

## Revised Group Race Programme in Ireland for 2020 Announced

- Full complement of Group races to be staged
- Majority of Group 1 races retain original dates
- Tattersalls Gold Cup moves to July and now open to three-year-olds
  - Two-year-old Pattern to begin in early July

Horse Racing Ireland today published the revised list of Group races, Listed races and Premier Handicaps for the Covid 19 impacted 2020 Flat racing season which includes an important change to the conditions of the Tattersalls Gold Cup. These are the most significant races which are pivotal to the breeding industry and sales catalogues.

The Tattersalls Gold Cup will now be run at the end of July and will offer a new Group 1 opportunity for horses aged three-years-old and up over 10 furlongs, filling a significant gap in the revised Pattern.

Today's publication confirms that the full complement of Group races will be run through the year given their importance to the Irish breeding industry.

Racing resumes in Ireland behind closed doors on June 8 having missed 87 fixtures since March 24, and **Brian Kavanagh, Chief Executive of Horse Racing Ireland**, said:

"The revised list of Pattern races published today will see the many of them run on their original dates and under their typical conditions, though inevitably some have had date, race conditions and even venue changes to allow them fit into the new schedule.

"Apart from the three Group 1 races normally run on Guineas weekend, all other Group 1 races in Ireland will be run on their originally scheduled dates and venues.

"The two-year-old Group race programme will start about six weeks later than normal, in early July, but again the full complement of opportunities will be run between then and season end.

"2020 will be anything but a normal year, but in the circumstances, we have tried to preserve the opportunities which the Irish race programme offers to the better horse."

[<CLICK HERE for revised list of 2yo Pattern, Listed Race and Premier Nurseries>](#)

[<CLICK HERE for revised list of 3yo and up Pattern, Listed Race and Premier Handicaps>](#)

## 2yo Pattern, Listed Race and Premier Nurseries


			5	6	7	8	9	Listed / Group
Venue	Date							
CU	27-Jun		L					First Flier
			5	6	7	8	9	
NS	04-Jul	f		G3-f				Naas Fillies Juvenile
CK	05-Jul			G3				Marble Hill
CK	12-Jul		L					Tipperary
CU	18-Jul			G2				Railway
CU	19-Jul	f		G2-f				Balanchine
			5	6	7	8	9	
NS	03-Aug	f	L-f					Marwell
LP	06-Aug	f			G3-f			Silver Flash
LP	06-Aug				G3			Tyros
CU	09-Aug	f			W			Loder
CU	09-Aug			G1				Phoenix
CU	14-Aug		L					Curragh
CU	22-Aug				G2			Futurity
CU	22-Aug	f			G2-f			Debutante
CU	28-Aug	f				G3-f		Flame of Tara
CU	28-Aug			G3				Round Tower
			5	6	7	8	9	
NV	05-Sep		H					Premier Nursery
CK	09-Sep				H			Premier Nursery
LP	12-Sep	f			L-f			Ingabelle
LP	12-Sep					G2		Golden Fleece
CU	13-Sep				G1			National
CU	13-Sep	f			G1-f			Moyglare
LS	21-Sep					H		Premier Nursery
FH	21-Sep			L				Blenheim
CU	27-Sep	f			G3-f			Park
CU	27-Sep					G2		Beresford
			5	6	7	8	9	
DLK	02-Oct				L			Star Appeal (awt)
DLK	02-Oct		L					Legacy (awt)
TP	04-Oct				L			El Gran Senor
CU	11-Oct			G3				Anglesey
CU	11-Oct	f				L-f		Silken Glider
DLK	16-Oct		G3					Mercury (2yo +) (awt)
LP	17-Oct				G3			Killavullan
LP	24-Oct						G3	Eyrefield
NS	01-Nov			H				Birdcatcher Nursery







NS	01-Nov						<i>L</i>							Glencairn
NS	01-Nov												14-H	Naas November
NS	01-Nov										<i>L</i>			Finale
DLK	06-Nov				<i>L</i>									Belgrave (awt)
DLK	13-Nov	f					<i>L-f</i>							Cooley (awt)

 indicates a change of age restriction from normal