



An Owners Guide to Punchestown

We will start by saying a very sincere thank you. We understand that without owners there is no racing. It's as simple as that! We also appreciate that being a racehorse owner is a passion project with more lows than highs but on the good days it is absolutely magic!

Thank you for choosing to run your horse at the home of Irish jump racing . Whilst we can't guarantee winners, the Punchestown team aim to deliver an enjoyable, hassle free race day experience for you, your co-owners, friends and family. Please take the time to familiarise yourself with the Punchestown Owners Experience.



Let's start at the start and run through your visit to Punchestown;

In advance of your visit:

When your horse is declared you or your syndicate/club contact will receive an email from the Horse Racing Ireland Ownership team. This email is important and outlines ticket allocations and policy. Any additional requirements should be communicated to them at your earliest convenience.

Please ensure that you have your Association of Irish Racecourses (AIR) cards to gain access on race day. If you have not received or have misplaced these please contact AIR at your earliest convenience:

Sending a Representative?

If you are unable to attend, you may send a representative on your behalf. An AIR representative badge can be ordered via the HRI Ownership website below by 12 noon the day before racing.

AIR: +353 (0)1 676 0911

T: +353 (0) 45 455 455

E: owners@hri.ie

W: <https://www.racehorseownership.ie/the-owner/tickets/>

On Arrival

Parking & Accessibility

There is ample free parking at Punchestown. With an owners and trainers car park available on first come first served basis. Please show your AIR card or display AIRO car sticker to gain access.

If you have limited mobility or require additional assistance please contact **Seán** in advance scrowe@punchestown.com or call **+353 (0)45 897704**. The Goffs Owners and Trainers Lounge and the Winners Room are both accessible by wheelchair.

Ticket Collection for Owners with a Declared Runner

Upon arrival, please make your way to the AIR turnstile located to the right of the main entrance building. Please present your AIR Card for scanning. This will grant you:

- Admission
- A complimentary racecard
- A badge providing access to the Owners & Trainers facilities and parade ring. Please display this badge clearly so our team can make sure the right people have access to the right places.



The Goffs Owners & Trainers Lounge

This exclusive space is open to a limited number of four people per 'owners' (inc guests, syndicate members and club members). O&T badges and check-in required on arrival.

Kindly sponsored by Goffs, the Owners & Trainers Lounge is located on level one in the Hunt Stand. To access this venue please make your way through the arch at the winners enclosure end of the parade ring. Continue straight ahead and then use the side entrance into the stand.

The Goffs Owners and Trainers is a stylish, comfortable room offering panoramic views over the final furlong, track and mountains beyond. Probably one of the best views in sport!

Owner Dining

We are pleased to offer four complimentary meal vouchers per owner/partnership/syndicate with a declared runner. Additional vouchers can be purchased for €30 each at the bar in the Goffs Owners & Trainers Lounge.

Enjoy a delicious main dish and side followed by tea or coffee and delicious home baked treats. The food offering concludes at the sixth race.

Owner Table Allocation System

In the interest of providing a comfortable and enjoyable experience for owners with runners on the day, we are introducing a new table allocation system in the Goffs Owners and Trainers Lounge.

On arrival, guests will be shown to a table. During peak times we will implement a 45-minute reservation slot and request that tables are made available to other diners after this time where required. In the case that no tables are available we will provide a timeline for one may be free. In the case where there is no demand for a table, please feel free to enjoy the facility until your table is required.

Of course, the bar area is available to all through the day. We appreciate your cooperation and assistance with this trial. As with many racecourses, it is simply not possible to seat everyone at the same time during peak service time and is a classic case of supply and demand!



Parade Ring & Race Procedure

The pre-race parade ring is a very important part of the race day experience. Please display your badge to gain access. We request that small children are not brought into the parade in if avoidable. Please take caution entering and exiting the parade ring. Please stand away from the horse walk area.

Post Race & Winning Connections

For those lucky owners with a Punchestown winner we invite you to lead your horse back to the number one position. There will be a group photo with the horse and connections. After this the winners will be brought to the podium to accept a trophy or memento. To get to the winners podium is a great achievement so enjoy it, bring friends and take plenty of photos! The winning connections are then invited into the Bollinger Winners Room located in the pre-parade ring to watch a replay of the race and enjoy a glass of something lovely and some tasty homemade canapes.

Every winning owner will receive a framed photograph as a memento of the occasion.

Welfare at Punchestown

The welfare of your horse at Punchestown is paramount. There is an on-going programme of maintenance on the course itself to provide the safest racing surface possible.

We work alongside the finest equestrian veterinary practices in Ireland to provide the very best of care and supervision. There are on-track and yard veterinary teams present at all times to ensure your horse receive the best care in the fastest time should it be required.



KHR 200 Owners Cup

We are delighted to announce the launch of the KHR 200 Owners' Cup, an exciting new initiative celebrating the success and dedication of racehorse owners.

This prestigious competition runs from the opening day of the Punchestown Festival through to our final meeting before the following years Festival, rewarding the winning-most owner at Punchestown during this period.

The owner with the highest number of wins will be honoured with the KHR 200 Owners' Cup, a perpetual trophy that will be presented on the opening day of the 2025 Punchestown Festival.

The Association of Irish Racehorse Owners (AIRO)

This body promotes and protects the interests of Irish racehorse owners. The association is run by the manager and overseen by the board of directors who give of their time voluntarily for the betterment of every member. Join today and have your say:

Tel: 045-878173 Mob: 087 1515119 Email: info@irishracehorseowners.com

Feedback Welcome

Your feedback is invaluable in helping us continually improve. Please don't hesitate to share any suggestions with our team.

Thank you for choosing Punchestown—we look forward to welcoming you and your runners soon!