

Determining a Most Likely Score and Holes Not Played for Handicap Posting Purposes

Most Likely Score

For holes that are unfinished or strokes that are conceded, post a score for handicap purposes by determining a “most likely score” (Section 4-1). The “most likely score” is the number of strokes taken so far plus the estimated number of strokes needed to finish the hole more than half the time (in the player’s best judgment). These scores should be preceded by an “X” when recorded on a scorecard.

Example: Player A is playing in a four-ball match play event. A’s partner, player B, hits an approach shot to within inches of the hole and the other side conceded the next stroke for player B, a 5. Player A, receiving no strokes on this hole, is lying 5, 15 feet away from the hole. Player A picks up and posts a most likely score of X-7 for this hole based on the 5 strokes taken plus the estimated amount of stroke(s) needed to finish the hole more than half the time.

MIDDLE	70.9/131	353	161	509	370	385	495	189	394	295	3151
BACK	72.1/132	353	166	510	387	385	509	204	409	303	3226
MEN’S PAR		4	3	5	4	4	5	3	4	4	36
MEN’S HANDICAP		9	15	11	3	13	5	7	1	17	
Player A		X-7									
Player B		5									
HOLE		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT
WOMEN’S HANDICAP		5	17	9	3	7	1	11	13	15	
WOMEN’S PAR		4	3	5	4	4	5	3	4	4	36
FORWARD	M 64.9/123 W 70.7/122	282	127	412	289	350	395	133	297	247	2532

Holes Not Played/Not Played Under The Rules of Golf

For any holes that are not played or not played under The Rules of Golf (except preferred lies), the score recorded for handicap purposes must be par plus any handicap strokes that the player is entitled to receive on these holes (Section 4-2). These scores should be preceded by an “X” when recorded on a scorecard.

Example: Player A with a Course Handicap of 15 receives a handicap stroke on the first 15 allocated handicap-stroke holes. If player A does not play the fifth allocated stroke hole, a par 4, because of construction on the green, player A must record a score of par (4) plus one for handicap purposes for an X-5.

Example: Player B with a Course Handicap of 15 stops play after the 16th hole due to darkness. Hole 17 is a par 3 and is the number 12 stroke hole. Player B records a score of par (3) plus 1 stroke for an X-4 on hole 17. Hole 18 is a par 4 and is the number 4 handicap-stroke hole. Player B records a par (4) plus 1 stroke for an X-5 on hole 18.