



# BEFORE YOU POST

## What Scores Do I Post?

All acceptable scores must be posted for handicap purposes. Acceptable scores are those played on a course with a valid Course and Slope Rating, during the active season. You can post a 9-hole or 18-hole score. For a 9-hole score to be posted, all 9 holes must be played. For an 18-hole round, you must play 10 or more holes to post. In addition, you **must** play a complete Front 9 or Back 9 when posting an 18-hole round. For an 18-hole round where you did not play all 18 holes, you would post a score of zero “0” when using the Score Centre website online. When using the Golf Canada app, you do not enter a score for a hole not played (leave it blank).

## Incomplete or Conceded Holes

When a hole is not played, you must post a hole-by-hole score to properly identify which holes were not played. In the Golf Canada Score Centre, this is done by entering a score of zero “0” for a hole that was not played for a Score Differential to be calculated. When using the Golf Canada app, the score for the hole not played is not entered (leave it blank). For the holes not played, an Expected Score Differential will be calculated and added to your Score Differential for the holes you played to produce an 18-hole Score Differential.

For a conceded hole (a hole started but not finished) a golfer must post their Most Likely Score (Rule 3.3 in the Rules of Handicapping). Most Likely Score is the number of strokes taken to the point where the golfer picks up, plus the number of strokes most likely required to complete the hole from that position (including any penalty strokes incurred).

## 9 Hole Rounds

As of January 2024, golfers are required to play all 9 holes to post. When a 9-hole score is posted, an 18-hole Score Differential for the round will be automatically calculated within the Golf Canada Score Centre, and it will be immediately included in your scoring record. This will benefit the growing number of golfers who regularly play 9-hole round who will no longer have to wait for another 9-hole round to be posted.

## Net Double Bogey

The maximum hole score for posting purposes is Net Double Bogey. Net Double Bogey is the Par of a given hole + 2 strokes (double bogey) + any handicap strokes you are entitled to based on your Course Handicap. The purpose of Net Double Bogey is to ensure that an occasional bad hole does not impact your Handicap Index too severely, and it also encourages players to pick up at their maximum hole score. For golfers who do not have a Handicap Index established, their maximum hole score is Par + 5 strokes.

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