



**An Roinn Cultúir,  
Oidhreacht agus Gaeltachta**  
Department of Culture,  
Heritage and the Gaeltacht

**NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE**

**WILDLIFE ACT, 1976 (AS AMENDED) – SECTION 34**

**LICENCE TO CAPTURE LIVE HARES**

The Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht (hereinafter referred to as “the Minister”), in exercise of the powers conferred on her by Sections 9 and 34 of the Wildlife Act, 1976 (No. 39 of 1976), as adapted, hereby grants to the IRISH COURSING CLUB, (“the Licensee”), Davis Road, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary a licence to capture alive hares by means of nets between the 10 August 2018 and the 28<sup>th</sup> day of February 2019 subject to the conditions specified hereunder. The authority given by the Licence shall be exercisable by the Licensee and by the Coursing Clubs listed in the schedule attached hereto.

Dated this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2018.

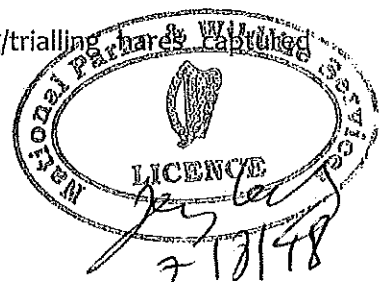
For the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht


**CONDITIONS:**

1. The Licence shall remain in force for the period beginning on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August 2018 and ending on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019 and may be revoked or amended by the Minister.
2. The Licence is issued pursuant to and in accordance with the Wildlife Act, 1976 (Approved Traps, Snares and Nets) Regulations, 2003 (S.I. No. 620 of 2003).

3. A return giving particulars of all of the captures and the locations of the captures made on foot of this licence shall be made to the Minister within 4 weeks of the expiry of the period of validity of the Licence or on a request made in that behalf by the Minister.
4. A return giving particulars of the number of hares coursed at a coursing event and/or trial session each day and other data relating to hare deaths and hares needing assistance or injured and the numbers and locations of the releases of hares made by the licensee and by the coursing clubs listed in the schedule attached hereto shall be made to the Minister within 4 weeks of the expiry of the period of validity of the Licence or on a request made in that behalf by the Minister.
5. Details of the numbers and locations of the capture of all hares made by the coursing clubs listed in the schedule attached hereto shall be made available to the relevant conservation ranger, on or before the weekend of the meeting for which the hares were captured. In addition, these details should be notified by email to [REDACTED] prior to the individual meetings.
6. The nets shall not be placed or operated in a place or in such a way as to endanger farm or domestic animals or other species for which they are not intended.
7. 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.
8. The Licensee and each of the coursing clubs listed in the schedule attached hereto shall arrange for a qualified veterinary surgeon to be in attendance during all of their coursing and trial meetings, and that he/she 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. Each club shall ensure that the signed veterinary report in respect of its meeting and a signed veterinary report of a trial session is submitted to the Department within four weeks of the date on which the meeting/trial finished.
9. Any hare captured pursuant to the Licence may not be coursed or trialed more than once on the same day and all necessary arrangements shall be made to ensure that hares that have been coursed or trialed can be readily identified to ensure that this condition is rigidly observed.
10. Sick, injured or pregnant hares shall not be taken under the Licence.
11. Hares that become sick or injured or that appear to be pregnant while in captivity shall not be coursed or trialed.
12. Adequate escapes must be provided while coursing/trialling hares captured pursuant to the Licence.

