

Churchill Downs announces changes to Kentucky Derby Week racing

BY PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Churchill Downs Incorporated has announced changes to its 152nd Spring Meet and Derby Week racing. The 2026 Spring Meet at the racetrack will span nine weeks from April 25 to June 28, 2026, and feature 44 racing days. Derby Week will run from April 25 to May 2, 2026.

Some of the events include:

- On the afternoon of April 25, 2026, the 152nd Spring Meet and Kentucky Derby Week will kick off with

Opening Day activities including the celebration of the post-position draws for the 152nd Kentucky Oaks and Derby races.

- On April 26, 2026, racing will be held for the first time on a Sunday of Derby Week since 2010. Sunday Funday will feature brunch options around the track for guests to enjoy.

- On April 27, 2026, guests can watch Kentucky Derby and Oaks contenders train during Dawn at the Downs while enjoying a delicious buffet breakfast in the Stakes

Room or Millionaires Row.

- On April 28, 2026, 502's Day will showcase Louisville's community spirit.

- On April 29, 2026, Winsday will showcase our support for the Community Foundation of Louisville and local nonprofits.

- On April 30, 2026, Thurby will be a high energy celebration of Kentucky's rich heritage and traditions with premier racing and elevated hospitality.

- On May 1, 2026, the 152nd Kentucky Oaks will be held for the first time ever

between 8 and 9 p.m. ET during primetime on NBC and Peacock with a spectacular twilight finish for a legendary day of racing. The Kentucky Oaks features thoroughbred racing's best 3-year-old fillies with a \$1.5 million purse for the race.

The pageantry and traditions of the Kentucky Oaks are centered around fashion and women's health advocacy.

- The 152nd Kentucky Derby will be held on Saturday, May 2. The Kentucky Derby is the first leg of horse racing's Triple Crown series

with a 1 1/4-mile race for the world's top 3-year-old Thoroughbreds and a \$5 million purse for the race. The Kentucky Derby will be broadcast on NBC and Peacock.

"We are looking forward to a thrilling, fun-filled week of racing that will culminate with the 152nd running of the Kentucky Derby on May 2," said Bill Carstanjen, CEO of Churchill Downs Inc. "With the Spring Meet and Kentucky Derby Week kicking off on Saturday afternoon and the return of Sunday racing

during Derby Week for the first time in 16 years, we will once again deliver an iconic week of racing for our guests and our fans watching on NBC."

Tickets for the 152nd Kentucky Oaks and Kentucky Derby are available by visiting www.KentuckyDerby.com and www.DerbyExperiences.com or by calling 502-636-4447. Tickets for Kentucky Derby Week are available by visiting <https://www.kentuckyderby.com/derbyweek>.

High school track and field revises rules for 2026 season

BY PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

LEXINGTON — With 21 state associations now incorporating the javelin into outdoor track and field competition, the NFHS Track and Field Rules Committee voted to move the implement construction specifications into the Track and Field Rules Book, effective with the 2026 season.

The addition of javelin specifications was one of 11 changes recommended by the committee at its June 16-18 meeting in Indianapolis — all of which were subsequently approved by the NFHS Board of Directors.

"Moving the implement construction specifications for the javelin into the rules book provides greater clarity, consistency and accessibility for high school coaches, athletes and meet officials," said Julie Cochran, NFHS director of sports and liaison to the Track and Field Rules Committee. "By incorporating the construction requirements directly into the NFHS Track and Field Rules Book, we ensure that all necessary information is readily available, specific to the high school level, and aligned with the intent of education-based athletics. This approach maintains appropriate equipment standards while promoting ease of understanding, consistent enforcement and fairness

across all levels of high school competition."

Several changes focused on minimizing risk of injury were approved by the committee. First, the assessment of a downed competitor by a health-care professional to determine the athlete's ability to continue in an event is not considered aid. As a result, the games committee can designate an appropriate

health-care professional to evaluate a downed competitor on the course without resulting in disqualification, provided no assistance is given to the competitor in progressing along the course. It prioritizes athlete safety by permitting on-course evaluation while preserving the integrity of the competition.

