

Use of Most Likely Score under the World Handicap System™

What is most likely score?

Most likely score is the number of strokes (including penalty strokes) you've already taken plus the number of strokes you'd most likely need to complete the hole.

This procedure is used for formats where players might not hole out—like match play or Four-Ball stroke play (e.g., concessions).

This score is a reasonable estimate based on what the player would expect to score from that position more than half the time.

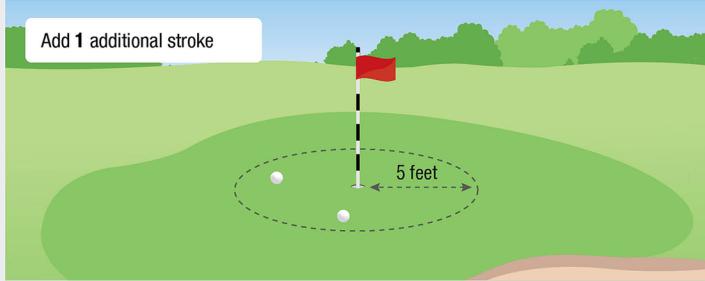
How to estimate your most likely score?

To determine your most likely score, use the guidelines in the Rules of Handicapping™, and ask yourself, “*What would most likely happen from here?*”

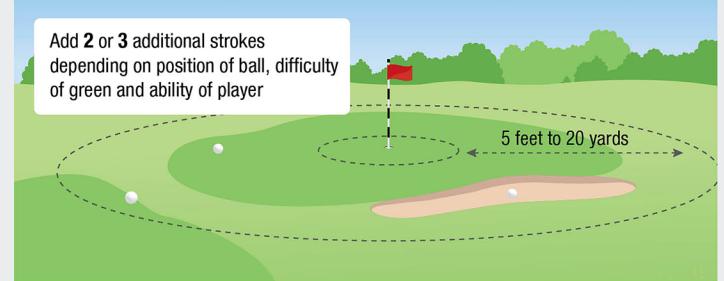
- Your most likely score can't exceed your maximum hole score for handicap purposes, known as net double bogey.

Can I see the guidelines?

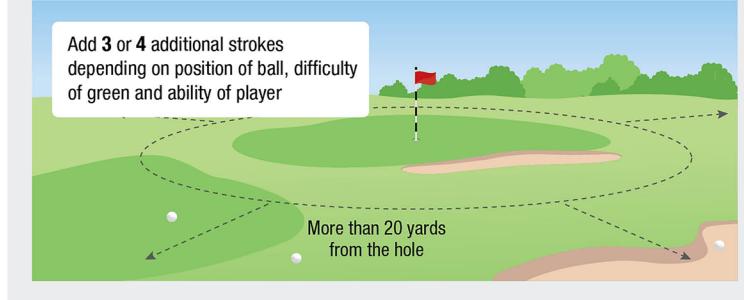
▼ If the ball lies on the putting green, no more than 5 feet (1.5 metres) from the hole.



▼ If the ball lies between 5 feet (1.5 metres) and 20 yards (20 metres) from the hole.



▼ If the ball lies more than 20 yards (20 metres) from the hole.



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