

Erie County Dept. of Parks, Recreation and Forestry

Golf Course Tee Time Lottery System *(eff. 04/2023)*

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
- 1 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.)
- 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.
- All golfers with a tee time will receive a confirmation e-mail when tee time is booked.

- Golfers with a Tee Time Pass may still request tee times 8 days out.
- 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).
- 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.
- Ties will be decided by random number.

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.