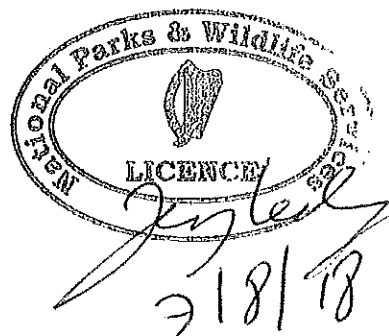


13. All hares must be released back into the wild during daylight hours the day after the coursing meeting has concluded, unless otherwise agreed with the relevant National Parks and Wildlife Service staff beforehand.
14. The same numbers of hares must be released back into the wild at the same locations from which such numbers were captured, unless otherwise agreed beforehand with the relevant National Parks and Wildlife Service staff.
15. The Licence does not cover the following townlands in Co. Wexford:  
North East Slob, North West Slob, Big Island, Beggering Island and The Raven.
16. All National Parks and Statutory Nature Reserves within the State are excluded from the provisions of the Licence.
17. This licence covers the capturing of hares in the State. Any club capturing hares outside of this jurisdiction for the purposes of hare coursing or trialling inside the jurisdiction must be able to produce the relevant licenses/ authorisation from the appropriate state authorities concerned.
18. The Licensee and the coursing clubs listed in the schedule attached hereto 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.
19. The removal from this jurisdiction of hares captured in this jurisdiction under the terms of this licence is strictly prohibited.
20. In all matters relating to the capture, keeping in captivity, tagging, marking, coursing, trialling, training and release of hares, 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.
21. Any person involved in the capturing of hares must have a written certificate, signed by the Club Secretary or the Secretary of the Irish Coursing Club, certifying that the named bearer is a member of a Club affiliated to the Irish Coursing Club and that certificate must be produced on request to a member of the Garda Síochana or an Authorised Person appointed by the Minister under Section 72 of the Wildlife Act, 1976 (as amended).
22. The Licensee, the Coursing Clubs affiliated to the Irish Coursing Club and the Members of such clubs must comply with Section 44 of the Wildlife Acts and must obtain the permission, either of the person who is the owner or the occupier of the land or, in cases where some other person is entitled to enjoy sporting rights over the land, that other person, prior to entering on any land for the purpose of hunting or catching hares.
23. Trials should only be run for the express purpose of familiarising hares with the most direct route to the escape and no more than one dog should take part in any trial run.



24. A club may hold no more than one trial session. In exceptional circumstances, the Irish Coursing Club may apply to the Minister to hold a second day's trial. An authorised officer of the Irish Coursing Club should be in attendance at each such session.
25. All coursing fixture event and trials sessions shall be notified by the Irish Coursing Club to the Department (by email to the address [REDACTED] or any other email address as may be notified to the Irish Coursing Club from time to time) as soon as such details become available to the Irish Coursing Club.

Note: The Licence does not authorise any person to enter on any land without the permission of the owner or occupier of the land.



## Irish Coursing Club Licence Schedule 2018/19

Coursing Club Name	County
Carlow	Carlow
Cavan (incl. Dungannon)	Cavan
Ennis & Clarecastle	Clare
Killimer & Kilrush	Clare
Liscannor	Clare
Miltown Malbay	Clare
South Clare	Clare
Tradaree	Clare
Bandon & Careys Cross	Cork
Charleville	Cork
Churchtown South Open	Cork
Clonakilty	Cork
Cork	Cork
Cork County Open	Cork
Dromina Open	Cork
Fermoy & Grange	Cork
Glanworth	Cork
Macroom	Cork
Mallow	Cork
Milford Open	Cork
Millstreet	Cork
Mitchelstown	Cork
Rathcormac	Cork
East Donegal	Donegal
Balbriggan	Dublin
Galway & Oranmore	Galway
Loughrea	Galway
Abbeydorney	Kerry
Ballyduff	Kerry
Ballyheigue	Kerry
Castleisland	Kerry
County Kerry	Kerry
Killflyn	Kerry
Listowel	Kerry
Lixnaw	Kerry
Athy Open	Kildare
Newbridge Open	Kildare
Old Kilcullen	Kildare
Roseberry Open	Kildare
Freshford	Kilkenny
Johnstown & Urlingford	Kilkenny
Mooncoin	Kilkenny
North Kilkenny	Kilkenny
Sevenhouses	Kilkenny
Borris-in-Ossory	Laois
Rathdowney	Laois
Abbeyfeale	Limerick
Ardpatrick & Kilfinane	Limerick
County Limerick (Irish Cup)	Limerick



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Coursing Club Name	County
Doon & District	Limerick
Fedamore Open	Limerick
Galbally	Limerick
Glin	Limerick
Limerick City	Limerick
Newcastle West	Limerick
Rathkeale	Limerick
Regional	Limerick
Dundalk & Dowdallshill	Louth
Westport	Mayo
Duleek Open	Meath
Leinster Open	Meath
Trim	Meath
Ballinagar	Offaly
Edenderry	Offaly
Roscommon	Roscommon
Tubbercurry - Kilcreevin/Ballymote	Sligo
Borrisoleigh	Tipperary
Cashel	Tipperary
Clonmel & District Open	Tipperary
Clonmel & Kilsheelan	Tipperary
Crohan & Killenaule	Tipperary
Fethard Open	Tipperary
Knockgraffon	Tipperary
Knockgraffon Open	Tipperary
National Meeting (Clonmel)	Tipperary
Nenagh	Tipperary
Templetouhy	Tipperary
Thurles	Tipperary
Tipperary District	Tipperary
Cappoquinn	Waterford
Dungarvan	Waterford
Waterford	Waterford
Castletown - Geoghegan	Westmeath
Westmeath United	Westmeath
Enniscorthy	Wexford
Gorey	Wexford
New Ross	Wexford
Wexford	Wexford

