

28.04.26

02.05.26

PUNCHESTOWN  
2026  
FESTIVAL

# SPECIAL



Owners Guide  
2026 Festival

[punchestown.com](http://punchestown.com)



## An Owners Guide to Punchestown

First and foremost - thank you. Without owners, there is no racing. Your passion for the sport and support of the industry are what make Punchestown (and Irish jump racing) so special.

While we can't guarantee a winner, the Punchestown team is committed to delivering a smooth, enjoyable, and memorable experience for you and your guests. With that in mind, we're delighted to introduce a number of enhancements to the Owners & Trainers Experience for the 2026 Punchestown Festival.

### Before Race Day: Register Your Guests

Having a runner at the Festival is a proud moment, and we know it often means more family, friends and syndicate members joining in. To help us plan ahead and make your day as seamless as possible, **please register the names of any attending guests or representatives** when you receive your declaration email from Horse Racing Ireland.

This email is **important** - it outlines ticket allocations and key owner information.

**Need extra tickets?** We're happy to offer a 20% discount on additional allocations.

To avail, contact Emma English before 6pm the day before racing: [info@punchestown.com](mailto:info@punchestown.com) | +353 45 897704

### On Arrival at Punchestown

#### Parking & Accessibility

There is ample free parking on site, including a designated Owners & Trainers car park (first come, first served). Please display your **AIR card or AIRO sticker to gain access**.

For those with **limited mobility or requiring assistance**, please contact Hilary in advance: [hcahill@punchestown.com](mailto:hcahill@punchestown.com) | +353 45 897704

Both the Goffs Owners & Trainers Lounge, Winners Room and O&T Bar are **fully wheelchair accessible**.



## Owners & Trainers Arrival Marquee

Owners and pre-registered guests can collect their race day credentials at the Goffs Owners & Trainers Entrance, located to the right of the main entrance building. To get you through the gates as quickly as possible, we've organised collection desks by race number. Just follow the sign for your race and we'll have you on track in no time!

Simply provide the name that would have been previously registered via the HRI declaration email to collect their owner packs containing the badges, passes etc.

**Pre-registering** guest names via the HRI declaration email greatly streamlines this process.

## Owner Pack Explained

### Wristband

- Grants access to the Goffs Owners & Trainers Lounge (Hunt Stand, Level 1) (12 on enclosure map).
- Provided to the four allocated AIR Card Holders or their nominated representatives per ownership (owner/partnership/syndicate).

