



## Membership Form 2024

### Personal Details

Membership No: \_\_\_\_\_

(Renewals only)

Forename: \_\_\_\_\_

Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: Male ☐ Female ☐

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Town: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Eircode: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact No: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Membership Type

New Member: ☐

Renewal: ☐

Transfer: ☐

If transfer:

State previous club: \_\_\_\_\_

Year last registered: \_\_\_\_\_

### Membership Category

Riding Member: ☐

Non-Riding Member: ☐

### Grading Information

Dressage: \_\_\_\_\_

Show Jumping: \_\_\_\_\_

Cross Country: \_\_\_\_\_

### Grading Information

Have you ever competed in any of the following and if so what level?

Dressage Ireland: Yes ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

Show Jumping Ireland: Yes ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

Eventing Ireland: Yes ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate if you have any BHS examinations?

Stage 1 ☐ Stage 4 ☐

Stage 2 ☐ BHS II ☐

Stage 3 ☐ BHS I ☐

BHSAI ☐ FBHS ☐

Have you ever been a member of the Pony Club, if yes what examination did you pass and at what level did you compete:

D Test ☐ B Test ☐

D+ Test ☐ H Test ☐

C Test ☐ B+ Test ☐

C+ Test ☐ A Test ☐

If you have any further information that will help us to grade you at the correct level. You may be requested to send a video of you riding in walk, trot, canter and jumping, if required, by our Grading Officer.

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### Medical Conditions

I understand that if I have a medical condition that may affect my riding, I will inform the Club Secretary or Instructors.

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## Insurance

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All members are advised to arrange their own personal accident insurance, and horse owners to obtain third party insurance.

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## Volunteering

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If I am accepted for membership, I agree to help the club at club, regional and national events. I am aware that when I enter any National Championships that it is compulsory to volunteer.

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## Privacy & Data Protection

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At Thomastown & District RC (TT&D RC) we are committed to respecting and protecting your privacy. The information you provide on this form will be used solely for the purposes of communicating with you as a member of TT&D RC.

As we are affiliated to the Association of Irish Riding Clubs (AIRC), your personal information will be shared with them in order to fulfil your AIRC membership benefits and/or services and they may share them with associates for the purpose of fulfilling your full membership benefits and/or services (i.e. insurance providers)

I understand that if I do not provide my personal data, my membership cannot be registered with the club and the AIRC.

TT&D RC / AIRC will automatically contact you about your membership, for example, to ensure you receive your membership benefits, to tell you about news, activities and events. This includes sending you email updates, information on other membership benefits, and publishing competition times and results in the public domain.

To see our privacy policy go to [www.airc.ie/privacy](http://www.airc.ie/privacy).

I hereby give my consent to be contacted by:

Email ☐  
SMS ☐  
Whatsapp ☐

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## Disclaimer

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Horse riding is a risk sport, participation therefore holds potential danger. Horses are sometimes unpredictable and do not always respond as expected.

You may suffer serious personal injuries, as well as a loss of property as a result of exposing yourself to the risks and hazards associated with riding as a sport.

The Association of Irish Riding Clubs, their members or Agents shall not be liable for, nor shall they accept responsibility, for any injury, loss or damage howsoever sustained by any person or persons, whether arising under the express or implied terms of this contract, in negligence or a common law or in any other manner arising, whether direct or indirect and including consequential losses arising out of any of the activities of this organisation or in any other way whatsoever.

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## General Regulations and Conditions

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If I am accepted for membership, I agree to be bound by the rules of TT&D RC and the rules of the Association of Irish Riding Clubs.

I also agree to be bound by the code of conduct for TT&D RC and also the Association of Irish Riding Clubs.

I understand that membership of the club runs from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December each year.

I have read the data protection information and have given my consent, by signing below, to be contacted by TT&D RC and by AIRC for the purposes of my membership.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed By: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(If required)

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## Please tick if you agree to the following

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To the use of my photos by TT&D RC ☐

To volunteer at club shows /Nationals ☐

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## Return Form

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**Club Secretary: Gillian Hennessy**

**Address: The Racecourse, Kells Rd, Kilkenny R95 E6E4**

**Email: [secretarythomastownanddistrict@gmail.com](mailto:secretarythomastownanddistrict@gmail.com)**

**Contact No: 087 674 4968**

**Membership Fee of €80.00 to be lodged to:**

**Bank of Ireland, Parliament St, Kilkenny**

**BOFI 9060 6474 188907**

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## **ASSOCIATION OF IRISH RIDING CLUBS CLUB CONSTITUTION**

### **ARTICLE ONE**

- The club shall be known as THOMASTOWN & DISTRICT known herein as the club.
- The clubs address shall be that of the residing secretary.
- The official club colours are NAVY & BABY BLUE.

### **ARTICLE TWO**

- The objects of the club shall be:
  - To encourage riding as a sport and recreation, to promote good fellowship, and to improve and maintain the standard of riding and horsemanship among the club members for their enjoyment.
  - To organise instructional meetings, lectures, competitive events and all other activities deemed to further these objects.
  - To support and co-operate with recognised organisations interested in the breeding and use of all breeds and types of horses and ponies.
  - To maintain full affiliation to the Association of Irish Riding Clubs.
  - To further concern itself with any object which will further benefit the horse, horse owner, and user.
  - To enter teams and individual members for inter-club and national competitions.
  - Members to represent club, region, and association in a fair and sporting manner.

