

## As Playoff Chances Dwindle, Mets Cut Ticket Prices

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At the trade deadline, Mets GM Omar Minaya said that the club would not be making any moves saying that they still were in contention for the wild card. After going 3-7 over the last 10 games, and now 10 games out of the wild card, the organization seems to be raising the white flag.

According to [Bloomberg News](#) , the Mets are lowering prices – as much as 33 percent to 50 percent for 13 of their remaining 26 home games in an effort to bring fans in. Mets spokesman David Newman said prices will range from \$40 to \$90 on Metro Box, Field Box, Caesars Club and Baseline Box tickets.

In an odd twist, according to the report, the ticket discounts are not being sold through MLB.com or the league's secondary ticket partner, StubHub, but rather, TheaterMania.

Over 55 games, the Mets currently rank 7th in league attendance (avg. 39,220) after moving from cavernous Shea Stadium which had a seating capacity of 57,333 to far smaller Citi Field, which has a seating capacity of 41,800. To date, Citi Field has been running at 93.4 percent of capacity, compared to 88 percent at Shea last season at this time.

Over 55 games this season the Mets are averaging 39,220 compared to an average of 50,784 over 58 games during the same period last season. Total attendance to date for the Mets is 2,157,139 compared to 2,945,499 at this point in 2008, a decline of 27 percent.

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