

## Summary of BCS Scales and Their Relationship with BF and BW

9-Point Scale	5-Point Scale	% BF*	% Overweight
4	2.5	15–19	Ideal
5	3	20–24	—
6	3.5	25–29	10%
7	4	30–34	20%
8	4.5	35–39	30%
9	5	40–45+	40%
>9	>5	—	>40%

\*  $\text{Current BW} \times (100 - \% \text{BF}) \div 0.8$ . Lean mass is 80% of ideal weight, assuming 20% BF.

—, not applicable; BCS, body condition score; BF, body fat; BW, body weight.

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