

## **HOLE SCORE LIMITS (EQUITABLE STROKE CONTROL)**

Persons entering total scores on GHIN must apply Equitable Stroke Control to each applicable hole before posting the total. Equitable Stroke Control sets a maximum hole score for a player for handicap purposes. It prevents a Handicap Index from becoming skewed by a few high rounds accounted for solely by a few inordinately high hole scores. A player's maximum hole score is determined from the Equitable Stroke Control tables:

### **Equitable Stroke Control Table For 18-Hole USGA Handicap Indexes**

<u>18-Hole 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

### **Equitable Stroke Control Table For 9-Hole USGA Handicap Indexes**

<u>9-Hole Course Handicap</u>	<u>Maximum Number On Any Hole</u>
4 or less	Double Bogey
5 through 9	7
10 through 14	8
15 through 19	9
20 or more	10

Example: A 9-hole golfer with a Course Handicap of 17 can post a maximum score of 9 on any hole. The total score of this 9-hole game was a 61. This player had a 10 on hole number six (par 4), and an 11 on hole number eight (par 5), all other holes were under 10. With the limit of a 9 on any hole, the total adjusted score is a 58.

61 minus 1 stroke on hole number six = 60  
60 minus— 2 strokes for hole number eight = 58.

58 is the score you use when posting your score in the computer. This adjustment is for handicap purposes only.

## **Match play is based on actual scores, do not adjust scores on match play scorecards.**

Remember that, for adjustment purposes, it doesn't matter whether you are adjusting for a par three hole or a par five, unless you've got a handicap of 9 or less for an 18-hole/ 4 or less for a nine-hole.

**Once we've got handicaps that low, this will all make perfect sense.**