

# All Ireland Hedge Laying Championship 2021 2nd October

## Hedge Laying Association of Ireland



### Championship Rules

<p><b>Entry</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Competition is open to anyone with suitable experience or who possesses an NPTC in hedgelaying or an NHLA accredited Certificate.             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.1. The Chief Steward will determine whether the competitors experience is adequate to compete in the competition.</li> <li>1.2. This judgement is final, and may occur at any stage prior to completion of the competition.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. There will be two classes of competitors             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2.1. Novice and</li> <li>2.2. Experienced hedge layers.</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Novice competitors will compete over 5 metres, and experienced competitors 7 metres</li> </ol>
<p><b>Competition &amp; Scoring</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Competitors to report to the Chief Steward by 9:00 am when they will be directed to their class.</li> <li>5. A draw for lengths will be made at the hedge, and the outcome of the draw is final</li> <li>6. The time limit for all competitors will be 5.5 hours, from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6.1. Competitors exceeding this time will be penalised</li> <li>6.2. A short break for lunch maybe be taken.</li> </ol> </li> <li>7. Competitors are to lay the length drawn starting from their number working towards the next highest number.</li> <li>8. Competitors opening up their length must leave sufficient material laid to the side for the next entrant to lay in on completion of their length.</li> <li>9. Competitors may receive assistance from a steward or another competitor</li> <li>10. Assistance from non-competitors will not be allowed and may lead to points deduction.</li> <li>11. Only Stakes and Binders provided by the Association may be used             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11.1. Failure to do so may lead to a points deduction.</li> </ol> </li> <li>12. Competitors using excessive deadwood inappropriate for their style will be penalised.</li> <li>13. Judges &amp; Competitors will be briefed accordingly.</li> <li>14. All fence and wire posts must be left in situ and all waste to be left on the face side of the finished hedge</li> </ol>
<p><b>Decision Making</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>15. Judging will be on a points basis. The Judge and Chief Stewards decision is final and no discussion or correspondence will be entered into by the Society.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Health &amp; Safety</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>16. A Safety briefing will occur before the competition starts, and all competitors must attend.</li> <li>17. All competitors must comply with instructions from the Safety Office.</li> <li>18. The safety officer has the right to penalise any competitor who in his opinion is working in an unsafe way.</li> <li>19. Competitors are not permitted to use a Chainsaw during competition, due to proximity of spectators. A Designated Cutter will be on hand to provide directed cutting if necessary.</li> <li>20. All competitors MUST use appropriate safety equipment as recommended by the Health and Safety Executive.             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>20.1. <b>See List of requirements on the HLAI Website - Championship Section</b></li> </ol> </li> <li>21. Failure to comply with Health &amp; Safety instructions may result tin disqualification.</li> </ol>