



Churchill Downs Horsemen and Women's Hospitality Guide



SEPTEMBER & FALL MEET 2026

September 10 - 27 and October 25 - November 29

Welcome Horsemen and Women! As you prepare for an exciting race day at Churchill Downs, here's your go-to guide to make your day more enjoyable.

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



GENERAL ADMISSION WITH A KHRG LICENSE

Horsemen and Women are welcome to use their Kentucky Horse Racing and Gaming Corporation License (KHRG License) at any of the Churchill Downs entrances to gain complimentary access for themselves and one (1) guest into the frontside for races.

Racing Office and Horsemen's Service Center presented by Hagyard is located behind the Paddock Box Office and is open to trainers and KHRG licensed horsemen on live race days

NON-STAKES ACCOMMODATIONS

Owners are given the option of complimentary tickets in the Turf Club or a Third Floor Clubhouse Box, per horse on the day of their race. Please note, syndicates and multi-owner partnerships are considered one (1) entity. Reservations are required and may be requested by contacting: Vicki Tomlinson at 502-636-4830 or Vicki.Tomlinson@kyderby.com.

TURF CLUB AND ROSES LOUNGE



Owners and/or Trainers: Receive one (1) table for up to six (6) guests per horse in the Turf Club or Roses Lounge

Location: 3rd Floor, Turf Club and Roses Lounge

Food & Beverage: Available for purchase at concessions or within the Turf Club or Roses Lounge from our hospitality team

Dress Code: Smart Casual

Additional tickets: Pricing varies by day

THIRD FLOOR CLUBHOUSE BOX



Owners: Six (6) or eight (8) tickets in a box

Location: Third Floor Clubhouse Boxes from 312-322

Food & Beverage: Available for purchase at concession stands throughout the facility

Dress Code: Track Casual

Additional tickets: Pricing varies by day

STAKES RACE ACCOMMODATIONS: THE STAKES ROOM

Each Stakes horse's connections will be provided tickets to the Stakes Room for the day of their race, per horse. Please note, syndicates and multi-owner partnerships are considered one (1) entity. Reservations are required and may be requested by contacting Vicki Tomlinson at 502-636-4830 or Vicki.Tomlinson@kyderby.com. Please note, on some occasions we will host our Stakes Horsemen and Women in a similar dining room.



Owners and/or Trainers: Receive one (1) table for up to eight (8) guests in the Stakes Room

Location: 4th Floor, via VIP elevators

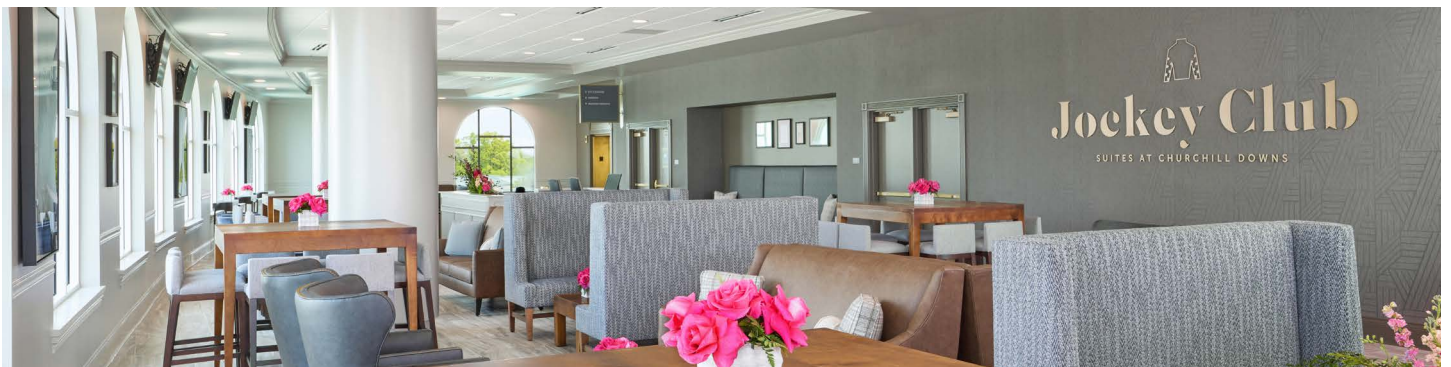
Food & Beverage: Food, beverages and alcoholic beverages are complimentary. Food is served buffet style and alcoholic beverages are ordered at your table

Dress Code: Track Casual

Additional tickets: Pricing varies by day

SUITE ACCOMMODATIONS (NON-PREMIUM DAYS ONLY): JOCKEY CLUB SUITES

Churchill Downs is excited to offer a complimentary suite for larger ownership groups and their connections on non-premium days. Reservations are required and may be requested by contacting: Vicki Tomlinson at 502-636-4830 or Vicki.Tomlinson@kyderby.com.



