Maximum Hole Score under the
World Handicap System™

What is net double bogey?

When posting scores for handicap purposes, there's a maximum hole score. This prevents an occasional bad hole from overly affecting your Handicap Index®.

➡ Before establishing a Handicap Index (fewer than 54 holes posted): Maximum hole score = **par + 5.**

➡ After establishing a Handicap Index: Maximum hole score = **net double bogey.**

This adjustment is usually made after the round and before posting your score. However, in general play or formats that allow, you may pick up once you've reached your maximum hole score.

How is net double bogey calculated?

Net double bogey =
Double bogey +/- any handicap strokes received on a hole (minus applies to plus-handicap players)

If you post hole-by-hole scores, the net double bogey adjustment is applied automatically.

Can I see an example?

A player with a Course Handicap™ of 10 can post a maximum hole score of double bogey +1 on holes allocated 1-10 (marked with a red •). On all other holes, the limit is double bogey.

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN
Yardage	393	133	375	490	333	378	155	416	357	3030	341	152	360	131	471	323	314	375	340	2807
Par	4	3	4	5	4	4	3	4	4	35	4	3	4	3	5	4	4	4	4	35
Stroke Index	5 •	17	9 •	1 •	11	7 •	15	3 •	13		8 •	16	6 •	18	2 •	10 •	14	4 •	12	
Player A	4	4	5	6	4	5	3	4	4	39	4	4	8	4	6	4	4	5	5	44

Max = 7

Total score	83	Net double bogey adjustment	-1	Adjusted gross score	82

What if my Course Handicap is above 18?

This simply changes your baseline.

If your Course Handicap is **19-36**, **triple bogey** is your baseline.

If your Course Handicap is **37-54**, **quadruple bogey** is your baseline.

Consider this scenerio, your Course Handicap is 27 — Your max hole score on holes with a stroke index value of 1-9 will be triple bogey +1. On all other holes, your max will be triple bogey.