### **ARTICLE THREE**

- The membership shall consist of persons who have been accepted by the Committee, have paid the due subscription for the current period, and are within the current A.I.R.C. membership rules.
- The club year shall begin on January 1<sup>st</sup> and end on December 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Honorary membership may be conferred by the Committee upon any person deemed by them to have rendered notable service to the Club. No associate member may be a voting member of the Club.
- The annual subscription fee shall be payable on or before January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Any member whose subscription is in arrears shall have his or her name removed from the membership list after written notice to the effect has been sent to him or her.
- The Committee may expel from membership of the Club any member who has breached any of the rules of the Club, or who has in the opinion of the Committee been guilty of any conduct derogatory to the character or prejudicial to the interests of the Club, provided that before expelling him or her the Committee shall call upon him or her for an explanation of his or her conduct and provide a proper opportunity of answering the allegations against him or her.

### **ARTICLE FOUR**

- The Committee shall only be elected at the clubs Annual General Meeting.
- All powers of management of the Club and its affairs shall be vested in the Committee consisting of: Chairperson, Secretary, PRO, Treasurer, Safety Officer(s) and between two or three other Committee members. Five, including two officers, shall form a quorum.

- At the Annual General Meeting one third of the Committee shall retire but can go forward for re-election.
- The Chairman, Secretary, Assistant Secretary & PRO, Treasurer and Safety Officer shall be elected annually by the Club members at the Annual General Meeting.
- The decision of the Committee shall be final unless overruled at a General or Extraordinary General Meeting.
- The Committee shall be the sole authority for the interpretation of the rules and for anything relating to the Club not provided therein and their decision shall be final and binding on the Club members.
- The Committee may formulate bye-laws for the detailed running of the Club and elect sub-committees for any special activities of the Club which the Committee may authorise.
- No more than one member of the same household shall be committee members at the same time.
- The Committee shall have the power to fill any casual vacancy arising amongst members of the Committee, but any person so co-opted shall retain office only until the next following Annual General Meeting and then shall be eligible for re-election.
- To be eligible for nomination to the Committee, the nominee must have been a member of the club for at least two years. Associate members are not entitled to nominate, vote or stand for election to the Committee.
- Any Committee Member absenting him/herself without good cause from more than 50% on meetings and major club fixtures, shall be deemed to have had his Committee nomination suspended and shall be notified as such.
- The financial year of the Club shall commence on 1<sup>st</sup> November in each year.
- The Committee shall determine the annual subscription rates, having due regard to the financial standing of the Club at that time.
- The Chairman shall have a deliberative and casting vote.

## **ARTICLE FIVE**

- The Annual General Meeting shall be held in the month of Oct/Nov/Dec each year to fall in line with the renewals of subscription to AIRC to transact the following business:
  - To receive and, if approved, to adopt a statement of the Club's accounts to the end of the preceding year.
  - To elect a new Committee.
  - To deal with any special matter which the Committee may desire to bring before members and to receive suggestions from members for consideration by the Committee.
- Notice convening the General Meeting shall be sent to the members not less than 10 days before the meeting and shall specify the matters to be dealt with.
- An Extraordinary General meeting may be called by the Committee, or by request signed by not less than ten members specifying the business to be discussed. The Secretary shall give all members ten days notice of the date of such a meeting and shall specify in such notice matters to be dealt with at the meeting.
- The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting to or the non-receipt of a notice of a meeting by any member shall not invalidate the proceedings of the meeting.
- The Committee shall meet as and when required by the Chairman.
- These rules may be added to, repealed or amended by resolution at any Annual or Special General Meeting, provided that no such resolution shall be deemed to have been passed unless carried by a majority of at least two-thirds of the members present and voting thereon, and provided that prior notice has been sent to all members stating the proposed amendment.
- At any meeting, Full members and Non-Riding (Social) Members shall be entitled to one vote.
- The Chairman will be entitled to vote only in the case of a tied vote.
- The provisions of any Article of the Constitution may be waived at a General Meeting by a unanimous vote of the members present.

## ARTICLE SIX

- Entries by individual members of the Club for national events shall only be by the permission of the Committee.
- There shall be no restriction on members using horses from any source to represent the Club.
- The Club Colours should be worn by all members representing the Club in Team Events.
- The rules governing all competitions shall be those laid down by the Association of Irish Riding Clubs.
- The Club, its Committee or persons acting on their behalf shall not be held responsible for any accident or injury to any person, horse or property howsoever caused.
- Members shall be correctly attired at all Club events. The proper protective headgear must be worn by all riders adhering to current A.I.R.C. regulations.
- The bank accounts of the Club shall be maintained at the BANK OF IRELAND or such bank as the Committee may from time to time decide.
- If any General Meeting a resolution for the dissolution of the Club shall be passed by a majority of two-thirds of the members present and voted thereon, the Committee shall thereupon, or at such future date as shall be specified in such resolution, proceed to realise the property of the club and after the discharge of all liabilities (or rateable in proportion to the amount each member has paid in subscription) among the members and upon the completion of such division the Club shall be dissolved.

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Club Chairman

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Date of Approval