

Schedule
IRISH WOLFHOUND
SOCIETY OF IRELAND



Breed Open Show
Sunday 12th APRIL 2026
At
Tullynally Castle, Castlepollard,
Co. Westmeath

Judge

Dorothea Hanlon-Carroll

Entries Close 30th March 2026 (Postmark)
Enter online at www.showguidesystems.ie
Online closes at midnight on the 5th April 2026

Show Secretary

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Officers and Committee

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| President | Ms. A O’Keeffe |
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Committee members Ms. Carol Dreyer,
Mr. Philip Mahon, Mr. Karl White

Veterinary Surgeon
Aoife Gibney MRCVI

Presidents Address

On behalf of the Irish Wolfhound Society of Ireland, I would like to welcome you all to our show. Thank you to everyone for your continued support over the years. I would like to welcome our judge Dorothea Hanlon-Carroll, we are delighted that she agreed to judge our Hounds.

As in previous years we will have special classes which we hope you all will enjoy. We are looking forward to meeting you on the 12th of April 2026 and most importantly hope that you will really enjoy your day.

Looking forward to seeing you at Tullynally Castle!

Best wishes,

Anne O' Keeffe

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Jurisdiction: The show will be held under the license and rules of the Irish Kennel Club.
2. Registration: All dogs entered for competition, or otherwise must be registered at the Irish Kennel Club Ltd as in force on **1st January 2026**
3. Rosettes will be given to 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Reserve in each class. Cups and trophies will be presented to paid up members of the Irish Wolfhound Society of Ireland only and are offered under Society rules.
4. Exhibits: each Exhibitor should be responsible for keeping their exhibits under proper control at all times.
5. Judge: Judging will commence at 11am sharp. In the event of the appointed judge failing to keep his/her engagement the committee shall have the right to appoint another judge.
6. Interpretation; All disputes shall be dealt with by the committee. Parties to such dispute have the right to appeal to the Irish Kennel Club.
7. Accident or Damage: The Society shall not be responsible for any loss or damage sustained through accidents by exhibits, exhibitors or other persons attending the show.
8. Veterinary Examination: The Veterinary surgeon in attendance will have the power to exclude any exhibit which, in his opinion, is not fit for exhibition on account of disease, vice, lice or other causes.
9. Entries: The committee reserves the right to reject any entry.
Entry fees: There will be an entry fee of €15.00 for the first dog, €10 for subsequent dogs
Stakes Classes €10 per dog
10. Entries close on the 30th March 2026 (postmark). Entry forms must be completed in ink. Details of entries and appropriate fees to be sent to the **Show Secretary Heidi Bolte-Charles, Gilbertstown, Castlepollard, N91EY62.**
Email secretaryiwsoi@gmail.com.
Online entries close at midnight on the **5th April 2026** online at www.showguidesystems.ie
11. Catalogues will be available on the day. The catalogue will be compiled from the entry forms submitted. While every effort will be made to correctly interpret the form, the committee cannot accept responsibility for mistakes therein
12. Carpark: Free.
13. Videos/Photos: please be aware that there will be a video compiled and /or photo taken of the show and by entering the show you agree to your photo/video taken.
14. Children: Any child attending to exhibit or otherwise participate at the show remains the responsibility and in the care of their parent or guardian at all times.

Directions to the Venue

Tullyally Castle and Gardens are located just outside Castlepollard, Co. Westmeath on the R394 towards Coole and Edgeworthstown.

Eircode: N91 HV58

Irish Kennel Club Sportsmen

Sportsmen respect the history, traditions and integrity of the sport of purebred dogs.

Sportsmen commit themselves to values of fair play, honesty, courtesy, and vigorous competition, as well as winning and losing with grace.

Sportsmen refuse to compromise their commitment and obligation to the sport of purebred dogs by injecting personal advantage or consideration into their decisions or behaviour.

The sportsman judge judges only on the merits of the dogs and considers no other factors.

The sportsman judge or exhibitor accepts constructive criticism.

The sportsman exhibitor declines to enter or exhibit under a judge where it might reasonably appear that the judge's placements could be based on something other than the merits of the dogs.

The sportsman exhibitor refuses to compromise the impartiality of a judge.

The sportsman respects the Irish Kennel Clubs bye-laws, rules, regulations and policies governing the sport of purebred dogs.

Sportsmen find that vigorous competition and civility are not inconsistent and are able to appreciate the merit of their competition and the effort of competitors.

Sportsmen welcome, encourage and support newcomers to the sport.

Sportsmen will deal fairly with all those who trade with them.

Sportsmen are willing to share honest and open appraisals of both the strengths and weaknesses of their breeding stock

Sportsmen spurn any opportunity to take personal advantage of positions offered or bestowed upon them.

Sportsmen always consider as paramount the welfare of their dog.

Sportsmen refuse to embarrass the sport, the Irish Kennel Club, or themselves while taking part in the sport

Note: The term sportsman and sportsmen in this context is gender neutral.

