

Maximum Adjusted Scores for Handicap Purposes & the Use of Stroke Index Allocation

A score for handicap purposes should not be overly influenced by one or two bad hole scores that are not reflective of a player's demonstrated ability.

A **Maximum Adjusted Score** is applied to a player's gross score on a hole-by-hole basis when the gross score exceeds the maximum assigned value. The calculation is done automatically in the Score Centre and is used for handicap purposes only. The maximum values are determined as follows:

Before your Handicap Index is issued:

The maximum score for any hole is your gross score (all the strokes you take from tee to cup.) or the adjusted score of **Par + 5**. Whichever is lowest.

After your Handicap Index is issued:

The maximum score for any hole is your gross score (all the strokes you take from tee to cup) or the adjusted score of **Net Double Bogey**. Whichever is lowest.

What is NET DOUBLE BOGEY?

Net Double Bogey is calculated as follows:

$$\text{Net Double Bogey} = \text{Par} + 2 + \text{Strokes Received}$$

What are "Strokes Received"?

How do you know if you get them and on which holes?

The Stroke Index Allocation values, as listed on the scorecard, are used with your course handicap to determine strokes received and on which holes.

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	Total
Blue	304	146	396	152	330	475	338	499	407	3047	418	393	250	504	177	363	501	355	171	3132	6179
White	289	134	366	130	307	444	322	471	340	2803	411	371	240	479	166	346	470	344	151	2978	5781
Red	278	116	330	112	267	412	298	446	298	2557	401	298	220	449	150	281	399	306	117	2621	5178
Gold	278	116	292	83	221	367	243	352	231	2183	377	274	197	400	150	246	319	257	117	2337	4520
STROKE INDEX Men	15	17	3	13	7	1	11	9	5		8	10	4	6	16	12	2	14	18		
PAR	4	3	4	3	4	5	4	5	4	36	4/5	4	4	5	3	4	5	4	3	36	72/73
STROKE INDEX Women	7	15	1	17	5	13	9	3	11		14	6	18	2	12	10	4	8	16		

Stroke Index
Allocation Values
Men

Stroke Index
Allocation Values
Women

Let's look at two examples: using the PGCC scorecard where hole #6 is a par 5 and has a Stroke Index Allocation of 1 for men and 13 for women.

Example #1: A man with a course handicap of 10 receives a stroke on all holes with Stroke Index Allocations 1 through 10 using the Men's SIA values. Hole #6 is a stroke hole for him as it has an SIA value of 1. His gross score on that hole is 9. His maximum adjusted score of Net Double Bogey is: ***Par (5) + Double Bogey (2) + Stroke Allocation (1) = 8.***

Example #2: A woman with a course handicap of 10 receives a stroke on all holes with Stroke Index Allocations 1 through 10 using the Women's SIA values. Hole #6 is ***not*** a stroke hole for her as it has an SIA value of 13. She also has a gross score of 9 on that hole. Her maximum adjusted score of Net Double Bogey is: ***Par (5) + Double Bogey (2) + Stroke Allocation (0) = 7.***

Let's look at another example where the player has a course handicap above 18:

Example #3: A woman with a course handicap of 32 receives a stroke on all 18 holes, plus an additional stroke on the holes with SIA values 1 through 14, using the Women's SIA values. (32-18=14) Simply put, she receives 2 strokes on the holes with SIA values of 1-14 and 1 stroke on all the other holes.

Hole #1 has an SIA value of 7 and is a double stroke hole for her. Her gross score on Hole #1 is 9. Her maximum adjusted score of Net Double Bogey is: ***Par (4) + Double Bogey (2) + Stroke Allocation (2) = 8.***

In all three examples, the players' gross scores are still 9. They would all post 9 for the hole played. The Score Centre would automatically calculate their Maximum Adjusted Scores (8, 7 & 8 respectively) and apply these values to their adjusted scores. The adjusted scores are only used for the purpose of updating their handicaps.

The Good News: The Score Centre automatically calculates your Maximum Adjusted Score from your Gross Score. All you have to do is post your Scores!

When will you need to do these calculations manually?

- In match play - to ensure the correct strokes are given/received between playing opponents.
- When you "pick-up" prior to finishing a hole. You may wish to pick up before completing a hole once you have reached your Maximum Adjusted Score. Ensure you calculate the correct maximum score value for that hole before you pick up.
NOTE: this may be done for the sake of pace of play only and never if you are playing in any form of Gross or Net competition.

Remember! Adjustments for Net values cannot be applied to Maximum Adjusted Scores. Net Score adjustments are only applied to full Gross scores.