

# Introduction

## Who we are?

On the 18th April 1927, the first greyhound race track was opened in Ireland. This was in Celtic Park, Belfast, and was followed immediately by Shelbourne Park, Dublin one month later. In the same year, tracks were opened at Harolds Cross, Dublin and Dunmore Stadium in Belfast with Cork opening the following year. In 1958, the Government established Bord na gCon (The Irish Greyhound Board), and we now operate from our Head Office in Limerick.

## What we do?

Bord na gCon monitors all aspects of the sport throughout the country, ensuring the kennels and stadia maintain the highest standards in care of the dogs. Owing to its popularity in Ireland, breeding and rearing of Greyhounds and pedigree racing dogs has been somewhat of a cottage industry in rural areas of Ireland. While many people derive their income from this industry, for many owners and trainers it is purely a hobby.

One of the oldest breeds of dog domesticated by man, greyhounds possess great stamina and endurance, in addition to being both intelligent and gentle animals. It is for their remarkable speed, however, that they are renowned. Capable of running at up to 60kph when in full flight, greyhounds are the 18th fastest land mammal and are born racers. They can, for instance, cover 480 metres in about 28 seconds, which is twice the speed of an Olympic athlete.

## What is a Night at the Dogs?

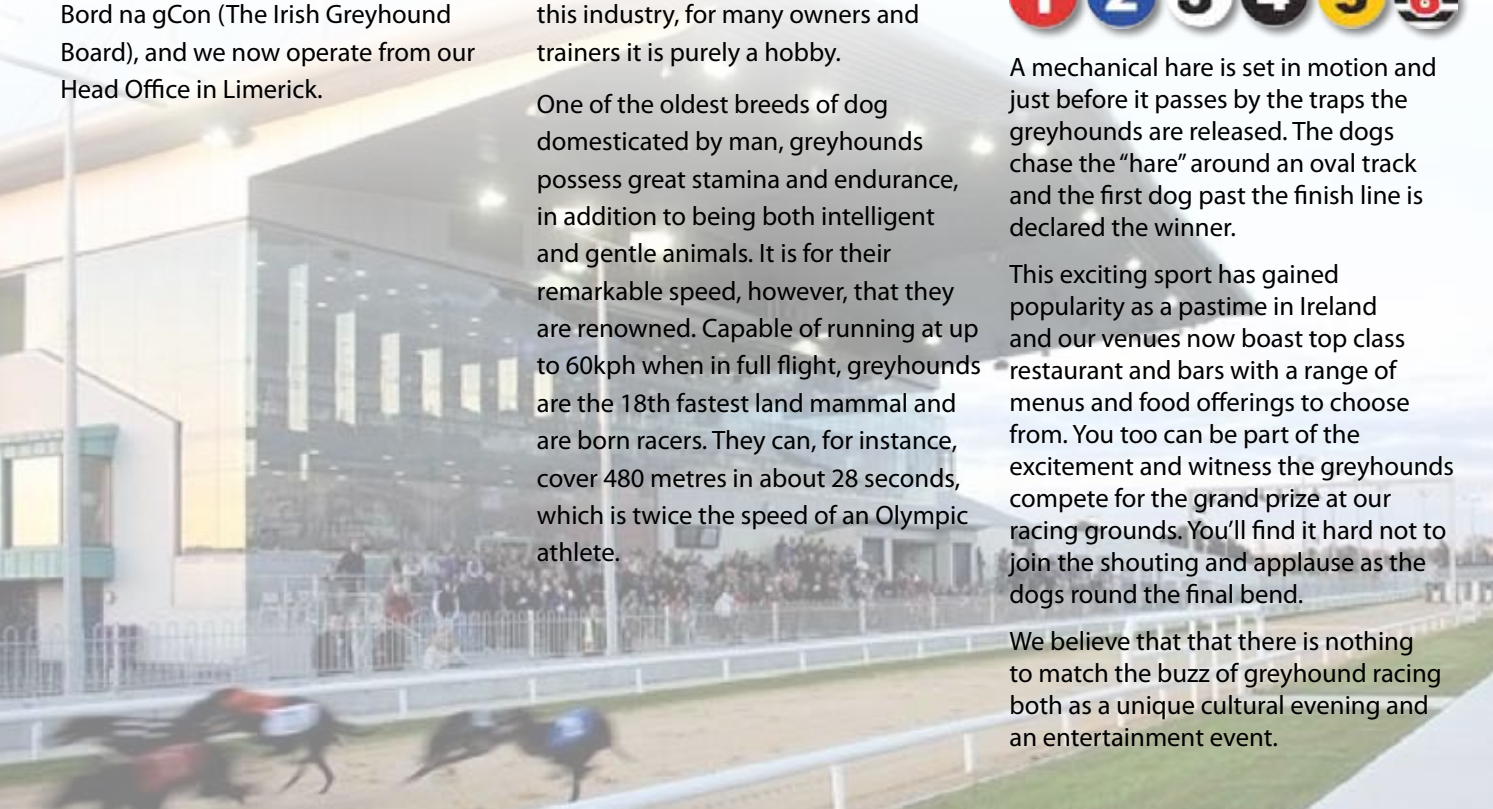
Greyhound racing in Ireland consists of 6 dogs chasing after a mechanical hare over distances ranging from 300 yards up to 1035 yards. The most regular distances raced are 525/550 yards. The dogs are allocated trap numbers 1 – 6 with each trap having a colour assigned to it.



