The Hot Springs Village golf lottery provides an equitable method for all members to try to obtain their desired tee time(s) on all available Hot Springs Village courses. The information below may help golfers as they make their decisions when submitting their lottery requests.

- The lottery is open to make requests 14 days in advance of the day of play.
- The lottery is completely random; every request is drawn “from the hopper” and is numbered in the order it was drawn. It doesn’t matter if requests are submitted on the first available day or the last day.
- Each request is then awarded tee time(s), in the numerical order drawn, based on the parameters that were selected via the request. These parameters include giving preference to **Time** versus **Course**, **Earliest** and **Latest** time acceptable, and desired **Courses** in priority order.
- No priority is given to requests for one tee time versus multiple tee times, though larger groups may become more difficult to place the further down the list they are drawn.
- When multiple groups are included in a request, the requestor may also elect to “break” the group which may cause the tee times to be non-consecutive or may even be placed at different courses.
- After all foursomes, threesomes and twosomes are placed, a second pass places any singles with previously placed threesomes or twosomes.
- When the selection of “ANY” course is made, the lottery will randomly rank all courses and then will attempt to awards tee time(s) based on the other parameters of the request.
- If there are no tee times are available within the parameters selected, the request will be added to the “Waitlist”. All remaining tee times are now open for booking should you wish to consider other options.
  - You may book tee times online through the Member Portal or you may contact Central Tee Times on 501-922-2858 and we will be happy to assist you in finding tee times for this date.
  - Central Tee Times may call the captain of the request in an attempt to find alternate arrangements for the group after the lottery run has completed.

The most frequent question that is asked is “should I choose **Time** or **Course**” as my preference? Let’s look at examples and how the lottery behaves differently when all parameters are the same, with the only difference being whether **TIME** or **COURSE** is selected:

- Preferred time of 10:00, earliest time of 8:00 and latest time of 12:00
- Courses: Balboa, Cortez and Magellan
- There are 4 golfers in the request
- This request is #107 of 324 requests to be submitted for the lottery for that day

**Preference of TIME is selected:**
Since TIME is most important, the lottery will look to see if 10:04 is available at Balboa. If not, it will look next at 10:04 at Cortez, then 10:04 at Magellan. It will then go backwards to 9:56 and then forward to 10:12 looking for an open time, utilizing the requestors course preference parameters until it finds an open slot within the parameters that were defined (8:00-earliest or 12:00-latest). Since 106 prior requests were already fulfilled, it doesn’t find an opening until it reaches 11:16 at Magellan. The request is awarded the 11:16 tee time at Magellan and the lottery moves on to request #108.

**Preference of COURSE is selected:**
Since COURSE is most important, the lottery will look to see if 10:04 is available at Balboa. If not, it will look backwards and forwards for the next nearest time it can find at Balboa. It looked as far backwards as 8:00 and as far forward as 12:00, but was unsuccessful in finding an open time at Balboa. It now repeats this process at Cortez. Finally it finds an opening at Cortez at 11:48 and awards that time to this request. You’ll notice that it never got far enough to look for a time at Magellan, as the request was satisfied before it had a chance to search for tee times there.