

**Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann Campsite 2023,  
Management Plan.**

6<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2023.

## Overview.

The Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann campsite for 2023 will be located at Mullingar Equestrian Centre, Athlone Road, Mullingar, N91 EH30.

The campsite element of the Fleadh Cheoil provides accommodation in the form of pitches for tents, caravans, campervans and such vehicles and associated facilities. It mainly attracts families.

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## **Campsite General**

The campsite layout can be viewed on the attached map.

The following were taken into consideration when designing the site layout as used in best practice as recommended by approved COP for Pop Concerts and Other Musical Events (ROI) and The Purple Guide (UK)

### ***Site design***

Areas to be used are well drained and level. Camping location to be broken into 4 smaller areas in order to provide easily identifiable areas and to allow for greater control of densities and management. Tented areas will be separate from areas accommodating caravans and camper vans. Caravans and campervans shall also be in designated separate areas.

Emergency route (see site map) with minimum width of 4.5m services entire site.

### ***Site densities and capacity***

Site density for tented areas recommend 500 tents per hectare (10,000m<sup>2</sup>). This should be reduced by up to 50% for family orientated events. The area allocated for camping in tents is 15,000m<sup>2</sup> which will safely accommodate up to 450 tents.

The maximum capacity shall not exceed the lowest of the following:

- Entry Capacity
- Holding capacity
- Exit Capacity
- Emergency Exit Capacity

Note that capacity shall include all occupants, visitors, staff, security etc.

Current bookings show 150 tent pitches and 125 live in vehicles on site. Consisting of 500 adults and 220 children.

### ***Segregation of vehicle/live-in vehicles***

Car parking area will be located in a separate area. No cars to be parked beside tents or live-in vehicles.

As per site map there will be a number of areas designated for live-in vehicles. Based on industry standards an area of 50m<sup>2</sup> should be provided for such vehicles. Taking this into account there will be adequate space for up to 200 live-in vehicles.

Note also that in accordance with Westmeath Fire Service, *Requirements for Festival Camp Sites*, fire separation distances between camper vans/caravans will be at least 6m. Regular inspections will be carried out in these areas to ensure ongoing compliance.

### ***Access to campsite***

In addition to on-site carparking. The following should be noted.

1. All campsite patrons will be advised that it is unsafe to attempt to walk into Mullingar town.
2. The campsite will be on the Fleadh Shuttle bus route and will be serviced at regular intervals. Campsite bus stop will be located inside Gate 1. This information will be clearly highlighted to patrons when booking, via on-site signage and wherever else relevant.
3. Campsite management will liaise closely with An Garda Siochana and Westmeath County Council in terms of traffic management in order to ensure best practice and to adhere to statutory agency requirements.
4. Check in system in place to avoid traffic queues outside Gate 1.

### ***Information, organization and supervision***

All venue information including site map, restrictions such as no parking beside tent or live-in vehicle, no campfires etc. is to be clearly indicated on ticket booking platform. Site signage to assist campers in easily locating all facilities including toilets, showers, 1<sup>st</sup> Aid, drinking water points etc.

Site stewards to be in place to assist in campers' arrival and to monitor on site facilities. Note that drinking water shall be potable with results of any tests to be provided to the HSE EHO in advance of the event.

### ***Crime***

To avoid the likelihood of crime and anti social behavior the campsite will be adequately lit with existing lights and bolstered by the addition of tower lights where necessary. Regular patrols of stewards and security staff will also be a deterrent and will be also used to observe fire safety.

### ***Fire safety.***

Campfires and barbecues will be prohibited on site. There will also be Fire Points throughout the site with fire extinguishers available. A local firefighting equipment provider will be available to provide additional capacity for campsite fire points. Fire lanes shall be regularly inspected to ensure access is maintained.

A central barbeque will be provided- this area will be supervised and have a fire point adjacent.

A mobile unit with fire extinguishers will be onsite for the duration of the event. All security staff will be trained in the use of fire safety equipment.

Bins will be emptied regularly to a central collection point to prevent the build up of flammable materials.

Allies waste will be serving the site on a daily basis.

### ***First Aid***

First Aid staff will be hired in by Mullingar Equestrian centre for the duration of the site being open. There will be PHECC certified first aid responders on site 24/7.

Any injuries will be treated (when necessary) in the dedicated 1<sup>st</sup> aid room (see site plan). AED & all necessary 1<sup>st</sup> aid equipment will be in place.

