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RECORD $5.477 MILLION IN STAKES SET FOR TURFWAY PARK'S HOLIDAY, WINTER/SPRING MEETS

FLORENCE, Ky. (Monday, Nov. 2, 2026) – Turfway Park Racing & Gaming will offer 28 stakes worth a record $5.477 million across its 2026 Holiday Meet and 2027 Winter/Spring Meet, led by the $777,000 Jeff Ruby Steaks (Grade III), the $1 million Synthetic Championships and a new stop on the Road to the Kentucky Derby.

The 18-day Holiday Meet runs Wednesday, Dec. 2 through Wednesday, Dec. 30, with racing expanding to five days a week on a Wednesday-Sunday schedule. The Winter/Spring Meet opens Friday, Jan. 1, with regular racing Wednesday-Saturday through March 27.

First post is 5:55 p.m. (all times Eastern) for most days and Jeff Ruby Day on Saturday, March 20, will begin at 12:45 p.m. There will be no racing Dec. 24-25, Dec. 27 or Dec. 31.

The Holiday Meet will feature eight stakes worth $1.5 million, led by the third annual Synthetic Championships on Saturday, Dec. 12. The program includes four stakes worth $250,000 each: the Holiday Cheer and Holiday Inaugural at six furlongs, and the My Charmer and Prairie Bayou (Listed) at one mile.

New to the Holiday Meet stakes schedule is the $125,000 Her Last Hurrah for 3-year-old fillies at 1 1/16 miles on Saturday, Dec. 26. The inaugural running joins the $125,000 Last Hurrah for 3-year-olds at 1 1/8 miles on the same program.

The Holiday Meet stakes schedule also includes the $125,000 Boone County at 1 1/4 miles on Saturday, Dec. 5 and the $125,000 Florence for fillies and mares at the same distance on Saturday, Dec. 19.

Three Kentucky Derby preps and two Kentucky Oaks preps during the Winter/Spring Meet will give horses competing in Northern Kentucky a path to Churchill Downs for the $5 million Kentucky Derby presented by Woodford Reserve (Grade I) on Saturday, May 1 and the $1.5 million Longines Kentucky Oaks (GI) on Friday, April 30.

The meet's 20 stakes worth $3.977 million include a new addition to the Road to the Kentucky Derby: the $125,000 Leonatus on Saturday, Jan. 16. The one-mile race is part of the Prep Season and will award qualifying points to the top five finishers on a 10-5-3-2-1 scale, giving Turfway Park three Derby qualifying races.

The $175,000 John Battaglia Memorial (Listed), scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 20 at 1 1/16 miles, will offer Derby points on a 20-10-6-4-2 scale. One night earlier, the $175,000 Cincinnati Trophy at one mile will award Kentucky Oaks points on the same scale.

The 56th running of the $777,000 Jeff Ruby Steaks (GIII) will anchor the six-stakes program on Saturday, March 20. The 1 1/8-mile race is part of the Championship Series on the Road to the Kentucky Derby and will award qualifying points to the top five finishers on a 100-50-25-15-10 scale.

Also scheduled for Jeff Ruby Day are the $300,000 TwinSpires Kentucky Cup Classic (GIII) at 1 1/8 miles; the $300,000 Bourbonette Oaks (Listed) at 1 1/16 miles; the $250,000 Rushaway at 1 1/16 miles; the $250,000 Animal Kingdom at six furlongs; and the $250,000 Latonia (Listed) at 1 1/16 miles. The Bourbonette Oaks will award Kentucky Oaks qualifying points on a 50-25-15-10 scale.

The Holiday Meet condition book is available here: Turfway Park Holiday Meet Condition Book

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TURFWAY PARK STAKES SCHEDULE

2026 Holiday Meet

Date	Race	Purse	Age	Distance	Grade
Dec. 5	Boone County	$125,000	3yo & up	1 1/4 M	BT
Dec. 12	Holiday Inaugural	$250,000	F&M, 3yo & up	6 F	BT
Dec. 12	My Charmer	$250,000	F&M, 3yo & up	1 M	BT
Dec. 12	Prairie Bayou	$250,000	3yo & up	1 M	Listed
Dec. 12	Holiday Cheer	$250,000	3yo & up	6 F	BT
Dec. 19	Florence	$125,000	F&M, 3yo & up	1 1/4 M	BT
Dec. 26	Her Last Hurrah	$125,000	3yo fillies	1 1/16 M	BT
Dec. 26	Last Hurrah	$125,000	3yo	1 1/8 M	BT

2027 Winter/Spring Meet

Date	Race	Purse	Age	Distance	Grade
Jan. 1	Gowell	$125,000	3yo fillies	6 F	BT
Jan. 2	Turfway Prevue	$125,000	3yo	6 1/2 F	BT
Jan. 9	Wishing Well	$125,000	F&M, 4yo & up	6 1/2 F	BT
Jan. 16	Leonatus	$125,000	3yo	1 M	BT
Jan. 23	Likely Exchange	$125,000	F&M, 4yo & up	1 M	BT
Jan. 30	Forego	$125,000	4yo & up	6 1/2 F	BT
Feb. 6	Valdale	$125,000	3yo fillies	6 1/2 F	BT
Feb. 13	Dust Commander	$125,000	4yo & up	1 1/16 M	BT
Feb. 19	Cincinnati Trophy	$175,000	3yo fillies	1 M	BT
Feb. 20	John Battaglia Memorial	$175,000	3yo	1 1/16 M	Listed
Feb. 27	Wintergreen	$125,000	F&M, 4yo & up	1 M	BT
March 6	Big Daddy	$125,000	4yo & up	6 F	Listed
March 13	Queen	$125,000	F&M, 4yo & up	6 F	BT
March 20	TwinSpires Kentucky Cup Classic	$300,000	4yo & up	1 1/8 M	GIII
March 20	Jeff Ruby Steaks	$777,000	3yo	1 1/8 M	GIII
March 20	Rushaway	$250,000	3yo	1 1/16 M	BT
March 20	Bourbonette Oaks	$300,000	3yo fillies	1 1/16 M	Listed
March 20	Animal Kingdom	$250,000	3yo	6 F	BT
March 20	Latonia	$250,000	F&M, 4yo & up	1 1/16 M	Listed
March 27	Serena's Song	$125,000	3yo fillies	6 F	BT

All purses included contributions from the Kentucky Thoroughbred Development Fund.

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