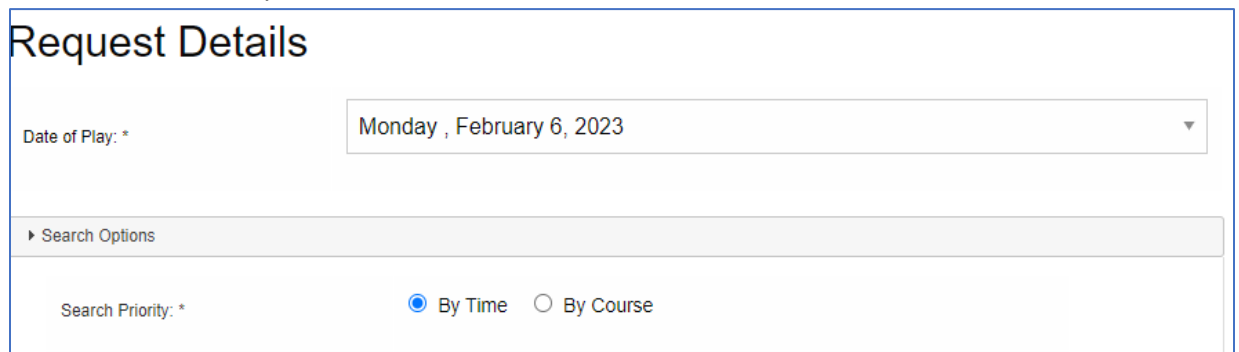# RCSC Golf Lottery Tips for Success

Below are some tips to improve your chances of achieving a successful draw when using the RCSC Lottery System.

The RCSC Golf Calendar is your friend and should be reviewed prior to making lottery selections and is located on the RCSC website www.suncityaz.org, under the Golf Tab. The Calendar is most useful when viewed online as each day can be viewed in detail. When printed much of the detail can be lost. The Calendar shows which courses are playing straight sheets as well as which courses are hosting Small Group Bookings, Events or undergoing maintenance, allowing the user to plan their bookings around events or on the tee sheet start that best suits their needs. The calendar can support viewing and printing of 5 events per day, if there are more than 5 events on a given day a message will appear on the bottom of the day that states +2 more (for six events), +3 more (for seven events) and so on. These "+" messages are hyperlinks and when clicked will display all the events for the day.

- After reviewing the calendar it is time to set parameters for your time
    1. Select the Date of Play

    2. Set search priority, either By Time or By Course
        - By Time will have the lottery search for the time closest to your Desired Time, regardless of your Course Selection priorities. For example if your Desired Time is 9:00 a.m. and South has 9:07 when your name is drawn and all other courses have times outside of 7 minutes, you will be awarded South.
        - By Course will search for courses that fall within your Earliest Time and Latest Time selections. For example if every course had times available within your window, the system would award you the first course in your Course Selection as close to your preferred time as possible even another course lower in your Course Selection has a time closer to your preferred time.
        - In Summary if Time is most important to you set your Search Priority to By Time if your desire is to play a specific course set your Search Priority to By Course.

- Time Selections
    1. Desired Time – this is your preferred time to play
    2. Earliest Time – this is earliest time you wish to play
    3. Latest Time – this is the latest time you wish to play

Desired Time: *	10:00 AM
Earliest Time: *	8:00 AM
Latest Time: *	12:00 PM

    4. How Tee Formats can affect your lottery success
        - Crossover sheets have blocks of times when no times are available, in 2:15 blocks
            - Most tee time requests we see are between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.
            - In December and January crossover sheets do not have times available between 10:00 a.m. and 12:15 p.m., the other "in season" months times are not available between 9:30 a.m. and 11:45 a.m.
            - If you are requesting times at only regulation courses between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. and two of the regulation courses are running Crossover starts, you have effectively reduced your Course Selection by 40%.
        - Straight Sheet starts do not have any times that are blocked, however they will have fewer times available between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. in January and December and between 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. during the other "in season" months
    5. In summary to increase your chances select a wide window of at least two hours and ideally wider, pay close attention to crossover sheets and widen your window to include times outside of the crossover times, include as many courses as possible in your selections and consider including the Executive Courses.
- Break Group
    1. This option appears on the # of Groups line, if 2 or more groups are selected

# of Groups:	2 ▼ ☐ Break Group

        - If unchecked the lottery system will only look to book your selected number of groups in consecutive tee times
        - If checked the lottery system will have permission to book your group around a single booking that was awarded a time earlier in the draw process. For example you requested 3 groups between 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., when your number is chosen there are only 3 times available to book, 9:22, 9:30 and 9:45, with 9:37 having already been awarded to another lottery winner, by checking Break Group the system will award you the 9:22, 9:30 and 9:45 times. Break Group **will not** place your groups on different courses or separate your groups by more than one tee time.
        - In summary Break Group increases chances for lottery participants that have more than one group.

Quick Summary to Improving Lottery Success

- Always review the online [RCSC Golf Calendar](#) prior to submitting Lottery requests and plan your booking window around courses and/or times with conflicts
- Request a minimum 2 hour range of acceptable tee times – request a wider range if your window falls within crossover times
- Request more than one course, consider including Executive Courses
- Check the "Break Group" box if booking more than one foursome/fivesome