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CHURCHILL DOWNS ANNOUNCES NEW SEATING EXPERIENCES, TICKET AVAILABILITY STARTING TODAY FOR 153RD KENTUCKY DERBY

New Infield Turf Cabanas, Expanded Spaces Give Fans New Ways to Experience Thrill of Derby Weekend

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Thursday, Oct. 8, 2026) – Tickets for the 153rd running of the Kentucky Derby presented by Woodford Reserve and Longines Kentucky Oaks at Churchill Downs will be available for purchase Thursday (today) at 12 p.m. ET. In addition to premium dining seating, reserved stadium-style seating and general admission, fans can purchase tickets for brand-new seating experiences, including Infield Turf Cabanas, offering private reserved seating for groups of 12 along the turf course. Churchill Downs also has expanded the Homestretch Club, Turfside Reserved Seating and Infield General Admission offerings, giving even more fans the opportunity to enjoy some of the most exciting vantage points throughout the racetrack.

Reserved seating tickets are available as two-day all-inclusive packages for the 153rd Longines Kentucky Oaks on Friday, April 30 and the Kentucky Derby on Saturday, May 1. Food and beverages are sold separately for two-day Infield tickets.

“The countdown to the 153rd Kentucky Derby and Kentucky Oaks is officially on and we’re excited to kick off ticket availability with new seating experiences that gives fans fresh perspectives and new ways to enjoy the traditions of race weekend,” said **Sarah Contardo**, Senior Vice President, Sales and Strategy for Churchill Downs Racetrack. “From the energy of the Infield to the refined feel of reserved seating and premium dining areas, our range of ticket options offers an array of price points and preferences, giving fans the chance to create the Derby experience that’s right for them.”

New Seating Experiences for 153rd Kentucky Derby and Kentucky Oaks:

- **Infield Turf Cabanas:** Located along the turf course, the Infield Turf Cabanas include covered tables with seating for 12 guests, offering a comfortable and unique viewing experience with exceptional views of the first turn and Kentucky Derby and Kentucky Oaks walkover. Featuring enhanced amenities such as executive restroom trailers, concessions and new bar concepts, the two-day package for the Kentucky Derby and Kentucky Oaks is \$480 per ticket.
- **Victory Run Reserved Seating (Temporary):** Features reserved stadium-style tip-up seating located just past the Finish Line, giving guests excellent views of the racing action from a comfortable location with overheard coverage throughout most of the area. Fans will have convenient access to the Paddock and other guest amenities throughout the day including restrooms, bars, concession stands and wagering facilities. The two-day all-inclusive package for the Kentucky Derby and Kentucky Oaks includes food, alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, daily program, off-site parking, and shuttle service to Churchill Downs for \$1,632.

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Fans are encouraged to secure tickets by visiting www.KentuckyDerby.com (or a direct Ticketmaster link via <https://am.ticketmaster.com/churchill/2027Derbytickets>) or by contacting the Churchill Downs Sales Department at (502) 636-4447 or Sales@KyDerby.com. Ticket packages with hotels and experiential additions are available for purchase through Derby Experiences, the Official Experience Package Provider to Churchill Downs, by visiting www.DerbyExperiences.com.

Churchill Downs also provides the only secure, official resale marketplace to purchase Derby and Oaks tickets via the Churchill Downs Ticketmaster Ticket Exchange on www.KentuckyDerby.com.

ABOUT THE KENTUCKY DERBY

The \$5 million Kentucky Derby takes place on the first Saturday in May at historic Churchill Downs in Louisville, Ky. Inaugurated in 1875, the legendary 1 ¼-mile race for 3-year-old Thoroughbreds is the longest continually held annual sporting event in the United States and the first leg of the Thoroughbred Championship Series. Also known as “The Run for the Roses” and “The Most Exciting Two Minutes in Sports,” the Kentucky Derby is the most attended horse race in the nation. The 153rd Kentucky Derby will take place on Saturday, May 1, 2027. For more information, please visit www.KentuckyDerby.com.

ABOUT CHURCHILL DOWNS RACETRACK

Churchill Downs Racetrack (“CDRT”), the world’s most legendary racetrack, has been the home of The Kentucky Derby, the longest continually held annual sporting event in the United States, since 1875. Located in Louisville, CDRT features a series of themed race days during Derby Week, including the Kentucky Oaks, and conducts Thoroughbred horse racing during three race meets in the Spring, September and Fall. Additionally, it is the home of premier races in the Thoroughbred Championship Series. CDRT is located on 175 acres and has a one-mile dirt track, a 7/8-mile turf track, a stabling area, and provides seating for approximately 60,000 guests. The stable area has barns sufficient to accommodate 1,400 horses and a 114-room dormitory for backstretch personnel. CDRT also has a year-round simulcast wagering facility. www.ChurchillDowns.com.

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