A mechanical hare is set in motion and just before it passes by the traps the greyhounds are released. The dogs chase the "hare" around an oval track and the first dog past the finish line is declared the winner.

This exciting sport has gained popularity as a pastime in Ireland and our venues now boast top class restaurant and bars with a range of menus and food offerings to choose from. You too can be part of the excitement and witness the greyhounds compete for the grand prize at our racing grounds. You'll find it hard not to join the shouting and applause as the dogs round the final bend.

We believe that there is nothing to match the buzz of greyhound racing both as a unique cultural evening and an entertainment event.



# Our Venues

## Where we are



## Our Contact Information

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About Us

## Capacity

Stadium	Admission	Grandstand Restaurant	Hospitality Suites	Fast Food	Other
Shelbourne Park, Dublin	Unlimited	400	220	Unlimited	150 Outdoor Pavillion
Curraheen Park, Cork	Unlimited	190	114	Unlimited	105 Snugs
Galway	Unlimited	155	0	Unlimited	
Limerick	Unlimited	190	88	Unlimited	
Kilcohan Park, Waterford	Unlimited	178	0	Unlimited	
Mullingar	Unlimited	110	0	Unlimited	
Kingdom Stadium, Tralee	Unlimited	140	80	Unlimited	
Newbridge	Unlimited	102	40	Unlimited	

Larger capacities can be catered for on Race Nights and for Exclusive Venue hire. We also cater for stand-alone events.

## Race Nights and Times 2019

Stadium	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Gates Open	1st Race
Curraheen Park								F: 6pm S: 6:45pm	F: 6:57pm S: 7:50pm
Shelbourne Park								6.30pm / S:6pm	7.40pm / 8pm
Galway								6.30pm	7.52pm
Limerick								T: 6pm S: 6:30pm	T: 6:57pm S: 7:39pm
Mullingar								6.30pm/1.30pm	7.45pm/3.18pm
Newbridge								7pm	8pm
Kingdom								T:6pm F&S:6.45pm	T 6:59pm F&S: 7:45pm
Kilcohan Park								7pm	7.50pm
Youghal								6pm	6:57pm

\* All race dates and times are subject to change



# Packages

## Our Restaurants

If you would like to experience dinner with a difference, then it's hard to beat booking a table at the Grandstand Restaurant. Here, our glass fronted restaurant allows you to enjoy trackside racing, as you sample the fine food and wine. Our dedicated tote and bar staff come direct to your table so there is no need to leave the comfort of your seat until the night is over!

Your Restaurant package includes:

- Admission to the stadium
- Race Programme
- Dinner in our Restaurant
- Tote Betting & Drinks Service to your table

## General Admission

Our General Admission package includes a race programme and allows you to get trackside to watch the racing action, or soak up the atmosphere in our groundfloor bar & outdoor stand areas.