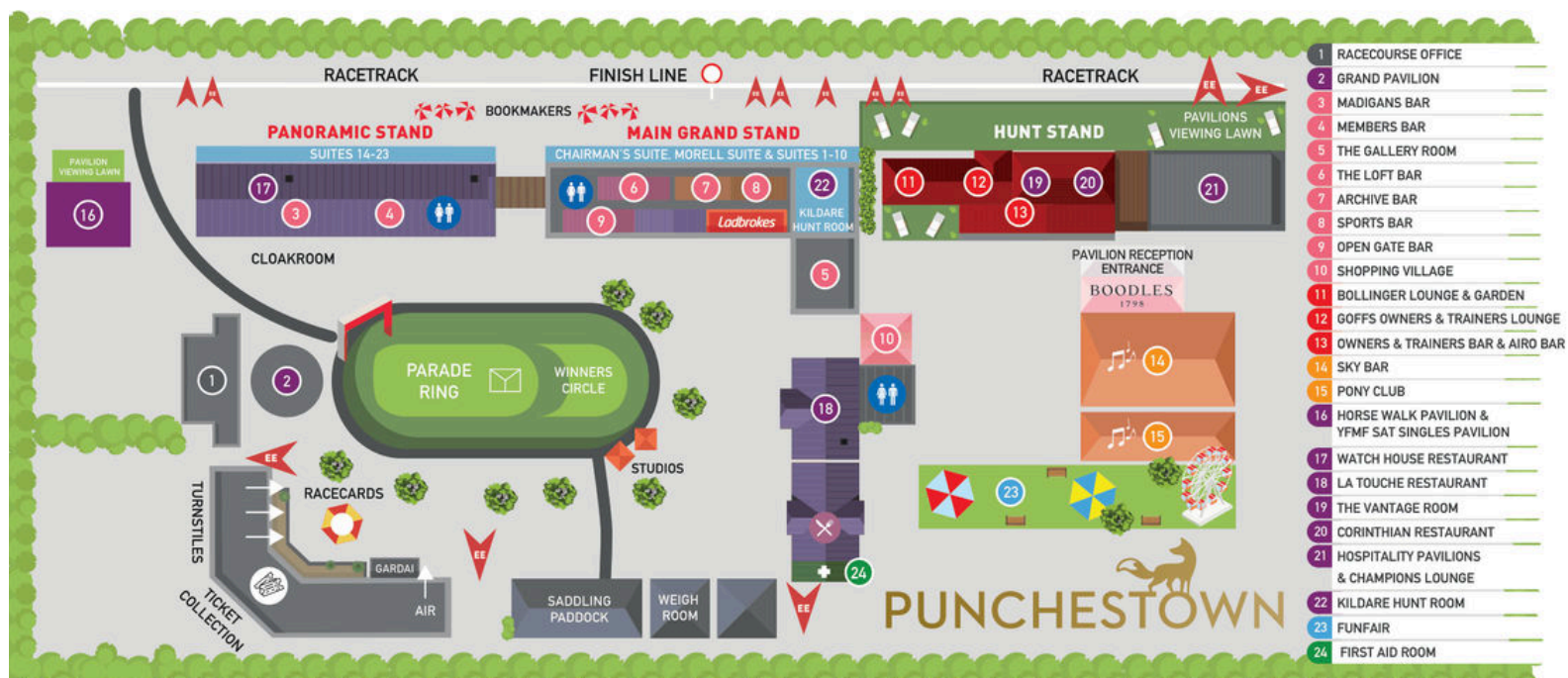
### Swing Badge

All AIR card holders and pre-registered guests or representatives will receive a Swing Badge.

### Grants access to:

- The Festival Owners & Trainers Bar (Hunt Stand, Ground Floor) (13 on enclosure map)
- The Parade Ring

Please **wear both clearly** on the day to help our team ensure smooth and easy access to your designated areas.



## Goffs Owners & Trainers Lounge

The Goffs Owners & Trainers Lounge located on the **first floor of The Hunt Stand** will serve buffet lunch for owner's who have a runner on the day. We are pleased to offer **four complimentary** meal vouchers per owner/partnership/ syndicate or club with a declared runner(s). Meal vouchers will be allocated to the AIR Card Holders or their nominated representatives.

Upon arrival at The Goffs Owners & Trainers Lounge reception a Punchestown staff member will guide you to your table where, during peak times, a **45-minute dining time** allocation will be in place. This policy has worked well on race days and ensures that those who should be looked after are looked after.

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 Hunt stand.

## Festival Owners & Trainers Bar

To celebrate the incredible support and growing numbers of owners, syndicate members and guests joining us this year, we are delighted to introduce a new Festival Owners & Trainers Bar.

Conveniently located on the ground floor of the Hunt Stand, this new venue offers excellent access to the trackside viewing lawn and the southern enclosure. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to AIRO, who will be fueling your ownership journey at Punchestown by providing a selection of light bites, tea, and coffee throughout each day in this venue.

To find the new bar, please make your way through the archway at the winner's enclosure end of the parade ring. Continue straight ahead past the Goffs Owners & Trainers Lounge; the entrance will be on your left, just before the "Hospitality Pavilions" doors.

## 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 ring if avoidable. Please take caution entering and exiting the parade ring.



## Winners & Placed Owners

We believe that making it to the Punchestown winners enclosure is something that should be celebrated. We look forward to inviting the winning connections to our Bollinger winner's room. In addition, we wish to extend this invitation to placed connections, inviting them to enjoy a complimentary post-race beverage and a replay of the race in the new designated Placed Connections Room

## Welfare at Punchestown

The welfare of your horse is our **top priority**. We maintain a rigorous course maintenance programme to ensure the safest racing surface possible.

We work closely with Ireland's leading equine veterinary teams, with on track and yard vets present throughout the day to deliver rapid, expert care should it be needed.

## The Association of Irish Racehorse Owners (AIRO)

AIRO is the voice for Irish racehorse owners, working to promote and protect your interests. Run by a dedicated team of professionals and volunteers.

Join today and have your say: **Tel:** 045-878173 **Mob:** 087 1515119  
**Email:** [info@irishracehorseowners.com](mailto:info@irishracehorseowners.com)

## Feedback Welcome

We're committed to making your Punchestown experience **the best** it can be. Your thoughts and suggestions are always welcome [info@punchestown.com](mailto:info@punchestown.com)

**Thank you for choosing to run your horse at Punchestown – the home of Irish jump racing.**

**We look forward to welcoming you!**

