



Churchill Downs Horsemen and Women's Hospitality Guide

September and Fall Meets 2024

September 12 – September 29, October 27 – December 1

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.

General Admission with a KHRC License

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

Parking

Parking for our Horsemen and Women will be available in the Black Lot on live race days during the September and Fall Meet. A 2024 Reserved Frontside & Stable Area pass is required for entry into this lot.

KHRC licensed owners and trainers may pick up their Horsemen parking passes in the Stable Office, located on the backside.

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

Undercard Accommodations: Roses Lounge or Third Floor Clubhouse Box

Connections of each undercard horse will be offered complimentary tickets to either the Roses Lounge or a box in the Third Floor Clubhouse to enjoy their day at the races. Reservations are required and may be requested by contacting Vicki Tomlinson at 502-636-4830 or Vicki.Tomlinson@kyderby.com.

Roses Lounge

- Owners and/or Trainers: Receive one table for up to 6 guests in the Roses Lounge
- Location: 3rd Floor, Roses Lounge adjacent to the Turf Club
- Food & Beverage: Available for purchase at the concessions or within the Roses Lounge from our hospitality team.
- Dress Code: Smart Casual
- Additional tickets: Pricing varies by day.

Third Floor Clubhouse Box

- Owners: 6 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 Accommodations: The Stakes Room

Each Stakes horse's connections will be provided tickets to [The Stakes Room](#) for their day at the races. 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 when space allocations are exceeded, we will host our Stakes Horsemen and Women in a similar dining room.

- Owners and/or Trainers: Receive one table for up to 8 guests in the Stakes Room
- Location: 4th Floor, Track View
- Food & Beverage: At your Stakes Room table all food & beverage including your alcoholic beverages are included for the Owners & Trainers with a Stakes horse that day. Food is served buffet style.
- 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 of undercard or stakes horses 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 including Trainer: Receive one [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.

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

Hospitality Suggestions: Lodging, Dining, and 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.

Restaurants:

- [Matt Winn's Steakhouse](#)
 - Located on-site at Churchill Downs, Matt Winn's Steakhouse is open Wednesday through Saturday from 5:00PM – 10:00PM. Matt Winn's is pleased to offer a 20% discount on food to Horsemen and Women with a valid KHRC license (must be presented at time of purchase).
 - Walk-ins are welcome at the bar during business hours, with reservations required for dining. To make a reservation, you may book via [Open Table](#) or by calling 502-636-4888.
 - For Downs After Dark, Matt Winn's Steakhouse requires pre-purchased ticketed. Please contact [Churchill Downs ticketing](#) to purchase 502-636-4447.
- [Oliver's Chop House & Bourbon Bar](#)
 - 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 KHRC license (excludes specials, alcohol and gratuity). Reservations may be made via [OpenTable](#) or by calling 502-961-7686.

Hotel Recommendations:

- [Derby City Gaming & Hotel](#)
 - This brand-new hotel is equipped with a gaming floor of over 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. 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.
- [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.

Experiences:

- [Derby City Gaming Downtown](#) – Louisville, KY
 - The all-new 43,000-square-foot historical racing machine entertainment venue! Like slots? You'll love Derby City Gaming Downtown! Spin and win on close to 500 of the latest and greatest games like Buffalo, Lock it Link, Ultimate Fire Link and more! Plus, with a non-smoking gaming floor and an open-air smoking and gaming patio, you can choose to play your way in the environment you prefer. Bring your night to life at three lively bars and lounges.
 - [First Turn Sports Bar & Stage](#) will be your homefield for fun, big screen TVs, and convenient sports betting kiosks to wager on all your favorite sports. Soak up the atmosphere in winning style at Trophy Bar, featuring incredible real trophies from some of the most legendary horse races, the finest bourbon and hand-rolled cigars. Plus be sure to stop and smell the Rosé at Fascinator Wine Bar where you can choose from a well-curated list of fine wines and charcuterie. No visit is complete without taking a spin through the Kentucky Derby Gift Shop featuring a variety of branded Kentucky Derby, Derby City Gaming Downtown and more souvenirs.
- [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.

Transportation

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

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/>

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.



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!