

Death at the Derby

Welcome to the Olaf Downs racecourse and the biggest of the famous Four Flower races: the annual “Trek for the Tulips” on our Manitou Mile track. Jockeys, celebrities, press, and starstruck fans rubbed elbows at a celebration banquet last night, catered by celebrity guest chef Ole Lutefisk.

Last year’s winner and favored jockey, Billy Cobbler, was alive and well at dinner last night but was found dead in his horse’s stall this morning. Police are treating Billy’s death as murder—was someone trying to rig the race?

But don’t let that worry you! Enjoy the fabulous Tulip Topper hat competition or our new signature drink, the Tulip Julep. And while you’re here, feel free to place a bet!

Welcome to *Death at the Derby*!

Welcome to the races!

What do you get with *Death at the Derby*?

- A step-by-step guide on how to run the game.
- Character booklets for each guest, including background, goals and objectives, rules, and special abilities.
- Item cards for each guest.
- Handouts, nametags, and other essential items.

How many people are needed?

Death at the Derby is for 20 to 32 guests—plus one or two hosts (the game coordinators). The step-by-step guide explains which characters to omit if you have fewer than 32 guests (you need at least 20, however).

Number of guests	Male characters	Female characters	Characters anyone can play
20	4	3	13
21-24	4-5	3-5	13-14
25-29	5	5-6	14-18
30-32	5	6	19-21

And if you have even more guests, we include an extra character for *Death at the Derby*.

How does *Death at the Derby* work?

Death at the Derby runs for three or four hours and suits a buffet meal. The host acts as organizer, responsible for making sure everything runs smoothly. The host does not count toward the maximum or minimum number of players.

The guests are all present backstage at the Olaf Downs racecourse. They each have their own goals, and how they achieve these goals is up to them. *Death at the Derby* is an evening of intrigue and secrets!

*What age is **Death at the Derby** suitable for?*

We suggest ***Death at the Derby*** is suitable for ages 18+ as it contains adult themes and references to drug smuggling and serial infidelity.

*Where can I purchase **Death at the Derby**?*


Death at the Derby is available from <https://www.freeformgames.com/>.

When you buy the game, you'll be taken to a page where you can download it immediately. We accept all major payment methods.

We will also email you a download link and password, so you can collect your game later if that's more convenient.

*What if I don't like **Death at the Derby**?*

We offer a cast-iron, no-quibble guarantee. If you're not completely satisfied with ***Death at the Derby***, let us know within 30 days and we will refund you.



"Freeform Games will definitely be my first stop when I decide to host my next murder mystery game :) keep doing great work!" **Vlad Dogaru, Romania**

"As I've always said you guys are great!!!! You think of everything! You've found a loyal customer in me!!" **Doris Arnett-Gary, USA**

"Love you guys. Love your games. I always had them for my teenaged daughter and her friends and they were a big hit. I was often impressed with how far young minds took their characters." **Susan Bull, California**

"You make really great games. My friends and me are fond of mystery murder games and tried quite a number of them, and yours are the most interesting and elaborate ones :)" **Lyubov Sharonova, Russia**

"I just want to say thank you for your fantastic games! We've played at least 6 of them, and every single one has been great fun. We have played a lot of murder mystery games over the past 5 years, and yours are absolutely the best." **Mary Lantz, USA**

"Thank you again for responding to all my questions – you guys certainly know how to treat your customers – thank you!" **Laura Blakley, United Kingdom**

Death at the Derby—cast list

Track Staff

Kennedy Campbell: Race announcer

Oak Dickerson: Racetrack manager

Sawyer Ellingson: Exercise rider (and Edi Ellingson's child)

Finley Gibbs: Exercise rider

Ole Lutefisk: Celebrity guest chef and Gertrude Hilleboe's husband

Marley Mitchell: Assistant manager

Quinn Monroe: Bookmaker

Doc Rolvaag: Veterinarian

Luke Sutton: Assistant security officer

Peyton West: Security officer

Owners

Don Buntrock: Wealthy horse owner and married to Judy

Judy Buntrock: Wealthy horse owner and married to Don

Charlie Channing: The Channings own two horses and the Olaf Downs racecourse

Edi Ellingson: Horse owner and jeweler (and Sawyer's parent)

Bobbie Oldhut: Horse owner and Ms. Gibson's agent

Trainers

Pat Fitzsimmons: Horse trainer

Hopper Rails: Horse trainer

Sven Skoglund: Horse trainer

Jockeys

Toni Knight: Jockey

Frankie Ramm: Jockey who shared a house with Billy Cobbler

Red Wright: Jockey

Milliners

Dolly Crownfeathers: Assistant milliner

Gertrude Hilleboe: Milliner and Ole Lutefisk's wife

Race Attendees

Madison Abbott: Race enthusiast enjoying their first real-life race

Ariel Gibson: Famous singer

Harper Flannery: Race enthusiast

Drew Johnson: Race enthusiast

Derek Lunesdale: Star from the hit TV show "Tribal"

Lee Maddox: Police detective

S.T. Madigan: Roving reporter

Kelly Patterson: Star from the hit TV show "Tribal"

Taylor Sullivan: Race enthusiast