



National Hunter Trials Championships

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When: Sunday 12th April 2026

Venue: Nuenna Farm, Bawntanameenagh, Freshford, Co. Kilkenny **R95 XF79**

Organiser: Association of Irish Riding Clubs
Ground Floor, Beech House, Millennium Park, Osberstown, Naas, Co. Kildare
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The organiser reserves the right to the right to alter, amend or cancel any of this schedule or part thereof.

Entries:

- Online entries open, via your [membership online \(MO\) account](#). Never used this service before? [Read this](#).
- Open: Tuesday 24th March 2026
- Close: 12 noon, Wednesday 1st April 2026
- Postal, email, or telephone entries are not accepted

Non-transferable; subject to a non-refundable administration charge

Qualification: There is no specific qualification criteria for this event.

Schedule of Events:

Class 1	RC 80 Open Pairs
Class 2	RC 80 Championship
Class 3	Young Horse
Class 4	RC 90 Open Pairs
Class 5	RC 90 Championship
Class 6	RC 100 Open Pairs
Class 7	RC 100 Championship
Class 8	RC 110 & RC 120 Championship

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Members may only compete at the grade stated on their membership card in any championship classes (Classes 2, 5, 7 and 8).

Class 3, the young horse class, is open to riders of RC 90, RC 100, RC 110 and RC 120 riders only. Only 4 and 5-year-old horses are eligible for this competition which shall be run over the **RC 80 course**.

The Open Pairs competitions (Classes 1, 4 & 6) are open to competitors of any grade equal to or higher in cross-country. Members who compete in open classes are reminded that they may only compete at two consecutive levels, on any day, at any show, on the same horse.

Competitors:

Only registered members of a club affiliated to the Association of Irish Riding Clubs at the close of entries are eligible to enter this event.

Competitors may only enter classes based on their cross-country grade at the time of entering, irrespective of any subsequent grade changes.

It is the competitors' responsibility to be fully conversant with the rules for this competition.

Horses:

Horses must be entered under their registered name as described on their passport, at this event. They may only start twice on the day of this event. Consult rule 6.3 in the rules and regulations document (D04/12) for eligibility criteria.

If your horse is not registered with the Association, you will not be able to enter online. For information on registering a horse, [click here](#). Please ensure to register your horse in time before entering this event.

You can check to see if your horse is already registered by logging into your [membership online account](#) or alternatively by searching for it, using its registered name, [here](#).

Entry Fees & Information:

- €26 per individual entry
- €40 per pair entry

Hors concours and novice horse entries are not accepted at this event. Online entries are subject to an administrative charge which is non-refundable. Entries are non-transferable. A supplementary fee will apply to late entries, if they can be accommodated.

Refunds:

Refunds (excluding the administrative charge) will be issued for withdrawals received, using the online [event refund request form \(F14/11\)](#), by the close of entries. No refund will be issued for withdrawals received after this date.

In the event of this championship being abandoned (i.e. after it started), for whatever reason, no refunds will be issued.

Prizes & Rosettes:

Prizes and rosettes will be awarded in accordance with rule 4.1

Volunteers:

Each region will be allocated tasks to assist with the running of this event and therefore all participating members will be called upon by your club/region to volunteer at this event.

If you are not participating at this event but would like to volunteer, please call our office on 045 - 246 686 or email info@airc.ie with your details and availability.

All volunteers will be entered into a special draw for a gift voucher after the event has taken place.

Accommodation:

For information on available accommodation in the area, visit www.booking.com.

Other Information:

- Competitors must have their membership card and equine passport in their possession at this event. Spot checks will be carried out.
- Competitors must abide by AIRC rules, including dress code, at all times and it is their responsibility to be fully conversant with them for this competition. To download a copy of the current AIRC rule book, go to www.airc.ie/downloads and search for rule book.
- Competitors will jump in numerical order. Approximate start times for each competition and your jumping order will be posted on www.airc.ie nearer the event.
- Level three back protectors & skull caps are mandatory. Medical armbands, if worn, must be worn on your arm. Timing devices are not permitted for RC 80 and RC 90 classes as per rule 24.9. Consult the rule book for further information.
- In open classes, the grade at which you compete dictates which rules apply. For example in RC 80 Open classes, riders are not permitted to wear spurs nor are they allowed to use timing devices.
- Competitors must provide their own number bib for this event and print their own number.
- There will be no farrier service available at this event.

**Stabling availability for
AIRC National Hunter Trials
in Nuenna Farm, Freshford, Co Kilkenny, R95XF79**

Name	Contact Details	Address	Please contact owner directly (distance)
Yvonne Hoban	0879375726	Kilkieran Equestrian farm Ballyfoyle Kilkenny R95K6A2	20 min approx
David Ryan	0868045539	Esker Jenkinstown Kilkenny R95PX07	10 min approx
Ailis Holohan	0863058361	Killahy Tullaroan Kilkenny R95R940	15 min approx
Paddy Rafter	086 3199374	R95 C5KK	5mins
Dympna Gibbons	086 3645432		