In addition, a new section in Rule 6-8-6 will promote risk minimization in the high jump and pole vault. The new language states that a high jump or pole vault competitor who has not entered the competition within 60 minutes from the first jump of the competition shall be allowed 1 1/2 minutes of warm-up for high jump or two minutes for pole vault without the use of a crossbar or bungee cord under the supervision of an official. This will take place only at the beginning of a height change.

The committee noted that the current rule allows warm-up only after passing three consecutive heights, which

can result in long periods of inactivity — sometimes over an hour — in large competitions. This can be a disadvantage and potential safety concern for athletes entering later.

"The committee believed that changing the rule to provide a standardized 1 1/2 minutes for high jump or two minutes for pole vault warm-up for any athlete entering after 60 minutes of elapsed time promotes fairness, consistency and risk minimization," Cochran said.

Another change in the high jump and pole vault concerns the addition of "items above ground level" to padding requirements in Rules 6-9-21 and 6-9-28.

"The addition of 'above ground level' clarifies that the padding requirement applies specifically to hard and unyielding surfaces that are elevated relative to the ground," Cochran said. "This refinement helps differentiate between surfaces that present a greater risk of impact during a fall (such as raised concrete, asphalt, wood or platform extensions) versus ground-level areas that may already be accounted for with landing system setup."

A change in Rule 3-2-3 gives the games committee the authority to determine the distance of takeoff boards in the horizontal jumps. As a result, the games committee can determine takeoff board

placement in the long jump and triple jump aligning with its existing role in setting starting heights for the high jump and pole vault.

Two changes were made in Rule 9 regarding Indoor Track and Field. In Rule 9-1-1, the 200-meter dash was approved as an option for the 300-meter dash in the official Order of Events. The committee noted the change provides states with greater flexibility to structure events based on facility size and supports broader participation.

The other change in indoor track rules involves Rule 9-6-1, which establishes a uniform 20-meter exchange zone and creates a single standard for ease in officiating indoor relays.

Following are other changes

approved by the Track and Field Rules Committee:

Rule 4-6-6c (new): No athlete shall wear audio (microphone) or video (camera) device during a race or trial or in restricted areas. This language aligns with other NFHS sports rules books.

Rule 6-2-2 NOTES: A new Note 3 was added in the section General Rules for Field Events — "The time limit for a consecutive attempt applies when taking consecutive attempts within a height and at a height change."

Rule 6-3-2b4 (a): In this section on Breaking Ties, changes were made in the metric measurements to simplify implementation, align with current metric practices and support consistency in meet management.

A complete listing of the track and field rules changes will be available on the NFHS website at www.nfhs.org. Click on "Sports" at the top of the home page and select "Track and Field."

The print version of the 2026 Track and Field Rules Book will be available for purchase in October at www.NFHS.com, and the digital version will be available in the same timeframe via NFHS Digital at www.nfhs.org/nfhsdigital.

According to the most recent NFHS High School Athletics Participation Survey, track and field is the top sport for girls with 506,015 participants in 17,267 schools nationwide, and the No. 2 sport for boys behind football with 625,333 participants in 17,274 schools.

HOUSE

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three and a half minutes after his allotted time," said Anderson, who emphasized that Osborne didn't snatch the microphone away from Massie, as was reported by some outlets. Instead, he quickly removed it from what appeared to be a shelf in the podium.

"Was it forceful? All I can say is yes that certainly is what happened, but it had nothing to do with the contents of his speech," Anderson said.

Massie, who represents Carroll, Trimble and surrounding counties as part of his congressional district, is facing primary competition from fellow Republican Ed Gallrein, who ran unsuccessfully for a Kentucky Senate seat last year.

Gallrein, who also spoke during the event, is supported by President Donald Trump, who has repeatedly blasted Massie for pushing for a full release of the Epstein files

and voting against Republican spending bills for what he characterizes as wasteful spending. Trump also called Massie, who has two degrees from MIT, a "moron" during last weekend's National Day of Prayer breakfast.

Massie, who spent the bulk of speaking time defending his voting record, used the final couple of minutes of his speech to attack Gallrein, claiming he fraudulently obtained payroll protection loans during COVID and for reposting a tweet by Trump that attacked Massie's wife by saying she's a liberal.