Owners and/or Trainers: Receive one (1) Jockey Club Suite for up to 24 guests.

Location: 4th, 5th, or 6th Floor Suite of the Jockey Club Suites Tower

Food & Beverage: Not included, but a 20% discount is provided on all food & beverage package orders with reservations through Horsemen Services

Dress Code: Smart Casual

Additional tickets: Pricing varies by day

PARKING

Parking for our Horsemen and Women will be available in the Black Lot on live race days during the September and Fall Meets. A 2026 Reserved Frontside & Stable Area pass is required for entry into this lot.

KHRG licensed owners and trainers may pick up their Horsemen parking passes in the Stable Office, located on the backside. Alternatively, the Yellow, Blue, Orange, Turquoise and Green Lot are available for free parking. ADA Parking is available in White Lot 1-4 on a first-come, first serve basis for guests with government-issued ADA placards.



TRANSPORTATION

- Conveniently located near [Louisville International Airport](#).
- Rideshare services such as Uber and Lyft may pick-up and drop-off at the Executive Gate, Barbaro auto-court or the VIP Gate of Churchill Downs during live racing.
- Private transportation may be arranged and purchased via [Xtreme Transportation](#) or a variety of other providers.

HOSPITALITY SUGGESTIONS: LODGING, DINING, EXPERIENCES

For a comprehensive listing of Louisville hotels, transportation, attractions, and other travel planning tools, visit www.visitlouisville.com, provided by the Louisville Convention & Visitors Bureau.

HOTELS



DERBY CITY GAMING & HOTEL

This brand-new hotel is equipped with a gaming floor of nearly 1,300 games and includes door-to-door transportation to and from Churchill Downs Racetrack during select hours. Derby City Gaming Hotel is pleased to offer an exclusive 20% discount on Luxury King, Luxury King Accessible and Luxury Double Queen rooms Sundays-Thursdays along with \$20 of Free Play for each night booked. Fridays and Saturdays are available at standard rates. To access Horsemen and Women rates, please navigate to the "Rates" tab and type HORSEMEN into the Rate Code search bar.



HOSPITALITY SUGGESTIONS: LODGING, DINING, EXPERIENCES

HOTELS CONTINUED

LOUISVILLE MARRIOTT DOWNTOWN

Situated on the Urban Bourbon Trail, Louisville Marriott Downtown is surrounded by local attractions such as KFC Yum! Center, Kentucky International Convention Center and Waterfront Park. Nearby, explore 4th Street Live! and historic Main Street.

***Use the link to access exclusive horsemen rates**

CROWNE PLAZA LOUISVILLE AIRPORT EXPO CENTER

Offering free shuttle service to the airport and close to Churchill Downs, use this link for special rates.

EMBASSY SUITES BY HILTON LOUISVILLE DOWNTOWN

Located in the heart of Downtown Louisville, just 4 miles from Churchill Downs. Adjacent to Fourth Street Live!, Museum Row and a few blocks from Whisky Row. Indoor pool and free cooked-to-order breakfast, use this link for exclusive rates.

GALT HOUSE HOTEL, TRADEMARK COLLECTION BY WYNDHAM

Louisville's only waterfront hotel boasts breathtaking views of the Ohio River. Special rates can be booked via the link.

OMNI LOUISVILLE HOTEL

An oasis in Downtown Louisville, with a heated rooftop pool, full-service spa, bowling alley and speakeasy. Exclusive rates via link.

DINING



OLIVER'S CHOPHOUSE & BOURBON BAR - Louisville, KY

Located within Derby City Gaming and Hotel, Oliver's offers excellent steaks and service. Oliver's is pleased to offer Horsemen and Women a discount of 20% on regularly priced food valid Wednesday through Sunday with a valid KHRG license (excludes specials, alcohol and gratuity). Reservations may be made via [OpenTable](#) or by calling 502-961-7686.

