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# MEMORANDUM

**To:** British Columbia Golf Members, Member Clubs,  
Member Club Captains, Member Club Handicap Committees &  
Zones Committees  
**CC:** British Columbia Golf Board of Directors &  
Kris Jonasson, Executive Director  
**From:** Susan White, British Columbia Golf Director of  
Rules, Competitions & Education

**Subject:** Changes to the Equitable Stroke Control Effective March 1, 2012

Equitable Stroke Control (ESC) is the downward adjustment of individual hole scores for handicap purposes in order to make Handicap Factors more representative of a player's potential scoring ability. It sets a **maximum number** a golfer can post on any hole relative to the player's Course Handicap.

Players posting scores made on courses up until March 1<sup>st</sup> will continue to use the current method. Scores made on March 1<sup>st</sup> and beyond will use the new system. The following are the Current and New methods to be used.

<u>CURRENT EQUITABLE STROKE CONTROL TO FEBRUARY 29, 2012</u>	
0 or Plus Course Handicap	Maximum of 1 over par
1-18 Course Handicap	Maximum of 2 over par
19-32 Course Handicap	Maximum of 3 over par
33 and over Course Handicap	Maximum of 4 over par
<u>NEW EQUITABLE STROKE CONTROL BEGINNING MARCH 1, 2012</u>	
9 or Less Course Handicap	Maximum of 2 over par
10-19 Course Handicap	Maximum score of 7
20-29 Course Handicap	Maximum score of 8
30-39 Course Handicap	Maximum score of 9
40 and Over Course Handicap	Maximum score of 10

An example of a player's score card is on the following pages discussing the application both the current and new system.

Please ensure your club and your members become aware of this important change.

If you require additional information, please contact British Columbia Golf.

The following illustrates a player with a course handicap of 17 playing on a course in Southern California. Score one is made on a course before March 1<sup>st</sup>; score two after March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Score card one – Date of play February 29<sup>th</sup> 2012. Course handicap 17**

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18		
Hdcp	9	5	3	17	1	7	11	15	13		10	8	12	6	2	14	18	4	16		
Par	4	5	3	4	4	3	5	4	4	36	5	3	4	4	3	4	5	4	4	36	72
Score	5	5	4	4	8	7	4	4	5	46	8	4	7	6	3	4	7	4	4	47	93
Adjusted					6	5				42	7		6							45	87

Based on the current system, the most he may take on any hole is a double bogey. Thus he will be adjusting his score for handicap purposes on holes 5, 6, 10 & 12.

If this player had a course handicap of 20, the maximum he would be able to take is 3 over par; if he had a course handicap of 34, it would be four over par.

**Score card two – Date of play March 1<sup>st</sup> 2012. Course handicap 17**

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18		
Hdcp	9	5	3	17	1	7	11	15	13		10	8	12	6	2	14	18	4	16		
Par	4	5	3	4	4	3	5	4	4	36	5	3	4	4	3	4	5	4	4	36	72
Score	5	5	4	4	8	7	4	4	5	46	8	4	7	6	3	4	7	4	4	47	93
Adjusted					7					45	7									46	91

Based on the new system, the most he may take on any hole is a 7. Thus he will be adjusting his scores on holes number 5 and 10 only.

If the player has a course handicap of 2, the maximum he would post would be a double bogey. If his handicap is 20, he could post an 8; 32 he would be able to post a 9; and with a course handicap of 40 or more he could post up to a 10.