

Appendix F Establishing Par

The *Rules of Handicapping* feature *par* as a factor in the calculation of:

- *Net par* (for hole(s) not played)
- *Net double bogey* (maximum hole score for handicap purposes)

It is important that an accurate *par* be established for each hole on a *golf course* for both men and women, and these values should be printed alongside each hole on the scorecard.

It is recommended that *par* be established for each hole in accordance with the following hole lengths:

Par	Men	Women
3	Up to 260 yards	Up to 220 yards
4	240 to 490 yards	200 to 420 yards
5	450 to 710 yards	370 to 600 yards
6	670 yards and up	570 yards and up

Note: These guidelines assume an altitude less than 2,000 feet/610 metres above sea level.

- *Par* reflects the score a *scratch player* is expected to score on a given hole and may be allocated depending on the playing difficulty of the hole, including any effective length correction factors, for example, elevation changes, forced lay ups and prevalent wind.
- Where a hole length falls within two *par* ranges, for example 470 yards (men) or 400 yards (women), the *par* may be allocated as 4 or 5 depending on the difficulty of the hole.
- Where a hole length falls within two *par* ranges, it may be appropriate to designate *par* relative to the way the hole was designed to be played. For example, if the hole lengths from all sets of tees on a specific hole lie within the recommended *par* 4 range for men, with the exception of the forward tee at 250 yards, this hole can still be designated as a *par* 4 hole due the way the hole is designed to be played.