

MAXIMUM HOLE SCORE FOR HANDICAP PURPOSES

Under the World Handicap System, the maximum hole score for handicap purposes is NET DOUBLE BOGEY.

How it's calculated:

Par (On the Hole) + 2 Strokes + Any Handicap Strokes Allotted For The Hole

EXAMPLE:

DIAGRAM 3.1b: CALCULATION AND APPLICATION OF NET DOUBLE BOGEY ADJUSTMENT FOR MAXIMUM HOLE SCORE

Name: *Jane Smith* Handicap: *16* Date: *12/09/20*

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out
Par	4	4	4	3	4	5	3	4	4	35
Stroke Index	7 ✓	13 ✓	3 ✓	15 ✓	11 ✓	1 ✓	17	5 ✓	9 ✓	
Score	5	5	6	4	5	5	3	5	5	43

✓ = Stroke received

Hole	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	TOTAL
Par	3	4	5	3	4	5	3	4	4	35	70
Stroke Index	18	12 ✓	4 ✓	14 ✓	8 ✓	2 ✓	16 ✓	6 ✓	10 ✓		
Score	3	4	6	4	5	5	3	9	6	45	88

Gross score

Gross hole score → 9

↑
Net double bogey

7

Adjusted gross score for handicap purposes → 86

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

If a format allows a player to stop at Net Double Bogey, the player may pick up their ball and move on. If the format doesn't allow a player to pick up their ball until it's holed, the player, when necessary, should adjust and submit the appropriate Net Double Bogey score when posting in the GHIN system. These scores are deemed acceptable for handicap purposes.

For more information, visit <https://www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/videos/2020/04/01/play-the-course-org-usga-v0-1-6146355281001.html>.