



# Churchill Downs Horsemen & Women's Hospitality Guide

## Kentucky Derby Week, April 27 – May 4

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Welcome Horsemen and Women! As you gear up for an exciting race day at Churchill Downs, here's your go-to guide for a seamless experience for Kentucky Derby Week.

### **General Admission with a KHRC License**

Horsemen & Women are welcome to use their Kentucky Horse Racing Commission License (KHRC License) at any of the frontside Churchill Downs entrances to gain complimentary access for themselves and a guest into the frontside for races at Churchill Downs Opening Night (April 27) – Thurby (May 2).

- **Opening Night, 502'sDay, and Champions Day:** Access includes the first and second floors, Paddock Viewing Area, and Plaza. Food, beverage, and mutuels are available on the first and second floors. General admission excludes access to reserved seats, dining, or club areas. Sections 111-113 are open for general admission on a first-come, first-serve basis, with priority given to guests with reserved seats purchased in these areas. It is highly recommended to pre-purchase seating if looking for a particular location and to guarantee seating.
- **Thurby:** Access is restricted to the first floor, including the Paddock Viewing Area and Plaza, with first-floor food, beverage, and mutuel services available throughout. Access does not extend to the second or third floors on Thurby, or any reserved seats, dining, or club areas. Open bleacher seating is subject to availability for General Admission guests in Section 124-128, on a first-come, first-serve basis, with priority given to guests with reserved seats purchased in these areas. It is highly recommended to pre-purchase seating if looking for a particular location and to guarantee seating.

**General Admission is not granted on Kentucky Oaks (May 3) or Kentucky Derby (May 4)**

### **Undercard and Stakes Accommodations**

Churchill Downs is honored to offer the connections of each undercard and stakes horse tickets to enjoy their day at the races. During Kentucky Derby Week, the ticket options for undercard and stakes races may vary by day. Reservations are required and may be requested by reaching out directly to:

- For races Opening Night (April 28) – Thurby (May 2):
  - Vicki Tomlinson at 502-636-4830 or [Vicki.Tomlinson@kyderby.com](mailto:Vicki.Tomlinson@kyderby.com)
- For all stakes and undercard races on Oaks (May 3) and Derby Day (May 4):
  - Kelly Danner at 502-638-3825 or [Kelly.Danner@kyderby.com](mailto:Kelly.Danner@kyderby.com)
- For Oaks and Derby Owners:
  - Chanda Day at 502-636-4892 or [Chanda.Day@kyderby.com](mailto:Chanda.Day@kyderby.com)

## **Parking**

Parking for our Horsemen and Women will be available in the following lots on live race days leading up to the Kentucky Oaks and Kentucky Derby days. Please note that a Churchill Downs issued 2024 Reserved Frontside & Stable Area pass, or a Red Lot pass is required for entry into these lots. You may get your 2024 Frontside & Stable Area or Red Lot pass by contacting Steve Hargrave in the Stable Office.

Opening Night – Turquoise Lot

Thurby – Turquoise Lot

502's Day – Turquoise Lot

Regular Race Day – Black Lot

Champions Day - Turquoise Lot

[Download the Churchill Downs Parking Map Clicking Here](#)

## **Paddock Passes**

Paddock Passes are issued for access to the Paddock on Oaks and Derby Days ONLY. Trainers will be given the paddock passes for all undercard Stakes Races, picked up from Steve Hargrave in the Stable Office

For Opening Night (April 28) – Thurby (May 2), owners will need to present their valid KHRC license for entry to the Paddock.

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

Our goal is to make sure you have a memorable experience at the Churchill Downs. Please see our helpful guide of frequently asked questions. <https://www.churchilldowns.com/faq/>

## **Ticket Policy & Benefit Ticket Hospitality**

It is important to please review the Churchill Downs Ticket Policy: <https://www.kentuckyderby.com/ticketing-policy/>

Benefit Tickets are only offered to individuals meeting specific criteria, including the criteria set forth above. As such, you are strictly prohibited from reselling in any manner any ticket(s), pass(es), credential(s), package(s), hospitality, experience(s), access, or any combination thereof for an event at Churchill Downs Racetrack (including horse races like the Kentucky Derby and Kentucky Oaks, concerts, festivals, movies, etc.) purchased or received through the Benefits (collectively, “Benefit Tickets”). This applies to all Benefit Tickets, whether bought or received as discounted or complimentary, and includes any form of resale or offering for resale at any price, as well as packaging tickets with other services for resale. Benefit Tickets must also not be used for advertising, promotions, or trade without express written consent from Churchill Downs Racetrack.



Thank you for being a part of the Churchill Downs racing community. We're looking forward to seeing you on race day and are thankful to you for bringing your team to Churchill Downs!