Erie County Dept. of Parks, Recreation and Forestry

Golf Course Tee Time Lottery System

Thank you for your patronage at the Erie County Golf Courses: Grover Cleveland Golf Course and Elma Meadows Golf Course. Erie County is proud to offer these beautiful facilities to our general public and greatly values our loyal patrons.

Golf has seen a significant growth in popularity in recent years. Due to this and other factors, the Dept. of Parks has decided to implement the Chelsea lottery system effective at the start of the 2023 season. This lottery system uses weighted point calculations instead of random calculations to determine tee times. The lottery system is the fairest way to ensure equitable access to the golf courses for all golfers. This system is utilized by public and private courses throughout the United States.

Point System

The Lottery System will utilize weighted points to determine tee times.

- ½ point for 9 hole play
- ½ point for rounds played after 2pm
- ½ point for rounds played M-F
- 1 point for rounds played on Saturday or Sunday
- 1 point for rounds played before 2pm
- 1 point for a guest round in a pass holder time
- 3 point penalty for a no-call, no-show tee time

Details

- Point calculations will turn over every 38 days (30 days of historical play plus 8 days of future placed days.)
  - Points will stay with you for 30 consecutive days. On the 31st day, the point(s) from Day 1 drops off. On the 32nd day, the point(s) from Day 2 drops off, and so forth.
  - A tee time request will add up all the players in the group (if applicable) and get the average per group. Chelsea will take every request and prioritize from lowest to highest average.
  - The group with the lowest average will get placed first, and go down the line until all groups are placed or until there are no available times left.
- If a golfer does not get their requested tee time, their points are reduced by 0.1 point for each hour away from the request.
- Pass holder teams will rank above Guest teams.
- Must enter names of all golfers on a team when booking a foursome.
  - A pass holder can be swapped out for another pass holder only when the person has equal or lower points than the person being swapped out.
- All golfers with a tee time will receive a confirmation e-mail when tee time is granted/placed.

- Golfers with a Tee Time Pass may still request tee times 8 days out. Golfers with a regular pass can request tee times 3 days out.
- Pass Holders get 1 point if they request a tee time and get placed on the tee sheet by Chelsea before 2pm (3pm in-season). Even if you later cancel or don't play, you still get the 1 point as your request used the lottery system.
- A tee time request will add up all the players in the group and get the average per group (ie. a foursome has a total of 12 points – 3.0 average for the group. A threesome with 12 points – 4.0 average for the group).
- Ties will be decided by random number.
- Chelsea will take every request and prioritize from lowest to highest average. The group with the lowest average will get placed first and go down the line until all groups are placed or until there are no available times left.

<p align="center">Example:</p>

	Points Player 1	Points Player 2	Points Player 3	Points Player 4	Total Points (Avg)	Time Requested
Group A	6	6	6	6	24 (6.0)	7:00am
Group B	4	2	2		8 (2.67)	7:00am
Group C	6	2	2	1	11 (2.75)	7:00am
Group D	2	2	1	3	8 (2.0)	7:00am
Group E	1	1	1	6	9 (2.25)	7:00am

- Group A is a foursome that plays three mornings a week
- Group B is a threesome. Player 4 is a single who requested a tee time and got placed with this threesome.
- Group C has a member that plays a lot with others who play once a week.
- Group D plays 5 days a week, but most days they play at 2pm or later
- Group E was a threesome.

Placement from Example:

    • Group D gets placed **first** as they have the **lowest average points (2.0).** They play golf most days, but they play after 2pm when you earn fewer points.

    • Group E gets placed **second**. They were in line for lowest average, but the single that was randomly placed with the threesome brought their average up to 2.25. (Note – This works the other way as well. A single might have 1 point, but get randomly placed with a group that has a lot of points).

    • Group B, Group C and Group A will get placed on the tee sheet **next** based on the group's average points.

To Make a Tee Time Request

1. Go to website: https://erie.chelseareservations.com/
2. Click on the applicable tile as shown.
3. Click member log in (if applicable). Put in your pass holder number and password.
4. Choose day you want to request a tee time for
5. Pick your requested time then choose the earliest time you want to play and latest time. The default earliest and latest times are the first and last of the day.
   a. If you put no earlier than 6am and no later than 8:30am, your group will only be placed in that member tee time frame pending availability.
   b. DO NOT RESTRICT YOURSELF TOO MUCH. If you put in that you want no earlier than 8am and no later than 10am, there is a good chance you won't get a time if there are 40 requests for that day. If you request to play between 9am-10:30am and those times all fall into the guest block, you won't get a time.