



## Picton Golf & Country Club Hackers Hollow – Handicap Bulletin #2

What is ESC, you might ask?

Equitable Stroke Control (ESC) is the downward adjustment of individual hole scores for handicap purposes in order to make handicap factors more representative of a player's potential ability. ESC sets a maximum number that a player can post on any hole depending on the player's Course Handicap. **ESC is used only when a player's actual or most likely score exceeds his maximum number.**

Course Handicap	Maximum Score
9 or less	Double Bogey
10 to 19 Handicap	Max score of 7
20 to 29 Handicap	Max score of 8
30 to 39 Handicap	Max score of 9
40 and over Handicap	Max score of 10

### Your responsibilities as a golfer:

- Know the number of handicap strokes you are entitled to for the course and tees played.
- Record your hole-by-hole scores.
- Adjust your score for ESC before posting.
- Post a score for every acceptable round as soon as possible after completion of the round so your Golf Canada Handicap Factor is current.
- Contact your Handicap Committee when you have problems.

**Did you know**.....It used to be that the only way to submit a round was through an adjusted gross score, where players had to make all the Equitable Stroke Control (ESC) adjustments themselves. However, in 2016, Golf Canada added several new features, such as the ability to post scores hole-by-hole (HBH), where the system will automatically adjust for handicapping purposes based on a player's current Handicap Factor.

Hole-by-hole posting also unlocks such things as an Ultimate Scorecard and Badging, where members are rewarded with achievements and personal bests via our system and membership. The **Ultimate Scorecard** allows a golfer to track their best possible round at a golf course throughout a season, simply by utilizing the HBH

posting method. If a golfer plays at a course more than once during the year, the system will take the lowest HBH scores from each round and create the ultimate scorecard for the golfer. It gives a player the opportunity to let go of a bad hole here and there and see the overall best score they played at a course during the year. Some golfers may know this as a ringer card.

The Golf Canada Score Centre does much more than crunch a Handicap Factor. It allows you to track your game in many ways, and helps you celebrate your golf achievements throughout the season and your career.

~ Your Handicap Committee