

Five Stats Every Golfer Should Be Tracking (But Probably Don't)

If you ever feel like you should have shot lower than what you did, these are the five stats you need to start tracking and **will likely be the reason for your higher scores.**

Tiger's goal was **six or less** of these mistakes per tournament.

Stat #1 Double Bogeys

WHY

Double bogeys come from playing too often for birdies in spots you should be aiming for par or bogey. They're a great indicator of good strategy and course management.

WHAT TO DO

Your goal is to eliminate double bogeys more than trying to force birdies. Avoid undue risk and manage your expectations. When looking at strokes gained data, **making double is 6x worse than making bogey.**

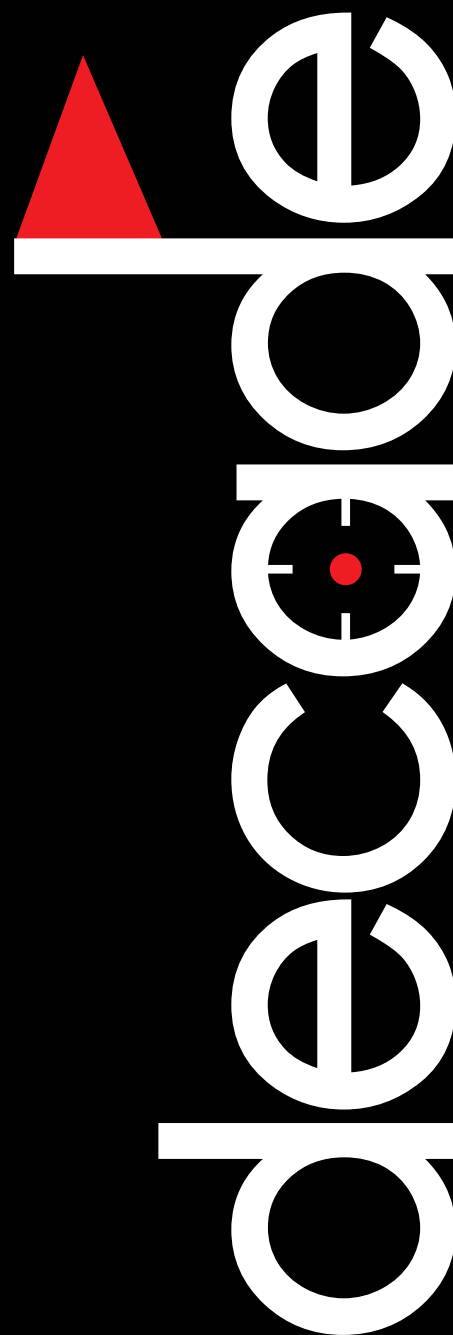
Stat #2 Bogeys on Par Fives

WHY

This stat highlights overly aggressive play versus good course management. This is often due to players getting out of position on what they perceive to be a "birdie hole" and trying to force getting back in position for a good look after a bad tee shot or layup.

WHAT TO DO

Get as close to the green as possible, but **don't take on hazards and bring in the potential of penalty shots.**



Stat #3 Three Putts

WHY

A high frequency of three-putt greens often indicates issues with speed control, which leads to difficult second putts. We are going to have three putts, but we don't want many from 20-40' from trying to make the first putt and running it five feet past.

WHAT TO DO

Practice speed control, specifically uphill and downhill varying distances. (We have some great drills in the Decade app.) **Spend 50% of your time on speed drills, 25% on 5-15' putts, and 25% simulating a putting course.**

Stat #4 Blown Easy Saves (Two Chips Per Hole)

WHY

You're likely trying to force things. Avoid doubles and make the bogey if you've put yourself into a tough situation.

WHAT TO DO

Aim for a 1:1 ratio: if you're further from the green than the pin is, **aim to get the ball on the green safely**, rather than attempting a risky shot.

Stat #5 Bogeys with Nine Iron or Less (Men: Inside 150 yds; Women: Inside 130 yds)

WHY

You're not aiming at the right targets and getting yourself into tough positions.

WHAT TO DO

Avoid being overly aggressive and trying to force birdies. When you lower your scoring average from 79 to 76, **82% of the improvement comes from avoiding bogies vs. making more birdies.**