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# **IRISH SPORT HORSE STUDBOOK WELCOMES THE WBFSH TO IRELAND!**

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Dublin, Ireland - 19th to 22nd October



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a hundred thousand welcomes



### DUBLIN, IRELAND

**Dublin, Ireland's capital city, is situated on the east coast along the shores of Dublin Bay, at the mouth of the River Liffey. Easily accessible and well connected, the city combines a compact historic centre with a vibrant modern atmosphere.**

Dublin's origins date back over a thousand years to a Viking settlement established in the 9th century, known as Dubh Linn ("black pool"). Over the centuries, the city developed under Norman, medieval and later British rule, becoming Ireland's political, commercial and cultural centre. Many of Dublin's most notable landmarks reflect this rich history, including Dublin Castle, Christ Church Cathedral and Trinity College, founded in 1592 and home to the world-famous Book of Kells.

In the 18th and 19th centuries, Dublin flourished as a Georgian city, a legacy still visible today in its elegant squares and terraces. The city also played a central role in Ireland's journey to independence in the early 20th century, with historic sites linked to the Easter Rising and the foundation of the modern Irish state.

Today, Dublin is a lively and welcoming city, renowned for its literary heritage, traditional music, hospitality and culinary scene. Visitors can enjoy historic landmarks, museums, theatres and green spaces, as well as easy access to Ireland's scenic countryside and renowned equestrian traditions. As host of the 2026 WBFSH General Assembly, Dublin offers a distinctive blend of history, culture and contemporary life.



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## ABOUT THE HOST

### Irish Sport Horse

The Irish Sport Horse (ISH) Studbook is operated by Horse Sport Ireland (HSI), the Irish National Federation for equestrian sport. Established in 1974, the studbook was created to support and record the development of Ireland's performance horse, building on the country's rich equestrian culture and the successful crossing of Irish Draught and Thoroughbred bloodlines. Over the past decades, carefully selected continental warmblood genetics have further enhanced the breed while preserving the qualities that have made Irish horses renowned worldwide.

Today, the Irish Sport Horse is recognised as one of the leading sport horse breeds internationally. The breeding objective of the ISH Studbook is to produce sound, athletic horses with excellent movement, rideability and temperament, capable of competing and winning at the highest levels of FEI sport. Irish-bred horses have consistently excelled in show jumping and the ISH studbook has led the WBFSH Eventing ranking more than any other studbook since the rankings were first initiated. Irish Sport Horses and the Traditional Irish Horse [TIH] continue to maintain significant marketability and contribution to international sport.

The breeding programme focuses on producing elite international show jumpers, world-class event horses, and quality sport and TIH for leisure and amateur markets. Through performance-based breeding, robust inspection systems, genetic evaluation and breeder support initiatives, Horse Sport Ireland encourages the production of horses that meet the demands of modern sport while working to preserve and promote unique characteristics of the Traditional Irish Horse through those bloodlines.

The success of the Irish Sport Horse is reflected in the achievements of legendary horses such as Cruising (ISH)[TIH], Flexible (ISH)[TIH], Ballaghmor Class and Vanir Kamira, along with their modern counterparts such as James Kann Cruz, HSH Blake and the list goes on for the many Irish-bred horses competing successfully at Olympic, World and European level, and across FEI Nations Cups around the globe. These achievements are a testament to the skill, passion and dedication of generations of Irish breeders. As an active member of the World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses (WBFSH), Irish Sport Horse remains committed to innovation, international collaboration and the continued development of world-class sport horses that can compete at the very highest level and the evolving scientific basis to support and maintain horse health and performance.



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## Horse Sport Ireland (HSI)

Horse Sport Ireland (HSI) is a globally unique National Equestrian Federation, combining responsibility for national and high performance equestrian sport, studbook operation and delivery of state-funded breeding development for Irish breeders within a single organisation. As both the National Governing Body for equestrian sport in Ireland and the organisation responsible for the administration of five studbooks - the Irish Sport Horse, Irish Draught Horse, Irish Sport Pony, Irish Cob and Irish Part-Bred Cob - HSI provides an integrated framework that connects breeding, production, sport and industry development.

In addition to its role as a studbook authority and Equestrian Federation, Horse Sport Ireland delivers Ireland's National Breeding Services programme on behalf of the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine. Through this state-funded programme, HSI provides supports, financial incentives, education and knowledge-transfer initiatives designed to strengthen breeding and production across all Irish equine breeds, helping breeders make informed decisions and enhancing the long-term sustainability and competitiveness of the sector.