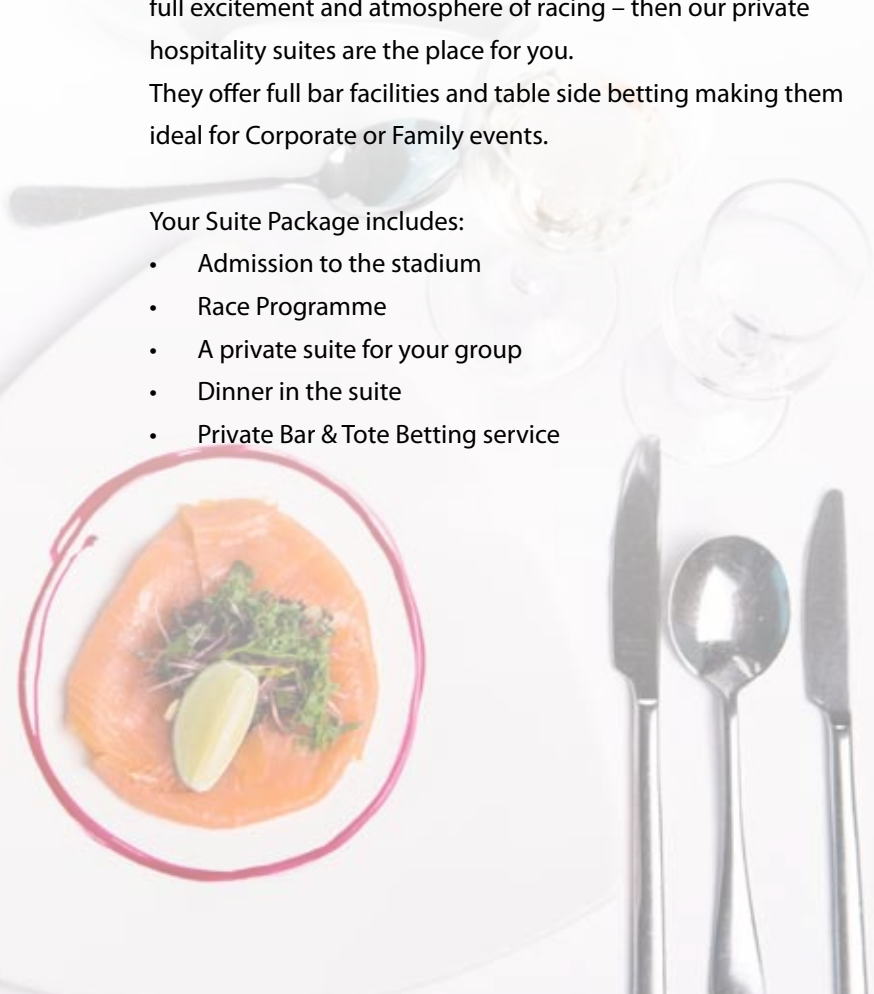
## Our Private Hospitality Suites:

Looking to combine privacy for your group and still enjoy the full excitement and atmosphere of racing – then our private hospitality suites are the place for you.

They offer full bar facilities and table side betting making them ideal for Corporate or Family events.

Your Suite Package includes:

- Admission to the stadium
- Race Programme
- A private suite for your group
- Dinner in the suite
- Private Bar & Tote Betting service



# SAMPLE MENUS

## SAMPLE RESTAURANT DINNER MENU

### TO START

#### FRESH HOMEMADE SOUP OF THE DAY

Served with a selection of homemade breads

#### BLACK PUDDING & POACHED EGG SALAD

Warmed Tournafula black pudding, fresh garden leaves, crispy bacon and topped with a fresh organic poached hens egg and finished with a cider butter sauce

#### WARM SALAD OF ST TOLA GOAT'S CHEESE

Smooth & creamy goats cheese wrapped with serrano ham, set on a sweet red pepper compote and finished with a rocket pesto

#### POTTED CRAB & APPLE SALAD

Potted Castletownbere crab with gala apple, a toasted mini brioche accompanied by celeriac and apple rémoulade

#### PEPPERED FILLET OF MACKEREL

Delicious peppered mackerel fillets set on a tian of spring onion potato salad accompanied by marinated French beans, pickled cucumber & honey and grain mustard dressing

### MAIN COURSE

#### GRILLED PRIME 100Z IRISH SIRLOIN STEAK

Set on champ potato, accompanied by a cracked black pepper & brandy sauce

#### SUPREME OF IRISH CHICKEN

Roasted supreme of chicken stuffed with chorizo, cannellini beans and sun dried tomato, placed on parmentier potatoes, finished smoked paprika and basil cream