Lines of communication will remain open between the campsite and event control when dictated by seriousness of any injuries.

### ***Sanitary Facilities***

A number of existing toilet facilities will be available to campers. In addition to this there will be additional toilet blocks throughout the site- these will be serviced daily and subject to ongoing checks and inspections.

Shower facilities will be open throughout the day.

### ***Site lighting***

Existing lighting will be supplemented by tower lights where necessary.

### ***Slips, trips and falls***

All surfaces to be used for onsite are in good standing with the majority of areas consisting of hard standing. All surfaces are level and well drained.

Any required cabling should be in areas not accessible to the public and all cables to be secured using cable traps.

### ***Glass on site***

Glass items including drinks & food containers etc are to be prohibited on the site. This will be checked by security as patrons arrive and will be monitored within the site for the duration of the event. Any glass containers found will be confiscated and disposed of appropriately. Patrons will have the opportunity to decant liquids into plastic.

### ***Provision of food/drinks on site***

Mullingar Equestrian Centre will be providing onsite food offerings in the form of a mobile food truck. This will be powered electrically and is noted on the site map. There will also be a **central BBQ area** for patrons to use- this will be supervised and will have a fire point adjacent. This will be located away from campsite units and buildings. There will be no bar facilities onsite.

### ***Power supply to camper/caravan units***

There will be power supplied to live in vehicles in Area's A & D. Power source will be a diesel generator. This will be supervised and have a fire point adjacent.

### ***Noise***

No PA equipment is to be used and there will be a noise curfew from 10pm – 8am in the family camping area and midnight – 8am in all other areas.

### ***Ticketing***

Tickets for camping and live-in vehicles will be available on a dedicated ticketing platform that can be linked in with the Fleadh Cheoil website. Tickets will be scanned on entry and campers allocated the relevant wristband.

Pricing is in line with 2022 prices.

### ***Insurance.***

Public Liability and Employers Liability cover will be in place as required.

Specific conditions of our insurers are outlined below:

Insured will need to include agreements for users when booking advising that the following items are not permitted on site:

1. Fireworks, Chinese Lanterns, flares and high-power torches are not allowed.
2. Alcohol (over and above your personal allowance).

3. Illicit drugs, legal highs or nitrous oxide are not allowed.
  4. Glass (except for small make-up items and perfume/aftershave).
  5. Animals (except guide dogs) are not allowed.
  6. Anything which could be considered an offensive weapon is not allowed.
  7. Petrol Generators or Liquefied Petroleum Gas is not allowed.
  8. Gazebos are not allowed.
  9. Flag Poles are not allowed.
  10. Laser Pens are not allowed.
  11. Drones are not allowed.
  12. Umbrellas are not allowed.
  13. Spray canisters and Smoke Bombs are not allowed.
  14. Megaphones/air horns are not allowed.
  15. Items for trading are not allowed.
  16. Bicycles are not permitted in the campsite
  17. Candles or campfires are not allowed
  18. Nitrous Oxide (laughing gas) and any associated equipment (balloons, Co2 dispensers, cream dispensers etc.) are not allowed
  19. Sound systems are not allowed
  20. Water Balloons are not allowed
- No provision of any play equipment, entertainment equipment or inflatables will be permitted
  - Sale or provision of gas canisters, bottles or via main line pipe is not permitted
  - Adequate signage at the entrance and exit of the site would be required for third party road users and patron's a like
  - All Campervans or RV's must be insured while on the site

**Security.**

Security and stewards to be in place 24 hours per day on a 2-shift cycle- day time 8am to 8pm, night-time 8pm – 8am.

	SUN		MON		TUES		WEDS		THUR S		FRI		SAT		SUN		MON	
AREA	D	N	D	N	D	N	D	N	D	N	D	N	D	N	D	N	D	N
MAIN GATE	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2
TENTED AREA	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1
LIVE-IN VEHICLE AREA	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1
ROAMING	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	
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All security on site will be PSA licensed and will work with on site stewards to ensure the safety of patrons is prioritized.

PSA licensed staff will maintain a presence at the main entrance and via roaming patrols on site for the duration of the event.

All security staff and stewards will communicate via radio.

Security and stewards will be identified by the wearing of hi-vis bibs and, in the case of security, with appropriately displayed ID badge.

All staff will undergo site briefing in advance of the camp site opening to be familiarized with the site layout, deployments, procedures etc.