This unique combination of responsibilities enables Horse Sport Ireland to align breeding objectives with sport performance outcomes, creating a direct pathway from the breeder's field to the international arena. Ireland's globally renowned reputation for producing versatile, high-performing horses is underpinned by this connected approach, which supports breeders, producers, owners and athletes while safeguarding the heritage, conservation and future development of Irish bloodlines.

Today, Irish-bred horses continue to excel at the highest levels of international competition, while Horse Sport Ireland works in partnership with breeders, industry stakeholders and international organisations to advance innovation, genetic improvement and sustainability, ensuring Ireland remains at the forefront of sport horse breeding worldwide.

Horse Sport Ireland is proud to welcome delegates to Ireland for the WBFSH General Assembly and to showcase a breeding system that uniquely integrates studbook management, equestrian sport and national breeding development in support of breeders and horses across all Irish breeds.



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## FÁILTE IRELAND

Fáilte Ireland, the National Tourism Development Authority of Ireland, is delighted to support the 2026 General Assembly of the World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses (WBFSH).



Why not take the opportunity to experience all that the Dublin city and the surrounding regions have to offer, from historic attractions, world-class culinary offerings, stunning coastal landscapes and countryside.

Fáilte Ireland would like to extend a very warm welcome to all delegates and attendees - Céad míle fáilte or as we say in Ireland "a hundred thousand welcomes".

[Click here for further information on what to see and do in the Dublin Region:](#)



[Things to do in the Liberties, Dublin | Visit Dublin](#)  
[Visit Dublin – Your Guide to the Perfect Dublin Experience](#)



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## EVENT INFORMATION

**23 years later, the WBFSH returns to Dublin.**

Herewith the President Jan Pedersen and the WBFSH board warmly invite all its members and associates to participate at this year's annual meetings. Generously hosted by the Irish Sport Horse Studbook (ISH), we look forward to seeing you in Dublin.

The Annual Meetings will take place at the Hyatt Centric The Liberties and will kick off with a welcome reception on the evening of Monday 19th of October 2026.

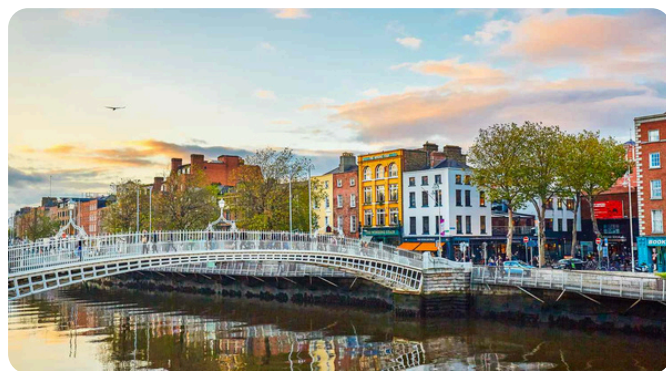
The following days will be filled with seminars and presentations covering a wide range of topics, such as public acceptance and equestrianism, AI in sport horse breeding, horse welfare and more!

This year's round table discussion will gather an exciting panel of experts, that are leaders in their respective fields of the industry and focus on genetics and genomics and the opportunities and challenges of integrating them into breeding programmes.

There will also be many opportunities to network during the cultural activities carefully planned, such as a tour to historical Glasnevin Cemetery, a visit to Cooley Farm and the gala dinner hosted at Urban Brewing.



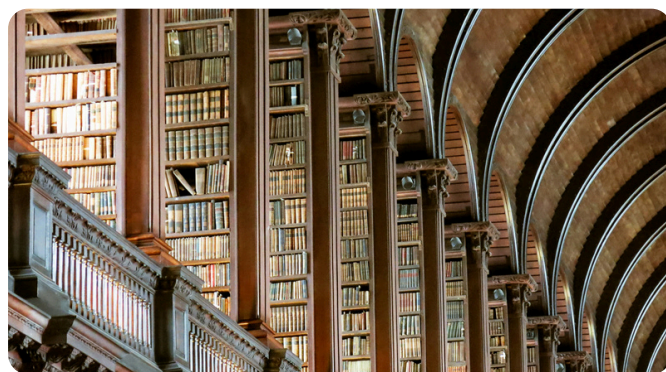
The Hyatt Centric The Liberties



Ha'penny Bridge



Glasnevin Cemetery



Old Library, Trinity College

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Glasnevin Cemetary Tour (15h00 - 17h15)

Evening on own (18h00 onwards)

### Wednesday 21st October

Seminars at Hyatt Centric (09h15 - 12h00)

General Assembly (**Members Only**) (13h00 - 17h30)

Gala Dinner at Urban Brewing (19h30 - 22h45)