#### FILLET OF PORK

Baked fillet of pork with a streaky bacon crust served with buttered savoy cabbage and green pepper corn sauce

#### ROAST CRISPY DUCKLING

With sauteed bok choy and mangetout topped with a ginger and pear sauce

#### SLOW BRAISED WICKLOW LAMB SHANK

Set on a bed of minted mash potato, with a quenelle of turnip and finished with a rosemary jus

#### ESCALOPE OF FRESH SALMON AND COD

Succulent escalope of salmon & cod stuffed with baby spinach, on a bed of buttered leek with a delicate shrimp bisque

### TO FINISH

#### BUTTERMILK & LIME PANACOTTA

Served with a slice of fresh lime and a biscuit crumb

#### CHOCOLATE & ORANGE DELICE

A layered chocolate and orange slice with a blood orange sorbet and wafer roll

#### FRESHLY POTTED APPLE CRUMBLE

With a hint of cinnamon accompanied by warm custard

#### ROISIN'S STICKY TOFFEE PUDDING

Smothered in delicious butterscotch sauce and accompanied by fresh cream

#### SELECTION OF IRISH FARMHOUSE CHEESE'S

Brie, red cheddar and Cashel blue served with homemade

## SAMPLE SUITE BUFFET MENU

### MAIN COURSE OPTIONS

Please choose 2 Main Course Options in Advance

#### IRISH MINUTE STEAK

Served with shallot and morel sauce

#### CLASSIC BEEF STROGANOFF

Strips of Beef served in a brandy cream and smoked paprika sauce

#### SUPREME OF IRISH CHICKEN

Roasted supreme of chicken stuffed with chorizo, cannellini beans and sun dried tomato, finished smoked paprika and basil

#### ESCALOPE OF FRESH SALMON AND COD

Succulent escalope of salmon & cod stuffed with baby spinach, on a bed of buttered leek with a delicate shrimp bisque

#### STIR FRIED CHICKEN

Served with green pepper and black bean sauce

#### VEGETARIAN DISH OF THE DAY

Our Chefs use the finest ingredients to produce a range of vegetarian dishes.

Served with Buttered Baby Potatoes or Rice & a Selection of Seasonal Vegetables

### TO FINISH

Please choose 2 Dessert Options in Advance

#### BAILEYS CHEESECAKE

Served with Fresh Cream

#### ROISIN'S STICKY TOFFEE PUDDING

Smothered in delicious butterscotch sauce and accompanied by fresh cream

#### CHOCOLATE & ORANGE DELICE

Served with a mango coulis and fresh cream

Followed by Freshly Brewed Tea or Coffee





# Prices



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# Enhance your Visit

## Tipster Service

A Tipster is a person who can furnish guests with their vast knowledge of greyhound racing and provide tips on which dog will hopefully fly across the finish line first.

## Drink Service to your table

We offer full bar facilities at all our stadiums. Your guests comfort is key for an enjoyable night out – so while dining in our Grandstand Restaurants or Hospitality Suites they will enjoy bar service direct to their table.

## Wine

Our Management Team have worked hard to select a balanced wine list in terms of geography, styles & grape varieties.

## Tote Betting & Tote Vouchers

For our restaurant & suite guests, our well informed tote staff will take bets at their tables.

Treat your guests to a winning chance by adding on a couple of bets for them to enjoy a flutter.

The race card contains information on Tote wagering and leaflets are available which provide a full explanation. All that's left to do is pick a winner!

## Sponsorship

Why not sponsor a race to make your night extra special?

- A Race named after your company on the night of your event.
- A Trophy for a company representative to present to the winning owner/trainer after your race.
- Personalised presentation jacket with your company's logo for the winning greyhound.
- Your company logo displayed on all the screens throughout the stadium after each race on the night of your event.



Enhance your Visit



# Our People, Their Stories



There are many dedicated staff, volunteers and greyhound owners behind the scenes of the Irish Retired Greyhound Trust, many of whom have never had their story recognised.

Throughout the summer and autumn of 2018, the IGB took a photographer and videographer on the road to capture just some of the stories of our people.

Watch them all now on [www.igb.ie/ourpeopletheirstories](http://www.igb.ie/ourpeopletheirstories)



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