Massie defended his wife, saying she spent years working toward various Republican causes. As he did, the meeting's timekeeper approached the podium and stood by Massie before Osborne walked up and removed the microphone.

"They can steal my microphone, but I will never be silenced," Massie tweeted following the event. "I was defending my wife, calling out my opponent's COVID PPP fraud and explaining that

congressmen work for the people, not the speaker or the president."

Massie, who had not responded for comments by press time, told the Courier-Journal reports that he "stormed" out of the event weren't accurate. He said he returned to his seat, but when he saw others get up to leave, he decided to join them.

Massie told the Courier-Journal he and a group of people unhappy with what transpired decided to go for drinks to a local establishment and that he ended up spending the night in La Grange.

"I said, 'Well, if they're going to walk out for me, I'll walk out and meet with them,'" he said.

Massie told the Courier-Journal he didn't blame Anderson for what took place, saying he's a "great guy."

Anderson said he appreciated Massie making that comment, saying he's had a good working relationship with Massie for "many, many years."

game," Pope said. "I mean, every game it's like the scout on him is going to be in the last four minutes. (The scout is) faceguard him 94-feet and don't let him touch the ball, because he just makes 'em. And he's made 'em on the defense end, on the glass, on the offensive end. We're enjoying that, it makes my job

way easier."

Kentucky returns to action Saturday, Feb. 14, at No. 17 Florida inside the O'Dome on Valentine's Day. The Wildcats (17-7, 8-3 SEC) are a half game back of the defending national champion Gators (17-5, 8-2 SEC) atop the league standings. Tipoff is at 3 p.m. ET on ABC.

CATS

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Collin Chandler hit three, including the go-ahead bucket in the game.

"Collin Chandler just continues to — it's been every

way easier."

Attest:



CITY OF BEDFORD, KENTUCKY

ORDINANCE NO. 1, SERIES 2026

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF BEDFORD ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026 TO ACCOMMODATE FOR ANTICIPATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FROM THE KENTUCKY WWATERS GRANT PROGRAM

Be it ordained by the City of Bedford, Kentucky:

The annual budget for the City's Wastewater Department Maintenance Fund for fiscal year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 is hereby amended as follows:

WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT MAINTENANCE FUND

REVENUES

PRIOR YEAR SURPLUS	\$33,000.00
CHARGES FOR WASTEWATER SERVICES	\$208,000.00
LATE FEES	\$12,000.00
TAP FEES	\$2,000.00
RECONNECTION CHARGES	\$1,500.00
INTEREST INCOME	\$500.00
MISC. INCOME	\$2,000.00
DEPOSITS	\$1,000.00
RETURNED CHECK FEES	\$1,000.00
KY WWATERS GRANT REVENUES	\$30,000.00

TOTAL REVENUES

\$2,691,000.00

EXPENDITURES

SALARIES	\$85,000.00
PAYROLL TAXES	\$8,000.00
RETIREMENT	\$18,000.00
UTILITIES	\$24,000.00
OUTSIDE SERVICES	\$34,000.00
SAMPLES/TESTING	\$36,000.00
MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS	\$12,000.00
CHEMICALS	\$16,000.00
SUPPLIES	\$10,000.00
OFFICE EXPENSES	\$1,000.00
EQUIPMENT PURCHASES / LEASE	\$2,000.00
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	\$500.00
TRAINING	\$1,000.00
POSTAGE	\$2,900.00
ADVERTISING	\$1,000.00
TELEPHONES / INTERNET	\$2,500.00
BANK CHARGES	\$1,500.00
DEPOSIT REFUNDS	\$1,000.00
RECONNECTION CHARGES	\$2,000.00
BOND & SINKING	\$21,600.00
METER READING	\$5,500.00
TAXES/FEES	\$3,500.00
RESERVE FUND	
UNCOLLECTIBLE ACCT EXPENSE	

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

\$2,589,000.00

NET INCOME

\$2,000.00

(CASH BALANCE AT END OF FISCAL YEAR)

This Ordinance shall take effect upon its enactment and publication as required by law.

Introduced and given first reading on Dec 16, 2025

Given second reading and approved on Jan 20, 2026

Approved:

Joe Robinson, Mayor

Attest:

Leeann Mitchell, City Clerk