### Thursday 22nd October

Cooley Farm Tour (09h30 - 12h30)



Glasnevin Cemetary



Urban Brewing



Cooley Farm

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## TRAVEL



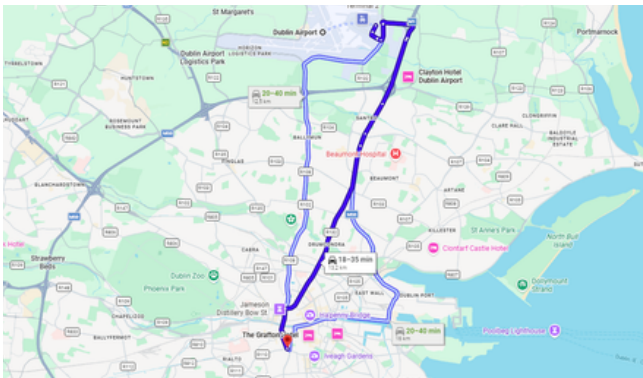
### Travel to Dublin by Plane:

Dublin Airport (DUB) is the busiest of Ireland's airports, located in Collinstown. The airport lies about 12 km north from the event's venue, approximately 25 minutes by car, except during rush hour when travel time can reach 50 min.

### From the Airport to the Hotel:

The Transport for Ireland (TFI) Network provides frequent, reliable and 24h bus service to connect you to and from Dublin Airport to the city centre (10,46€ for the trip with Dublin Express). To book your bus, visit [Dublin Airport's Bus Tickets](#).

At the airport, it is also possible to rent a car or take a taxi (+- 40€ for the trip).



### Moving about in and around Dublin:

- Rent a car – at the airport there are plenty choices: Alamo, Avis, Europcar, Hertz...
- Bus
- Mobility platforms – Freenow (taxi)
- Uber – the Uber app can be used but will exclusively dispatch official, licensed local taxis. There is no price advantage

### Returning to the Airport:

On Thursday 22nd after the programme ends there will be three shuttles available. Please contact the host studbook to ensure availability on the shuttle should you require it

- 12h30 – Leaving Cooley Farm: One shuttle to Hyatt Centric & one shuttle to the airport
- 14h30 – Leaving Hyatt Centric to the airport
- 17h30 – Leaving Hyatt Centric to the airport

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## USEFUL INFORMATION FOR TRAVELLERS

### Entry into Ireland:

Ireland is part of the EU. For EU citizens to enter Ireland, a National ID card or passport must be presented. Non-EU citizens must present a passport.

Check your visa requirements [here](#)



### Weather:

The annual meetings take place during autumn (September to November).

The climate in autumn in Ireland brings cool temperatures (5 – 16°C) and atmospheric mist.

The Irish weather is well-known for featuring all four seasons in one day.

### Language

Ireland has two official languages: English (the primary everyday language for nearly everyone) and Irish, locally known as Gaeilge or simply "Irish" (rather than "Gaelic"). While English is spoken nationwide, Irish remains the primary spoken language in designated rural regions known as the Gaeltacht.



### Currency:

The official currency in Ireland is the Euro (€). Credit and debit cards are widely accepted, including Visa, Mastercard, American Express, Apple Pay and Google Pay. Contactless payments are commonly used throughout Ireland. It is still advisable to carry a small amount of cash for occasional smaller purchases or venues where card facilities may be limited. VAT is included in displayed prices and varies depending on the goods and services purchased.



### Budgeting:

Dublin is one of Europe's more expensive cities, so visitors should budget accordingly. For meals, refreshments, taxis and incidental expenses, a daily budget of approximately €50–€150 per person is recommended, depending on personal spending habits. There are options available to suit a range of budgets, from casual cafés and restaurants to premium dining and shopping experiences.

### Social Etiquette & Tipping:

Ireland is known for its friendly and welcoming culture. A polite and informal approach is appreciated in both business and social settings. While tipping is appreciated it is not obligatory. In restaurants, a tip of 10–15% is customary for good service if a service charge has not already been included. Tipping in cafés, bars and taxis is completely discretionary.



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## WHERE TO STAY

### Hyatt Centric The Liberties

Our partner hotel is the Hyatt Centric. A beautiful hotel located in The Liberties, one of the oldest parts of Dublin. A perfect location for exploring many of Dublin's centre's top attractions, uncovering history dating back centuries and everything in between.

Rooms can be booked and paid for at a special group rate depending on availability. We recommend you book accommodation as soon as possible, as Dublin is a popular destination and will host important events at the same period and room availability cannot be guaranteed in case of late bookings.

