EQUITABLE STROKE CONTROL

2016-2017 USGA HANDICAP SYSTEM MANUAL





For 9-hole handicaps

HOW TO ADJUST YOUR SCORE

9-HOLE COURSE MAXIMUM SCORE
HANDICAP POSTED ON ANY HOLE

| 4 or less | Double Bogey |
|---------------|--------------|
| 5 through 9 | 7 |
| 10 through 14 | 8 |
| 15 through 19 | 9 |
| 20 and above | 10 |

ESC is used when a player's actual or 'most likely score' exceeds a number, based on the above table, for the player's Course Handicap from the tees played. If carrying an 18-hole Handicap Index and playing only 9 holes, the player would halve his/her Index (rounding upward to the nearest 10th) and convert it to a Course Handicap from the tees played.

All scores for handicap purposes are subject to the application of ESC. However, nine-hole scores cannot be posted as tournament (T) scores. This mandatory procedure reduces high hole scores for handicap purposes in order to make handicaps more representative of a player's potential ability.





