**Schedule for European Championship for Irish Red Setters**

**and Supporting Events**

*‘a celebration in Ireland of Irish Setters for all enthusiasts’*

## Headquarters for the week, the Shamrock Lodge Hotel, Athlone, Co Westmeath, Ireland

***Special Rates for those attending trials on offer on a first come basis!***

**Look up Facebook page** (<https://www.facebook.com/European-Championship-on-Snipe-for-Irish-Red-Setters-1236953586424627/>)

**Programme of Events:**

## Sunday 5th November

**Open Stakes for Pointers and Setters with award of CACT organised by Gaelic Gundog League**

Meet **Moyvoughley Community Hall**, near Moate at **8 am sharp**– see attached Map or look up the Facebook page.

* CACIT Run Off

## Monday 6th November

## Training Day for overseas competitors organised by the IRSC.

Meet Moyvoughley Community Hall, near Moate at **8.30 am sharp**– see attached Map or look up the Facebook page

This will be an opportunity for visitors to experience and expose their dogs the ground and game that will be used for the week.

Coordinated by Aidan Dunne and Vincent Flannelly.

## Tuesday 7th November

## Open Confined (Couples) and Solo Trails for Irish Red Setters organised by the IRSC

* Confined stake run in solo with award of CACT
* Confined stake run in brace with award-CACIT

Meet Moyvoughley Community Hall, near Moate **at 8 am sharp**– see attached Map or look up the Facebook page

## Wednesday 8th November

Day 1 of European Championships organised by the IRSC.

Meet at Shamrock Lodge Hotel at 8am sharp– see attached Map or look up the Facebook page.

* Confined stakes run in solo with attribution of CACT
* Europe Championship Confined stake run in brace with award of CACIT*.* Stake only open to dogs who have already obtained an excellent award in a open or confined stake or a CACT in a solo stake or a classification in Winning Class.
* CACIT Run Off

**Gala Dinner at the Shamrock Lodge Hotel at 8pm. Please indicate on you entry form if you wish to attend (cost €15.00)**

## Thursday 9th November

Day 2 of European Championships organised by the IRSC.

Meet at Shamrock Lodge Hotel **at 8am sharp**– see attached Map or look up the Facebook page.

* Confined stake run in solo with award of CACT
* Europe Championship Confined stake run in brace with award of CACIT*.* Stake only open to dogs who have already obtained an excellent award in a open or confined stake or a CACT in a solo stake or a classification in Winning Class.
* CACIT Run Off

**Notes:**

**All trials will be run FCI Rules under licence from the IKC.**

**A Panel of Senior Irish Judges and International judges will judge the event including but not limited to Messrs. Jim Crotty, Jim Sheridan, JP Gotti (Fr), Guido Orsan (Sw) and Angelo Bonachina (It)**

**ALL Entries** on the attached entry form to Fr. Seamus O’Neill, St Patrick’s, Kiltegan, Co. Wicklow. Phone: 087.6717631 Email: ***redsettersec@gmail.com***

**Entries close on Monday 9nd October 2017**

All competitors and spectators attend trials at their own risk. The owners / occupiers of the allocated field trial grounds are indemnified against any claims for loss or damage to their to property or injury to persons or dogs arising out of this permission howsoever caused. All owners and handlers enter dogs at their own risk.

## Prizes:

Winner of the title of European Championship will receive €1000 of Red Mills Dog Food delivered to their kennel. Specially cast trophies will be presented to all the winners.

## Code of Conduct:

All dogs, unless under a judge’s instructions, must be on a lead.

All directions given by stewards are complied with in full.

The carriage and discharge of any firearm other than a starting pistol is strictly prohibited.

Permission is not granted for the running, training or exercising of dogs after 17.00 wintertime.

The Irish Red Setter Club reserves the right to refuse entries.

No training is to take place on any of the trial grounds. Anyone observed doing so will be excluded from the remaining events.

## Stewards

Chief Steward Vincent Flannelly

Stewards /Guides Jim McCormack, Peter McCormack, Oliver Naughton, Padraic Bohan, Steve McManus

***Join us to make this a great sporting occasion – you will be made welcome!!***

**IRISH SETTERS EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP**

**ON SNIPE - Rules**

1 - The objective of the European Championship is to provide a competition for dogs who have distinguished themselves in terms of their game finding ability, gait, style, stamina, their readiness to receive and retain training and their potential to breed great field trial and high level hunting dogs.

2 - The Snipe European Championship will be run in couples on snipe. This competition will be organised according to the FCI general rules and conditions included in the field trial international rules for the classical pointing breeds, under licence from the IKC.

3 - The European Championship will be held over 2 days and a CACIT may be awarded each day. Owners wishing to compete for IKC Championship points must register their dogs with the Irish Kennel Club.

4 - Dogs will represent the origin country of their owners who must have owned their dogs for at least 6 months prior to the date on which the competition is held. Owners may have their dogs presented by handlers from countries other than their own country.

5 - Participation in the European Championship is open to any Irish Setters who has a field trial award with:

* + an excellent in OPEN AND CONFINED COUPLE COMPETIONS under IKC & FCI Rules
  + a 1st, 2nd, or 3rs in Open and confined competitions under KC rules
  + or a CACT in solo
  + or for Scandinavian countries awards in “Winning Class”

6 - Any dog judged to be inadequate in terms of gait or quartering or who have committed other offences (false setting, refusal to back, barking, chasing etc.) will be eliminated from the competition.

**7 -** Derogation : Nations with a low rate of working dogs have the possibility to entry a maximum of two dogs either if they not fulfil the above mentioned awards conditions.

Three possibilities:

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| 0 qualified dog | = | 2 dogs proposed by the official breed club |
| 1 qualified dog | = | 1 dog proposed by the official breed club |
| 2 qualified dogs | = | 0 dogs proposed by the official breed club |
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8 - Judges will be selected from countries that will award CACIT. In the case of 2 stakes there will be 2 judges selected from 2 different countries and in case of only one stake there will be 3 judges from 3 different countries.

9 - Points will be granted for each result according to the following schedule:

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| CACIT | 20 Points | 1 EXC | 12 Points |
| RCACIT | 18 Points | 2 EXC | 10 Points |
| CACT | 16 Points | EXC | 8 Points |
| RCACT | 14 Points | TB | 4 Points |

After the 2 days of competition the winner and runner up in the European Championship will be determined on the basis of individual classification and associated points. Dogs must have at least been awarded an excellent award. In the case of a tie, a barrage will be held. Three judges from three different countries will judge this barrage. The organising country will appoint the senior judge.

10 - Due to the ideal location and the density of wild game the IIRSC has decided that the European Championship will be held in Ireland. The competition may only be held in another country with the approval of the majority of the IIRSC at the meeting of the International Club of the previous year.

11 - Entry Fees for the European Championship will be €20 per dog in 2017 for organisational costs. This amount may be revised at the annual IIRSC meeting for the following year.

13 - The Irish Red Setter Club will collect the financial contribution and entry fees from the other competing countries. The club will also provide secretarial services, programmes, stewards of the beat and meals. Accommodation and meals for judges will also be organised by IRSC for the days on which they officiate. Judges will be provided with bed and breakfast, lunch and dinner on these days.

14 - The organising country will provide prizes for the winner and runner up in the European Cup.