The group rate applies for any dates booked between Sunday 18th October and Friday 23rd October 2026. All reservations must be guaranteed with a valid credit card belonging to the guest the booking is for. Rooms are available for check-in from 15h00 on the day of arrival and check-out is before 12h00 on the day of departure.

### Cancellation conditions:

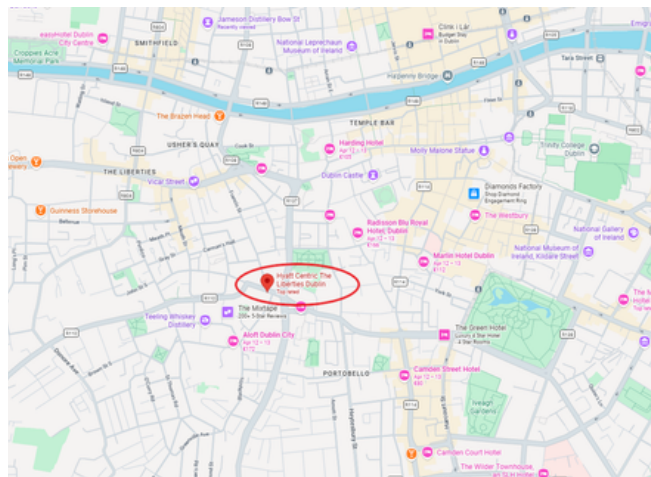
Rooms can be cancelled free of charge if done maximum two days before arrival. All cancellations done after 11:59PM two days before arrival will be charged 1 night fee.

### Prices:

Single room including breakfast is 215 EUR plus tax / night  
Double room including breakfast is 230 EUR plus tax / night

### Address:

Dean Street, Dublin, D08 W3X7, Ireland



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## ADDITIONAL HOTEL OPTION

### Premier Inn Dublin City Centre (The Liberties)

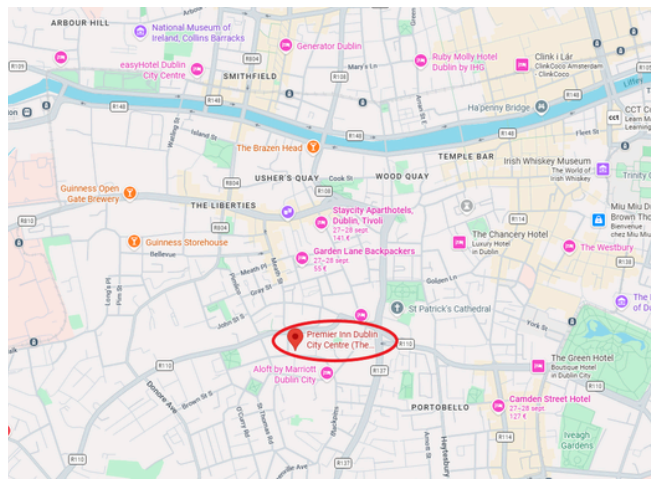
For those that wish to book more affordable accommodation, the Premier Inn Dublin City Centre has been suggested as an option.

It is located just a three-minute walk from the Hyatt Centric.

#### Address:

Brabazon Place, 32 Newmarket, Dublin D08 YF89, Ireland

**Note: This is not a partner hotel, and special group booking rates have not been arranged.**



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## REGISTRATION & PRICES



Online registration opens  
Monday 06<sup>th</sup> July 2026

Registration closes on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2026.  
No registrations are possible after this date.

The online registration does not include the accommodation booking process.

All registrations are made online on the [Irish Sport Horse GA 2026 dedicated platform](#).

Multiple delegates can be signed up but **only one invoice per registration** submission will be issued. **Payment is due within 5 days** of the issue of the invoice. If payment is not made within this period, the registration will be cancelled, and a new registration will have to be made.

Participation costs for **delegates** are **300 EUR** for the entire event. **Guests of delegates** can participate in the programme for **250 EUR** (cultural activities and Gala Dinner only)\*.

*\*Early Bird Prices are offered until 10th of August.  
Full price will then be applicable and respectively 370 EUR and 320 EUR.*

For more information visit:

<https://wbfs.com/general-assembly-2026>

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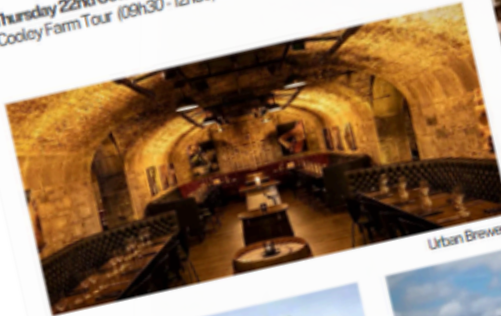
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