



An Roinn Tithíochta,
Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreacht
Department of Housing,
Local Government and Heritage

NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

WILDLIFE ACT, 1976 (AS AMENDED) – SECTION 26(3) LICENCE TO HOLD A REGULATED MEETING ON DAYS NOT SPECIFIED IN THE HARES ORDER

The Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage (*hereinafter referred to as “the Minister”*), in exercise of the powers conferred on them by Section 9 & 26(3) of the Wildlife Act, 1976 (No.39 of 1976), as adapted, hereby grants to **Co. Limerick Coursing Club**, as an affiliated club of the Irish Coursing Club, Davis Road, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary, a licence to hold a one day regulated coursing meeting on Sunday 1 March 2026 (*subject to the conditions specified hereunder*).

Dated this 19 day of February 2026

For the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage

Claire Bowley



CONDITIONS

1. The Licence shall be produced for inspection on a request being made in that behalf by a member of the Garda Síochána or any person appointed by the Minister under Section 72 of the Wildlife Act, 1976 (as amended), to be an authorised person for the purposes of the said Act.
2. A return giving details of the numbers and locations (including tag numbers) of the capture of all hares made by Co. Limerick Coursing Club made on foot of this licence shall be made available to the Minister and the relevant NPWS Officer, by email to coursing@npws.gov.ie by Monday 23 February 2025.
3. No hare may be coursed more than once on the day and all necessary arrangements shall be made to ensure that hares that have been coursed can be readily identified to ensure that this condition is rigidly observed.
4. Sick, injured or pregnant hares shall not be coursed.
5. Hares that become sick or injured or that appear to be pregnant while in captivity may not be coursed.
6. The coursing club shall arrange for a qualified veterinary surgeon to be in attendance during the entire meeting, and that they shall prepare a signed report on the general health of the hares and on any injuries or deaths of hares that occur during the meeting. The club shall ensure that the signed veterinary report in respect of its meeting is submitted to the Department within four weeks of the date on which the meeting finished.
7. Adequate escapes must be provided while trialling or coursing hares captured pursuant to the Licence.
8. The coursing club to which this licence refers shall co-operate fully with any officer of the Minister and shall comply with any request made by such an officer in the course of his/her duties.
9. All relevant conditions attached to the licences issued to the ICC under Sections 32 & 34 of the Wildlife Act for the 2024/25 coursing season shall be adhered to.
10. In all matters relating to the meeting and the muzzling of greyhounds, there shall be full compliance with the Directives, Instructions and Guidance Notes issued by the Executive Committee of the Irish Coursing Club.
11. It is an offence under Section 69(6) of the Wildlife Acts to contravene a condition, attached to a licence or permission granted by the Minister.

