
4+	2m2f	The Irish EBF "Paddy Mullins" Mares Handicap Hurdle	Listed (0-140)	)€100,000
5+	2m5f	The Ladbrokes Novice Steeplechase *	G1	€150,000
5+	2m1f	The Ladbrokes Dublin Chase *	G1	€150,000
5+	2m5f	The O'Driscolls Irish Whiskey Leopardstown Steeplechas	ie* G3	€150,000
4+	2m	The Irish Champion Hurdle*	G1	€200,000
5+	2m	The Tattersalls Ireland Novice Hurdle *	G1	€150,000
4+	2m	The Timeless Sash Windows Handicap Hurdle	Listed (0-150)	€150,000
4-7	2m	The Coolmore NH Sires I.N.H Flat Race (Mares)	G2	€100,000
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# NATIONAL HUNT FINALE

# 2ND - 3RD MARCH 2025

#### DAY 1 - SUNDAY, 2ND MARCH

AGE	DISTANCE	RACE	GRADE	PRIZE MONEY
4+	2m	The Irish EBF Auction Novice Hurdle		€20,000
5+	2m	The Adare Manor Opportunity Confined Maiden H	lurdle	€12,000
5+	2m2f	The QuinnBet Hurdle		€17,000
4+	2m	The Anton O'Toole Handicap Hurdle	(80-110)	€11,000
5+	2m5f	The QuinnBet Handicap Steeplechase	Listed	€45,000
5+	3m4f	The Dublin National Handicap Steeplechase	(0-120)	€25,000
4-7	2m	The QuinnBet I.N.H Flat Race		€11,000

CLOSING DATES Please see www.hri-ras.ie for information.

#### DAY 1 - MONDAY, 3RD MARCH

AGE	DISTANCE	RACE	GRADE	PRIZE MONEY
5+	2m4f	The Maiden Hurdle		€12,000
5+	2m4f	The Mares Maiden Hurdle		€12,000
4+	2m4f	The QuinnBet Mares Handicap Hurdle	(0-110)	€11,000
4+	3m	The QuinnBet Handicap Hurdle	(80-110)	€11,000
5+	2m1f	The Irish EBF Beginners Chase		€15,500
5+	2m5f	The John Thomas McNamara Series Handicap Chase	(0-120)	€11,000
4+	2m	The Irish EBF Mares I.N.H Flat Race		€11,000

CLOSING DATES

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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 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 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> 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 racetrack. 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 Liaison**

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 of horses that are entered, and are 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 Ownership Liaison Jo Shairp (jshairp@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 your staff and horse travel arrangements, please contact our Racing Manager Jane Hedley on: E: jhedley@leopardstown.com / Ph: (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 Jo Shairp (jshairp@leopardstown.com) for further information.

Below are all of the contact numbers you may need ahead of your visit to Leopardstown Racecourse:

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