

Posting Scores: Gimmies and Incomplete Rounds

In SRPGA tournaments, no gimmies are allowed, and not completing a hole (commonly known as “X-ing out”) eliminates your round for the tournament. In casual golf, the rules still don’t allow gimmies. However, an incomplete round of *casual golf*, including one with gimmies and incomplete holes, does not necessarily disqualify your score for handicap purposes.

When to Post Scores: A player should submit their score as soon as possible *on the day of play*, after completion of their round, and before midnight (local time). This allows you to have an updated handicap by the next day. Your score will also be included in the daily playing conditions calculation for the course. [USGA](#) | Video: [WSGA](#)

If a Round Is Started but Is Not Finished, or Holes Are Skipped

When a hole is not played or completed, for example, due to darkness, construction, or weather, the score recorded for handicap purposes is **net par**, equal to *par* plus any *handicap strokes* you are entitled to receive based on your Course Handicap. See the side box for limits on skipping holes. →

When Not Submitting a Score Is OK
Valid reasons for not submitting a score can include: Sudden injury or illness, emergency, dangerous weather conditions, or any other reason for stopping play that is considered valid by the Handicap Committee.
[USGA](#)

Minimum number of holes played for a score to be acceptable is
18-hole score: 14
9-hole score: 7
[USGA Handicapping Link](#)

3.3 If a Hole Is Started but a Player Does Not Hole Out

When a player starts a hole but does not hole out for a valid reason, subject to other provisions set out within the *Rules of Handicapping*, the player must record their most likely score or net double bogey, whichever is *lower*, as appropriate for the situation and depending on the format of play.

For example: A player with a course handicap of 21 receives 1 handicap stroke on all 18 holes and 2 handicap strokes on holes with a stroke index of 1 through 3 on the scorecard.

The *most likely score* is:

- The number of strokes already taken to reach a position on a hole, plus
- The number of strokes the player would most likely require to complete the hole from that position, plus
- Any penalty strokes incurred during play of the hole.

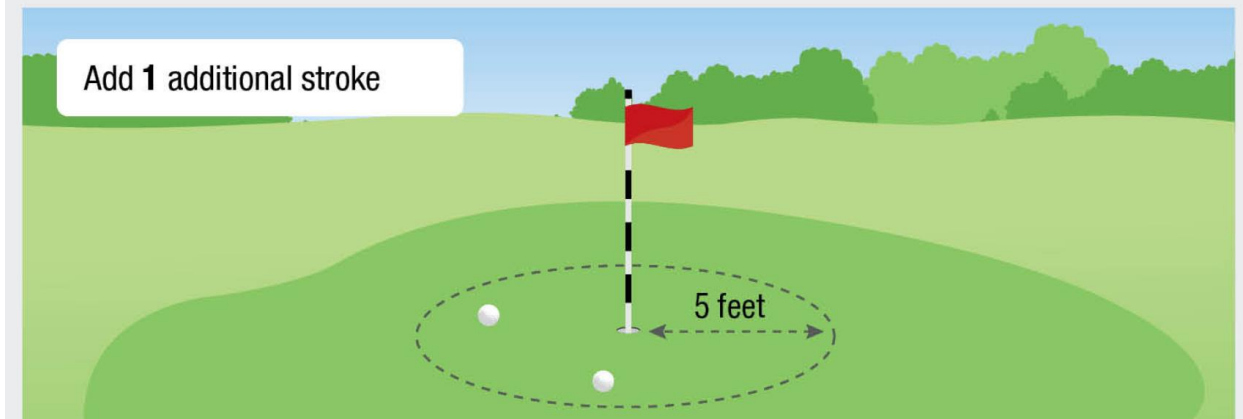
Determine the most likely scores on any hole in accordance with the following guidelines:

Position of the Ball from the Hole	Additional Strokes to Add	Depending on
Ball lies on the putting green, and is no more than 5 feet from the hole:	Add one	NA
Ball lies between 5 feet and 20 yards from the hole:	Add 2 or 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The position of the ball • The difficulty of the green • The ability of the player
If the ball lies more than 20 yards from the hole:	Add 3 or 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The position of the ball • The difficulty of the green • The ability of the player

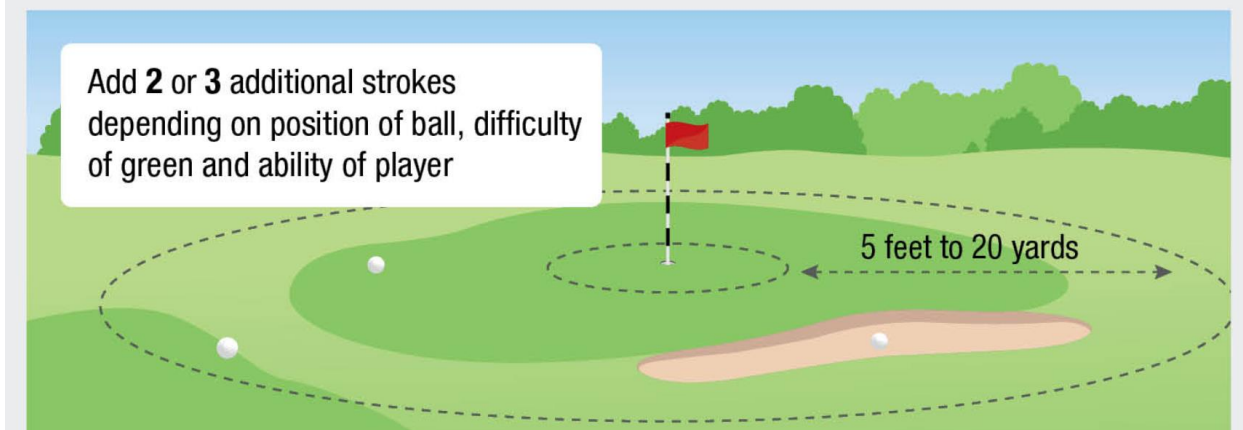
See the diagrams on the next page.

Links: [Handicap Definitions](#); 3.3 [Hole Started but Not Finished](#),

▼ If the ball lies on the putting green, no more than 5 feet (1.5 metres) from the hole.



▼ If the ball lies between 5 feet (1.5 metres) and 20 yards (20 metres) from the hole.



▼ If the ball lies more than 20 yards (20 metres) from the hole.