Parental/Guardian Consent For Junior/Child Handler Entries

I acknowledge and accept unreservedly that any child attending to exhibit or otherwise participate at any event organised by, licensed by or otherwise under the auspices of, the Irish Kennel Club Ltd (IKC) remains the responsibility and in the care of their parent or guardian at all times.

I consent to photographic / video images of the named child's participation in licenced events organised by, licensed by or otherwise under the auspices of the IKC being utilised for the promotion and celebration of IKC activities on the IKC website, IKC Facebook page, and in local and national media.

I confirm (i) all details supplied are correct, (ii) I have read this document, and (iii) I am entitled to give either parental or guardian consent for the named child.

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian:

Signature:-

Name (Block Capitals):-

Address:-

Date:- / /20..... Tel:-

Email:-.....

Class Definitions

Baby Puppy Class is for dogs over the age of four months and under the age of six months on the day of the show computed from and inclusive of the day of its birth.

Puppy Class is for dogs over the age of six months and under the age of twelve months on the day of the show computed from and inclusive of the day of its birth.

Junior Class is for dogs between nine and eighteen months of age of six months on the day of the show computed from and inclusive of the day of its birth.

Intermediate Class is for dogs between the age of 15 and 24 months on the day of the show computed from and inclusive of the day of its birth.

Adult Class is for dogs between the age of 24 and 36 months on the day of the show computed from and inclusive of the day of its birth.

Open Class is for dogs over the age of 15 months of age on the day of the show computed from and inclusive of the day of its birth.

Champion Class is for dogs who have gained the title of Champion under Irish Kennel Club rules or under a recognised Kennel Authority confirmed by the closing date of entries.

Veteran Class is for dogs over eight years of age on the day of the show computed from and inclusive of the day of its birth.

Neutered Class is for sterilised dogs over the age of four months. They may not compete in any other class other than Best Neuter in Show.

Beginner Stakes Class To be eligible for this class neither the owner, handler, or dog owner will have won a Green Star. In the event of co-owners all owners must fulfil the criteria. The class is judged on the quality of the dog.

N.B.: The word dog includes both sexes.

A dog or bitch may be entered in ONE BREED CLASS ONLY (no double entries)

Food and beverages will be available on the day

Membership Renewal

On behalf of the committee THANK YOU for your support and continuing participation.

Our focus is this magnificent breed in its entirety: showing, breeding, lure coursing, fun days, get-togethers, walks in various parts of the country.

We provide for all Irish Wolfhound lovers throughout the island of Ireland, both show dogs and pets.

With your help we have had many fund days and meeting. With your help we will continue to develop the Society thought out this year and beyond.

We are proud of what we achieved and we could not have done without you!

Please continue to support the Irish Wolfhound Society of Ireland and renew your membership for the coming year or join us!

CLASSIFICATION

DOGS: Baby Puppy Puppy Junior Intermediate Adult Open Champion Veteran
Neutered Dog

BITCHES: Baby Puppy Puppy Junior Intermediate Adult Open Champion Veteran
Neutered Bitch

Stakes Classes

Brace Stakes, Team Stakes, Special Beginners Stakes.

Entry Fee €10 per class

These classes will be judged after Best In Show.

Handling under 12yrs

Handling over 12yrs and under 18yrs

Specials

Tallest Dog, Tallest Bitch,

Best First Time Exhibitor, Best Stud Dog, Best Brood Bitch, Best Handler.

Best Altered Male /Female, Best Presented Dog on the Day

to be entered on the day of show. Entry Fee €3 per class if entered in breed class

Otherwise €5 per class.

Rosettes will be awarded in each class for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Reserve.

Best In Show, Reserve Best In Show

Best Baby Puppy, Best Puppy, Reserve Best Puppy,

Best Junior, Best Intermediate, Best Adult, Best Open,

Best Champion, Best Veteran,

Willing hands and volunteers are always needed and greatly appreciated. If you can spare a couple of hours on the day or on the day before, we would be so grateful. Let us know if you can help to make our special day a success! Thanks a million

For the latest IWSOI information including great deals on accommodation and ferry travel, please visit our website www.iwsoi.com or our facebook page The-Irish-Wolfhound-Society-of-Ireland

Raffle Announcement

On the behalf of the committee THANK YOU for your support and continuing participation.

To celebrate 20 years of the Irish Wolfhound Society of Ireland we are going to launch a raffle at our open show. Tickets will be available online on our Facebook page, Instagram page or through our website. The raffle will take place on the 12th of July at our Irish Wolfhound Society of Ireland Championship Show.

The fantastic prizes will include:

1st prize: A 3 stone diamond ring valued at 8 thousand euros.

2nd Prize: A one-week Airbnb stay on a Scottish Island valued at 1500 euros.

3rd Prize: A Sculpture of an Irish Wolfhound lying down by artist Martin Doyle-Crutu.

And many more!