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Equitable Stroke Control (ESC) puts a cap on individual hole scores for handicap purposes in order to make your handicap more representative of your ability. ESC puts a limit on how many strokes you can take on a hole depending on your Course Handicap. ESC is applied to all scores, including tournament scores. Below is the maximum number of strokes allowed per hole, based on Course Handicap:

Course Handicap	Maximum Score
9 or less	Double Bogey
10-19	7
20–29	8
30–39	9
40 or more	10

ESC is applied *after* the round and is only used if your actual score or most likely score exceeds the maximum score you are permitted to take