

BOBBY BROWNE NATIONAL WORKERS CHAMPIONSHIP

Conditions 2026/2027 |

1. EVENT CONDITIONS

- **Working Members only:** Event confined to the club's working members. Host clubs to set their own condition(s) to qualify as a working member.
- **Minimum entry:** A minimum of 8 entries per Qualifier.
- **Greyhound Eligibility:** No age restriction. Dogs and bitches eligible, with bitches guarded in Qualifiers and the Grand Final as far as possible.
- **Courses won:** Entrants must not have won more than two courses in any one stake.
- **Divided entries:** In the event of the same owner dividing a qualifier, the owner must declare which greyhound is to be the event qualifier and thereby advance to next stage.
- **Track-bred rule:** If a track-bred greyhound wins a qualifier, it cannot progress to the next stage and forfeits its right to do so. The ICC will decide what determines a coursing greyhound and its decision is final.
- **Replacing unavailable/ineligible Qualifier winners:** A non-runner will be replaced in the first instance by a qualifier winner from another club and not by the runner-up. The same applies where a qualifier winner is ineligible on the grounds of being track-bred. In the event of all qualifier winners being called up, only then revert to the runner-up at the meeting where the qualifier was withdrawn or is ineligible.
- **Ownership:** Entrants must be in the name of the working member on 26th September 2026 or be a first-time naming after 26th September 2026.
- **Syndicates:** The responsible person for a syndicate must be a working member of the club hosting the qualifier in order to compete in the event.
- **Continued ownership:** A qualifier must remain in the same owner's name at the time of qualification to compete in the Grand Final (preliminary rounds and at the National Meeting 2027). No transfers are permitted after 26th September 2026 up to and including the Grand Final at the National Meeting 2027.
- **Entries & Grants:** Entry fee and prize money set by the host club for the qualifier event; normal ICC grants to apply.
- **Prize money hold:** Clubs not to issue prizemoney to tested greyhounds until notified by the ICC.

- **Training:** A qualifier that is trained by a licensed ICC trainer must be in his/her care at the time of the qualifier event: in other words, a qualifier cannot be subsequently given to a trainer post qualification. However, a qualifier that was trained by a licenced ICC trainer can revert back to the owner or responsible syndicate person for training after qualification. In summary: While it may move from a professional trainer back to an owner, it cannot be moved to a professional trainer specifically for the Championship once it has qualified.

2. CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT & DATES

- **Preliminary rounds:** Qualifiers progress to preliminary round(s) at Clonakilty and/or Sevenhouses, likely to be run in Week 16.
- **National Meeting 2027:** The final 8 from the preliminary round(s) compete on the final day of the National Meeting 2027.
- **Testing:** Winners of qualifiers will be included in the testing draw under Rule 88 and will form part of the testing selection at the National Meeting. Preliminary round testing will also occur.

3. PRIZE MONEY — GRAND FINAL

GRAND FINAL	
Winner	€7,500
Runner-up	€2,250
Beaten semi-finalists	€750 each
Winning club bonus	€1,000 (club providing the overall championship winner)
Entry fee (preliminary round of Grand Final)	€50

4. RUNNER STATUS & OTHER EVENTS

- **Other events:** Qualifier winners may also run in trial stakes, reserve trial stakes, and all-age events; see next point.
- **Classic qualification:** If a qualifier subsequently qualifies for any National Meeting 2027 classic, it automatically forfeits its National Workers Championship qualifier position and must take its place in the alternative National Meeting event for which it has qualified. And this includes Reserve Trial Stake winners.

5. DRAW PROCEDURE (ADDITIONS)

1 Draw to be made at the Templetuohy coursing meeting by Officers of the ICC. First draw: all clubs go into the draw, including a wild card entry for Sevenhouses and Clonakilty.

2 A second draw is made to decide what drawn entrants compete at either venue. If Clonakilty and/or Sevenhouses come out of the first draw, they are ringfenced to compete at their respective venue.

3 Runners are then drawn for each venue with reserves selected from the remaining qualifier cohort. There is no geographic split; it is a straight draw.

Expressions of interest: Expressions of interest to be sought in the first instance to determine overall interest. Clubs to email eugene@sportingpress.ie by Friday 18th Sept.

The Executive Committee reserves the right to make a draw if event is over-subscribed and to amend conditions when and where appropriate.

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