

Media Advisory



CHURCHILL DOWNS

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CHURCHILL DOWNS RACE & SPORTS BOOK SET FOR GRAND OPENING ON THURSDAY

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2023) – Churchill Downs Racetrack is set to accept in-person sports wagers at its new Race & Sports Book on Thursday from 11 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. (all times Eastern).

To commemorate the opening day of retail sports betting in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, there will be a grand opening ceremony at the Churchill Downs Race & Sports Book on Thursday at 9:45 a.m., and Governor Andy Beshear will place the state's first ceremonial sports wager at 10 a.m.

Other dignitaries expected to be in attendance include Louisville Mayor Craig Greenberg and the First Lady of Louisville Rachel Greenberg; Ray A. Perry, Secretary, Kentucky Public Protection Cabinet; Jonathan Rabinowitz, Chairman, Kentucky Horse Racing Commission; Representative Al Gentry; and Cleo Battle, President & CEO of Louisville Tourism. Area sports celebrities Darrell Griffith, Bobby Perry, Dale Romans, Will Wolford and Eric Wood are expected to be on hand as well.

The Churchill Downs Race & Sports Book is located in the remodeled Aristides Lounge on the second floor of the Clubhouse. The 8,755 sq. ft. space showcases a massive TV wall, including a new 7' x 24' LED video screen and a dozen 90" televisions. The large area has an additional 16 large-format TVs for sports and horse racing, 15 sports betting kiosks, seven horse betting kiosks, six betting windows with tellers, a bar and seating for more than 280 guests.

The Churchill Downs Race & Sports Book will be open to the general public on Thursday at 11 a.m. and betting will continue until 11:30 p.m. Guests must be at least 18 years old to wager and enter the Churchill Downs Race & Sports Book.

Online sports betting in Kentucky will begin Sept. 28. Churchill Downs Incorporated has partnered with FanDuel, Penn Sports Interactive and Fanatics as its three online sports wagering service providers.

For more information, visit www.ChurchillDowns.com/SportsBook.

When: Thursday, Sept. 7, 2023 at 9:45 a.m. ET.

Where: Please enter Churchill Downs at 700 Central Avenue in Louisville through the VIP Gate. Upon arrival, please follow Kentucky Derby Drive, located off Central Avenue, and proceed through the parking lot. Guest parking is available near the VIP Gate in the White Lot in rows W-15 to W-17.

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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 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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