

Equitable Stroke Control (ESC) 2014

Actual scores (total strokes taken in the round) should be submitted for match purposes by everyone. ESC is an adjustment used only for Handicap purposes (once a Handicap has been established).

ESC is an adjustment of individual hole scores **(for handicap purposes)** in order to make handicaps more representative of a player's potential ability. ESC sets a limit to the number of strokes a player can take on a hole depending on Course Handicap. ESC is applied **after the round** and is only used when the actual score or the most likely score exceeds a player's maximum number.

Below is the maximum number a player can take:

| <u>Course Handicap</u> | <u>Maximum Number on any Hole</u> |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 9 or less | Double Bogey |
| 10 through 19 | 7 |
| 20 through 29 | 8 |
| 30 through 39 | 9 |
| 40 or more | 10 |

For example: A player with a 25 Course Handicap shoots 100 during a match. His score included one hole with a 9 and one hole with a 10. The **actual score of 100 should be submitted for match purposes to calculate Net Score and determine the winner of the match.** However, because his Course Handicap of 25 limits his maximum number of strokes on a hole to 8, he must adjust his score **for handicap purposes** by three strokes for the two holes that exceeded his Course handicap ((9-8) and (10-8) = 3). He should enter a score of **97** into the handicap system for that round (**100 actual score minus the 3 stroke ESC adjustment**).