Net Double Bogey is the maximum hole score under the World Handicap System™

**What is Net Double Bogey?**

Net Double Bogey is the maximum allowable hole score for handicap purposes.

The procedure is typically applied after the round and before a score is posted. However, when the format of play allows, or when playing a recreational round, you can pick up once you’ve reached your Net Double Bogey limit.

Net Double Bogey prevents the occasional bad hole from impacting your Handicap Index too severely.

**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 should be 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 through 10 on the scorecard (denoted with red •). The max score on all other holes is Double Bogey.

The player’s score of 8 on the 12th hole would be reduced to a 7 for handicap purposes. This is because their Net Double Bogey maximum was Double Bogey +1, which on a Par 4 = 7. The score for the competition is 83, but the score for handicap purposes is 82.

**What if my Course Handicap is above 18?**

If your Course Handicap is between 19 and 36:

Triple Bogey is your baseline – post up to Triple Bogey +1 on holes with stroke index values less than or equal to your Course Handicap – 18.

If your Course Handicap is between 37 and 54:

Quadruple Bogey is your baseline – post up to Quadruple Bogey +1 on holes with stroke index values less than or equal to your Course Handicap – 36.

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