



## Irish Clay Target Shooting Association

03 March 2026

Dear Secretary,

The Irish Clay Target Shooting Association wishes to extend a very cordial invitation to your Association to participate officially in the forthcoming:

### 51<sup>st</sup> ICTSC Automatic Ball Trap Home Countries International Tournament

#### To be held at:

ICTSA National Shooting Grounds, Esker,  
Banagher,  
Co. Galway  
R42E179  
Republic of Ireland

**Email:** [nsgmanager@ictsa.ie](mailto:nsgmanager@ictsa.ie)

**Website:** [www.ictsa.ie/venues/national-shooting-ground-esker](http://www.ictsa.ie/venues/national-shooting-ground-esker)

The Home International Tournament will be held on Friday 4th and Saturday 5th September 2026, followed by the British Open on Sunday 6th September.

The Home International Tournament will be held over two days of 100 targets on each day.

Teams will consist of the following:

- ❖ Open:- Team of 12 shooters (10 scores to count)
- ❖ Ladies:-Team of 3 shooters (2 scores to count)
- ❖ Juniors: Team of 3 shooters (2 scores to count) (Under 21 on 01/01/2026)
- ❖ Veterans:- Team of 3 shooters (2 scores to count) (55 or over on 01/01/2026)
- ❖ Super Veterans:- Team of 3 shooters (2 scores to count) (65 or over on 01/01/2026)

The entry fee for the HCIT competition is £100 per person and all payments should be made directly to the ICTSA Treasurer ([treasurer@ictsa.ie](mailto:treasurer@ictsa.ie)) upon receipt of your invoice. Please submit your team details no later than 4 weeks prior to the event using the attached ICTSC Team Entry Form and send it to the ICTSA Secretary ([honsec@ictsa.ie](mailto:honsec@ictsa.ie)).

The British Open competition will take place on Sunday 6th September (100 targets). The entry fee for the British Open is £60 and entries should be booked with ICTSA. Spaces for team members will be reserved until Monday 16th August, at which point any remaining spaces will be released to the public. Please can you advise team members to contact ICTSA secretary or use form on the ICTSA web site for entry.

The post-tournament banquet and team photographs will be held on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September at:-

Shearwater Hotel,  
Marina Point,  
Ballinasloe,  
Co. Galway,  
H53 F5P9  
Republic of Ireland  
T: [+353 \(0\)90 9630400](tel:+3530909630400)  
E: [info@shearwaterhotel.com](mailto:info@shearwaterhotel.com)

A limited number of rooms have been reserved at a reduced rate with the Shearwater Hotel, please contact the hotel directly if you wish to book accommodation and mention ICTSA event.

The team photographs will take place at 7:00pm prompt, with the banquet commencing at 7:30pm. Banquet tickets will cost £45 per person. Please make all payments to the ICTSA Treasurer. Final numbers attending plus top table names and any special dietary requirements are also required when submitting your team entry.

**Practice:** Will be available (11am – 5pm) Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> of September 2026.

**Cartridges:** Cartridges are available to order for collection at the grounds, but orders should be placed no later than 24<sup>th</sup> of July. Please contact Gerry Lawless via email ([nsgmanager@ictsa.ie](mailto:nsgmanager@ictsa.ie)).

**Catering:** Available Friday, Saturday and Sunday all day, limited catering available on Thursday.

**Squad selection** will take place at 3pm on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at the ground and all Team Managers and Captains are required to be in attendance.

**Please ensure all HCIT trophies are returned to the ground by 3pm on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.**

Visit [www.ICTSA.ie](http://www.ICTSA.ie) for details on how to apply for a non-resident firearm certificate or follow the link below:

[Irish Clay Target Shooting Association](#)

Please note that the current processing time for a Visitor's Shotgun Permit is 12 weeks.

The Irish Clay Target Shooting Association looks forward to welcoming you and your team to the National Shooting Ground Esker.

Kind regards,



Honorary Secretary, ICTSA