

Adjusting Hole Scores for Equitable Stroke Control (ESC)[™]

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What is the current method for adjusting my hole scores under Equitable Stroke Control (ESC)?

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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 is applied after the round and is only used when the actual score or the most likely score exceeds a player's maximum number. ESC sets a limit to the number of strokes a player can take on a hole depending on Course Handicap[™]. Apply ESC to all scores, including tournament scores. Below is the maximum number a player can take:

Course Handicap

Maximum Number

9 or less	Double Bogey
10-19	7
20-29	8
30-39	9
40 and above	10

Please visit Section 4-3 of the USGA Handicap System manual for further reference.