HOSPITALITY SUGGESTIONS: LODGING, DINING, EXPERIENCES

EXPERIENCES



DERBY CITY GAMING DOWNTOWN - Louisville, KY

The all-new 43,000-square-foot historical racing machine entertainment venue! Like slots? Spin and win on nearly 400 of the latest and greatest games like Buffalo, Lock it Link, Ultimate Fire Link and more! 20% discount on food on property (no alcohol) and 10% off any cigar purchase.



FIRST TURN SPORTS BAR & STAGE - Derby City Gaming Downtown, Louisville, KY

Every day and night is a winner at First Turn Sports Bar! Watch and wager on sports and eat and drink like a champion with delicious food, specialty cocktails and all your favorite brews. Plus, there's more to cheer with great live entertainment..



TROPHY BAR BOURBON & CIGARS - Derby City Gaming Downtown, Louisville, KY

Experience an upscale environment at Downtown Louisville's only non-membership Cigar Bar. Enjoy your favorite bourbon or sample one of our fine, hand-rolled cigars. Mix in real trophies from historic horse races and every visit has the potential to be legendary.

HOSPITALITY SUGGESTIONS: LODGING, DINING, EXPERIENCES

EXPERIENCES CONTINUED

WOODFORD RESERVE DISTILLERY - Versailles, KY

A historic bourbon distillery located 60 miles from Churchill Downs, offering a variety of tours and tasting experiences.

KENTUCKY DERBY MUSEUM – Louisville, KY

Celebrate the history and traditions of the Kentucky Derby every day through interactive exhibits, guided walking tours and a stellar movie, “The Greatest Race.”

SECOND STRIDE AT CHORLEYWOOD FARM – Prospect, KY

This racehorse retirement organization is doing great work with rehabilitation, retraining, and placement of retired Thoroughbred racehorses. Visit Spires Row, home of 2 Kentucky Derby runners!

THOROUGHBRED RETIREMENT FOUNDATION AT CHESTNUT HALL – Prospect, KY

TRF's sanctuary farm is home to a herd of retired Thoroughbreds, with a beautiful farmhouse to tour.



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

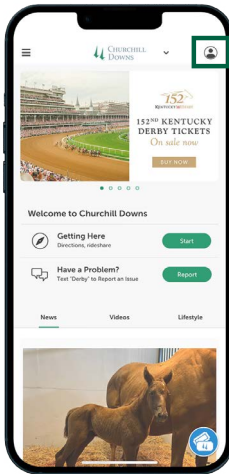
Our goal is to make sure you have a memorable experience at Churchill Downs.

Please see our helpful guide of frequently asked questions. <https://www.churchilldowns.com/faq/>



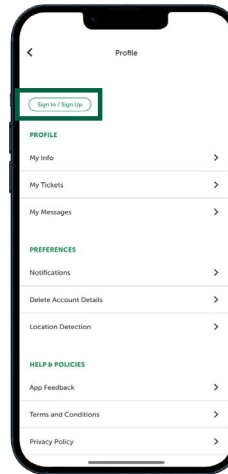
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HOW TO ACCESS MOBILE TICKETS



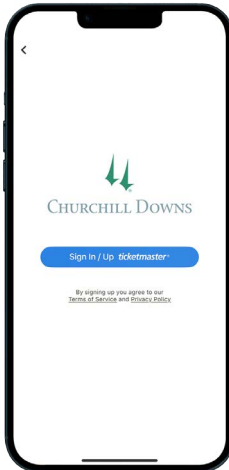
STEP ONE

Download the Churchill Downs Racetrack App on your smartphone. Open the app and press the icon in the top right corner.



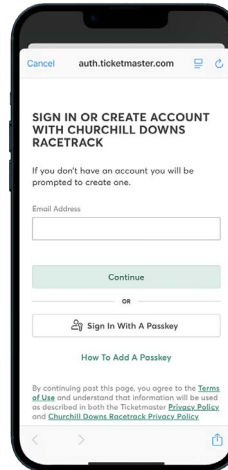
STEP TWO

Press "Sign In".



STEP THREE

Press "Sign In".



STEP FOUR

Input the email address associated with your tickets. Input your password or press "Forgot Password" to reset your password.



STEP FIVE

After logging in, you can view all of your Churchill Downs tickets.

TICKET POLICY & BENEFIT TICKET HOSPITALITY

It is important to also please review the Churchill Downs Ticket Policy at

<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.

