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WEDNESDAY RACING AT CHURCHILL DOWNS CANCELLED BY EXCESSIVE HEAT

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Tuesday, June 14, 2022) – Wednesday’s eight-race program at Churchill Downs has been cancelled because of excessive heat in the Louisville area.

A National Weather Service excessive heat warning for Louisville remains in effect until Wednesday at 9 p.m. ET. Heat index values of 105 to 109 are forecasted for Wednesday.

Cancellations of races at Churchill Downs because of weather conditions are rare. Wednesday’s cancellation was the 22nd in track history and only the second related to extreme heat, joining June 28, 2012.

Racing at Churchill Downs is scheduled to resume Thursday at 5 p.m. ET, although track officials will continue to monitor the forecast. Any decision about cancellations in extreme weather conditions is made through consultation with CDI’s Equine Medical Director, track management and regulatory officials. Many factors, including temperature, humidity and wind speeds, are evaluated to ensure the safety and well-being of human and equine athletes.

Simulcast wagering also has been cancelled Wednesday at Churchill Downs, but online wagering is available at www.TwinSpires.com.

Guests may exchange pre-purchased tickets for another comparable race day this year. Ticket exchanges can be made at any Churchill Downs box office location throughout the live racing season. Guests who ordered tickets through Ticketmaster online may visit help.ticketmaster.com for existing order support.

Documented Weather-Related Cancellations in Churchill Downs History

Date	Meet	Races	Races Lost	Reason
June 15, 2022	Spring	All Races	8	Extreme Heat
June 23, 2016	Spring	After Race 8	1	Lightning
Nov. 20, 2014	Fall	All Races	10	Frozen racetrack
Nov. 19, 2014	Fall	All Races	10	Frozen racetrack
June 28, 2012	Spring	All Races	9	Extreme Heat
June 23, 2011	Spring	All Races	9	Clean-up of damage following June 22 tornado
May 8, 2009	Spring	After Race 5	5	Heavy rain, thunder & lightning
May 30, 2004	Spring	After Race 4	6	Severe weather, tornado warnings
June 6, 1990	Spring	After Race 3	6	Severe weather, tornado warnings
Nov. 13, 1986	Fall	All Races	9	Frozen racetrack
Nov. 24, 1970	Fall	All Races	9	Frozen racetrack
Nov. 23, 1970	Fall	All Races	9	Frozen racetrack
Nov. 17, 1959	Fall	All Races	8	Frozen racetrack
Nov. 4, 1936	Fall	All Races	7	Snow
Sept. 29, 1884	Fall	All Races	n/a	Rain
Sept. 27, 1884	Fall	All Races	n/a	Rain
Sept. 24, 1884	Fall	All Races	n/a	Rain
Oct. 4, 1883	Fall	All Races	n/a	Rain
Oct. 1, 1883	Fall	All Races	n/a	Mud
May 22, 1883	Spring	All Races	n/a	Rain
Sept. 28, 1882	Fall	All Races	n/a	Rain
Sept. 21, 1882	Fall	All Races	n/a	Mud

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 the Fall. 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 saddling paddock and 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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