



Establishing a Handicap

Handicap Index: The measure of a player's demonstrated ability calculated against the Slope Rating of a golf course of standard playing difficulty.

How many scores do you need to establish a Handicap?

- Minimum Numbers of scores to get a Handicap is 54 holes made up of any combination of 9- or 18-hole rounds.
- No time limit on completing the submission of these scores.
- Strong recommendation that initial scores are submitted hole-by-hole to better assess the potential of the player.

For 20 or more scores - an average of the lowest 8 of the most recent 20 score differentials, rounded to the nearest tenth.

Adjusted Gross Score - A player's gross score, including any penalty strokes, adjusted for when:

- The player exceeds their maximum hole score,
- A hole is not played, or
- A hole is started but the player does not hole out.

Course Handicap - The number of handicap strokes a player receives, before *handicap allowances*, from a specific set of tees as determined by the *Slope Rating* and the difference between *Course Rating* and *par*.

Score Differential - The difference between a player's *adjusted gross score* and the *Course Rating*, reflecting the *Slope Rating* and the *playing conditions calculation*. It is the numerical value attributed to a score achieved on a *golf course* on a specific day that is posted into the player's *scoring record*. A *Score Differential* must be an 18-hole value or its calculated equivalent.

Playing Handicap - The *Course Handicap* adjusted for any *handicap allowances* or Terms of the Competition. It represents the actual number of strokes the player gives or receives for the round being played

Net Double Bogey - A score equal to the *par* of a hole plus two strokes and adjusted for any handicap strokes applied on that hole. A *net double bogey* is a player's maximum hole score for handicap.

The net double bogey adjustment sets a maximum score on any hole for handicap purposes, ensuring bad holes don't impact a player's handicap too severely.

Net double bogey

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Par

+

2

+/-

+/- Handicap strokes received
or given on a hole

A player with a Course Handicap of 11 receives one stroke on the first 11 allocated stroke holes.

On a par-4 hole with a *stroke index* of 6, the player's *net double bogey* score is calculated as follows:

Par		Two Strokes (Double Bogey)		Stroke(s) Received		Max
4	+	2	+	1	=	7

