

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.

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT
Yardage	393	133	375	490	333	378	155	416	357	3030
Par	4	3	4	5	4	4	3	4	4	35
Stroke Index	5 •	17	9 •	1 •	11	7 •	15	3 •	13	
Player A	4	4	5	6	4	5	3	4	4	39

Front 9	39
Back 9	44
Total	83

-1

Adjusted Score	82
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Hole	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN
Yardage	341	152	360	131	471	323	314	375	340	2807
Par	4	3	4	3	5	4	4	4	4	35
Stroke Index	8 •	16	6 •	18	2 •	10 •	14	4 •	12	
Player A	4	4	8	4	6	4	4	5	5	44

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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