



## 36<sup>th</sup> AIRC Riding Club Festival

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Mullingar Equestrian Centre, Co. Westmeath

This years event is sponsored:

Dressage: The Irish Field

Show Jumping: TRI Equestrain

Showing: Aloga, ARKequine, Derryglen Stud, Egan Plant & Agri, Horse Sport Ireland, River Lodge Stables, Targeted Worming Ireland, Top Spec, Treo Eile, Uniblock

**All competitors must have their AIRC membership card with them at all times.  
You must present it when asked by any official.**

### Arrivals

Arrivals at the venue are permitted from 14:00 until 20:30 on Friday and again from 07:00 on Saturday and Sunday morning. No arrivals will be accepted before 07:00 on Saturday and Sunday. The grounds will close at 20:30 each night.

Please note which entrance to use on each day. Consult the venue map for details.

### International Stables and Top Stable Block

Access on Friday only is through Stable entrance and on Saturday and Sunday access is through the main entrance on the Ballymahon Road (R392). Please unload as promptly as possible. Once unloaded. Follow the instructions of the MEC parking stewards at all times.

### Camping Only

Please arrive via the entrance on the R392.

### Show Office

The Show Office, which is located between International Sand and Sand 1 jumping arenas, will be open during the following times:

- Friday 16:00 to 19:00
- Saturday 08:00 to 18:30
- Sunday 08:30 to 18:00

We would ask you to only call to the office in person if necessary.

For general enquires while onsite, **please email [info@airc.ie](mailto:info@airc.ie) or you can message, WhatsApp or call 086 2499194** during the above hours only. Please email [info@airc.ie](mailto:info@airc.ie) outside of these hours and your queries will be responded to during working hours.



## Entries & Withdrawals

It is not possible to switch any of your classes at this stage.

### Withdrawals

Please email any withdrawals to [info@airc.ie](mailto:info@airc.ie) and include your competitor number, name, club, horses name and the class you are withdrawing from.

### Change of Horse

Any change of horse for individual competitions must be notified to the show office as follows:

- A change of horse for Saturday must be notified by 5pm on Friday evening.
- A change of horse for Sunday must be notified by 5pm on Saturday evening.

No changes will be accepted after these times. Any changes must be registered in advance of competing. *Failure to do so is in breach of AIRC rules and will result in disqualification.*

### Team Substitutions

In team dressage and team show jumping competitions, substitutions must be notified to the secretary's office in writing on the official form (available at the Show Office) **at least 30 minutes before the competition is due to start**. No changes will be accepted after this time.

This does not apply to the wildcard qualifier which is governed by separate rules.

## Competitor Times

We have accommodated, where possible, competitors and horses who are participating in a number of competitions each day. It is inevitable, however, that some competitions may run late, so please listen out for announcements on the day.

All competitors must co-operate fully with the stewards with regard to presenting themselves in time for their respective competitions.

Please note the following with regard to each discipline:

- Dressage
  - Times have been issued for competitors in all competitions. **You must turn up on time for your competition.**
  - In dressage, competitors are reminded that their published time is the time that they go down the centre line to start their test, not when you leave the warm-up arena.



- Show Jumping

- Times have been issued for competitors in some competitions. Where a specific time has been issued, you must turn up at this time to compete. If you fail to do so, we may not be able to accommodate you later.
- In classes where a time range has been provided, you must register with the call-up steward in the warm-up arena, before the end time provided.

*For example, competitors who have been allocated a time of 10:30 to 11:50 for their class, must register at the pocket no later than 11:50. If you do not register before the designated end time for your competition, you will not be permitted to compete. In any case competitors are asked to compete as early as they can in each competition.*

- Showing & Equitation Showing

- Times have been issued for competitors in all competitions. **You must turn up on time for your competition.**

- Performance Hunter, Working Hunter, and Handy Horse

- Competitors have been provided with a time range for each competition and this means you must register with the pocket steward in the warm-up arena, before the end time provided.
- Please note for the Connemara, Thoroughbred and Irish Draughts Working Hunter the 80 cm height will be first followed by 90 cm height. So please make sure you arrive at the correct time. You can check with the call up steward on the day.

*For example, competitors who have been allocated a time of 9:30 to 10:10, for their class, must register at the pocket no later than 10:10. If you do not register before the designated end time for your competition, you will not be permitted to compete. In any case competitors are asked to compete as early as they can in each competition.*

## Competitor Numbers

Numbers have been published alongside your competitor times and are unique to each rider/horse combination.

You must wear the correct competitor number at all times when mounted on the show grounds. Failure to wear a number will result in disqualification.

You must print your own numbers and you may use:



1. A Number Bib with your number on the front and back. You must use the template provided. Please remember that you must print two copies of your number, one for the front and one for the back of your number bib.
2. A bridle/saddlecloth number on both sides of the horse.

The number must be visible from a distance.

### Equine Passports

All horses must be accompanied by an Equine Passport. Spot checks will be carried out and those found without an equine passport will be liable to a fine up to a maximum of €1,000 and / or disqualification from the competitions entered.

### Equine Influenza

All horses must be vaccinated against equine influenza, and must have an up-to-date certificate of vaccination as per rule 21. Vaccination certificates must accompany all horses.

### Show Updates & Results

Information updates, including class start times, results, other information, etc will be announced by the commentator throughout the weekend.

Results will only be available online on the website at this [link](#).

Any queries that you may have, must be submitted to the show office.

***No queries/objections will be entertained after 30 minutes of the result being declared for the competition as per rule 19.***

### Prizes & Prize-givings

Prizes and rosettes will be awarded in accordance with rule 4.1.

Prizes may only be collected from the blue container located beside the judges' box in the International Sand Arena, at the end of the Pavilion. Collection times will be announced throughout the weekend. Please note that prizes will not be available for collection from the Secretary's Office.

Presentations will take place as follows:

- Dressage – A prize giving ceremony will take place on Saturday and Sunday and will be announced over the intercom with a time.



- Show Jumping – Presentations will take place at the end of each class. The winner is asked to attend along with all prize winners, where possible. Any uncollected prizes can be collected from the Show Office thereafter.
- Showing - Presentations will take place at the end of each class. Any uncollected prizes can be collected from the Show Office thereafter.
- Performance Hunter & Working Hunter – Prizes can be collected from the Show Office after the results have been published.
- Equitation Showing and Handy Horse – Prizes can be collected from the Show Office after the results have been published.

We would ask the winners of each class to attend in riding attire so a photograph can be taken when collecting their prize.

You must present your membership card in order to collect your any rosette or prize from the Show Office.

Please ensure to collect your prize or rosette(s) before going home each day.

### **Stables**

For enquiries and further information about stabling before or during the event, please contact Mullingar Equestrian Centre directly. For queries during the show, please Declan on 086 0331536.

**The Show Office will not deal with any stabling queries.**

*Competitors must provide their own buckets and mucking out utensils. No wheelbarrows will be available on site to transport material from the parking area to the stabling area. Horses remaining on site must use the stables provided in the designated area. Horses found stabled outside of this area will be eliminated.*

### **Farrier**

A farrier will be available onsite on Saturday morning between 10 am and 12 noon. Competitors will be charged individually for any shoeing carried out. Check at the Show Office for details.

### **Vehicles, bicycles, e-scooters**

In the interests of safety, the use of motorbikes, bicycles, e-scooters or any other form of motorised vehicles by exhibitors, their grooms, family or anyone else is forbidden on the show grounds.



## Liability

AIRC accepts no responsibility for any theft or damage to vehicles or property whilst attending this event. Patrons are reminded to take all necessary security precautions while attending the event (i.e. lock all vehicles while unattended, clamp horseboxes, etc.).

## Parking

Parking is only permitted in designated areas only and all patrons must adhere to the steward's instructions at all times. Cars must be parked in the car park provided.

- Parking on Friday only through the Stable entrance gate.
- Saturday and Sunday through the Main entrance on the Ballymahon Road.

## Camping

Camping is available onsite but patrons may only camp in the designated camping area. You must book a camping ticket - if you intend on camping over the two days. You can book using this link – [RCF Camping](#)

Anyone found camping outside of the designated areas will be asked to move and failure to comply will result in any competitor being disqualified and any club may be fined at the discretion of the organisers.

All patrons must camp in the designated camping area and must be considerate to their fellow campers at all times and noise levels must be kept to a minimum. No loud music after 11pm each night. Generators must be switched off at 11pm.

If you camp outside of the camping area, you will be asked to move and will be disqualified from taking part in any competitions.

## Exercising & Competition Access to Warm Up Arenas

Competitors may only exercise their horses in the following arenas on Friday evening:

- Sand One Warm-Up Arena
- Sand Two Warm Up Arena
- International Sand Warm Up Arena

Access to competition arenas is strictly prohibited unless competing. Horses are not permitted in the pedestrian zone at any time. Please consult the venue map for further information.



Anyone found exercising their horse in a competition area or outside the designated exercising area will be eliminated from their competitions and may be subject to a fine at the discretion of the organisers.

Only competitors are permitted to exercise their horse at the show and they must wear their competition number while exercising their horse at all times throughout the weekend.

Horses may only be lunged in the designated lunging area only. See the venue map for details.

### **Social Events**

Grainne's Table Quiz will take place on Friday evening at 9:00pm, please keep an eye on our socials for details. Music Bingo, a Para Equestrian Ireland will hold a Demo which will take place before the Musical Ride in International Sand at 17:10. A raffle in aid of Para Equestrian Ireland will take place followed by a disco on Saturday night from 8pm. These events are free.

### **Bar and Catering Facilities**

Pizza van will be open on Friday evening. The Pavillion bar and restaurant will be open on Saturday and Sunday.

**Only food and drink purchased in the Pavillion can be consumed there.**

### **Shower Facilities**

The shower facilities will be available during the morning and evening on Saturday and during the morning on Sunday. Shower tokens can be purchased from Forever Equestrian and the Pavilion restaurant.

### **On-Site Considerations**

- Follow instructions given by officials and stewards at all times.
- Follow guidance on capacity numbers in arenas.
- Please dispose of litter and muck in the appropriate places and keep the show grounds litter free.
- Dogs must be on a short lead at all times.
- Hats to the correct standard must be worn at all times when mounted. It is encouraged to wear a hat when handling horses on the ground.
- It is understood by the officials, competitors and volunteers that any photographs (and/or film footage) taken at the show by an official photographer may be used by



the organiser or sponsors in future publications without payment. Anyone who does not want their photo taken must contact the secretary in writing.

- There is a strict no smoking policy in the stabling area.
- Keep your lorries/vehicles locked at all times.

## Socials & Website

Make sure you keep checking the website, social media and emails over the days leading up to the show, during the show and thereafter for updates on this show.

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram. You can also join our eNewsletter.

Good luck and have fun!

**We hope you have an enjoyable weekend!**



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