

APA SUDDEN DEATH GUIDELINES

8-BALL SUDDEN DEATH

A **Sudden Death (SD)** match in 8-Ball will consist of 2 racks (or games): the first rack will be worth 2 points; the second rack (if needed) will be worth 1 point. If the 2-pts won in the first rack determine a clear winner, such that there is no way that the opposing team can come back and win the overall team match, the match is over. If the 2 points earned do not determine a clear winner, the Sudden Death match continues with a second rack, which is worth 1 point.

If Sudden Death begins in Match 4, it may be necessary to play both racks in the 4th match and both racks in the 5th match. Since the first rack of Sudden Death is worth more points than the second rack (2 points as opposed to 1), the winner of the first rack in Sudden Death will receive credit for that specific individual player match for tie-breaking purposes, should the teams end up tied in total points at the end of the 5th team match. (*See scenarios 3 and 6.*)

Please keep in mind, there are several different scenarios possible in Sudden Death within the 3-Point Scoring System, but the logic remains the same: the first rack is worth 2 points and the second rack is worth 1 point, and the match is officially over once a team can no longer mathematically win the match. The following sections provide you with various scenarios that may happen depending on when Sudden Death occurs and what the scores are at that time:

IF **SD** OCCURS AFTER **THREE** INDIVIDUAL MATCHES:

- If there is not a clear winner after the first game of **SD** in individual match four (worth two (2) points), a second game of **SD** will be played in match four (worth one (1) point).
- If there is still not a clear mathematical winner of the team match after the two games of **SD** in individual match four, teams will go into **SD** in individual match five.
- Just like in individual match four, the first game of **SD** in individual match five is worth two (2) points. If those two (2) points mathematically win the team match, the team match is over. If those two points do not mathematically win the team match, a second game of **SD**, worth one (1) point will decide a winner.

IF **SD** OCCURS AFTER **FOUR** INDIVIDUAL MATCHES:

1. Team A & Team B are tied in team points.

- If Team A wins the first game of **SD**, putting them two (2) points ahead of Team B, the match is over because Team B cannot earn more than one (1) point in the second **SD** game. Therefore, the second **SD** game is unnecessary.
- If Team B wins the first game of **SD**, putting them two (2) points ahead of Team A, the match is over because Team A cannot earn more than one (1) point in the second **SD** game. Therefore, the second **SD** game is unnecessary.

2. Team A is up one (1) point and up in the individual matches 3-1.

- If Team A wins the first game of **SD**, putting them three (3) points ahead of Team B, the match is over because Team B cannot earn more than one (1) point in the second **SD** game. Therefore, the second **SD** game is unnecessary.
- If Team B wins the first game of **SD**, putting them one (1) point ahead of Team A, the match will go to a second **SD** game to determine the winner.
- If Team B wins the second **SD** game, they will win the match because they have more points than Team A. If Team A wins the second **SD** match, they will tie Team B in points, but will win because they won three out of the five individual matches.

3. Team A is up one (1) point and up in the individual matches 3-1.

- If Team A wins the first game of **SD**, putting them three (3) points ahead of Team B, the match is over because Team B cannot earn more than one (1) point in the second **SD** game. Therefore, the second **SD** game is unnecessary.
- If Team B wins the first game of **SD**, putting them one (1) point ahead of Team A, the match will go to a second **SD** game to determine the winner.
- If Team B wins the second **SD** game, they will win the match because they have more points than Team A. If Team A wins the second **SD** match, they will tie Team B in points, but will win because they won three out of the five individual matches.

4. Team A up one (1) point and the individual matches are tied 2-2.

- If Team A wins the first game of **SD**, putting them three (3) points ahead of Team B, the match is over because Team B cannot earn more than one (1) point in the second **SD** game. Therefore, the second **SD** game is unnecessary.
- If Team B wins the first game of **SD**, putting them one (1) point ahead of Team A, and up 3-2 in individual matches won, the match is over because Team A cannot earn more than one (1) point in the second **SD** game. Since Team B has won the tie-breaker on individual match wins due to winning the first rack of **SD**, the second **SD** game is unnecessary.

5. Team A up two (2) points.

- If Team A wins the first game of **SD**, putting them four (4) points ahead of Team B, the match is over because Team B cannot earn more than one (1) point in the second **SD** game. Therefore, the second **SD** game is unnecessary.
- If Team B wins the first game of **SD**, tying them with Team A in points, the match will go to a second **SD** game to determine the winner. If Team B wins the second **SD** game, they will win the match because they have one (1) more point than Team A.
- If Team A wins the second **SD** match, they will win the match because they have one (1) point more than Team B. The tiebreaker is unnecessary for this match because one team will finish with more points than the other will.

6. Team A is up three (3) points and up in the individual matches 3-1.

- Team A wins. Since **SD** is only worth a maximum of three (3) points, Team B can only tie Team A, and since Team A holds the tiebreaker of individual matches won, the match is over. Therefore, **SD** is unnecessary.

7. Team A is up three (3) points and the individual matches are tied 2-2.

- If Team A wins the first game of **SD**, putting them five (5) points ahead of Team B, the match is over because Team B cannot earn more than one (1) point in the second **SD** game. Therefore, the second **SD** game is unnecessary.
- If Team B wins the first game of **SD**, putting them one (1) point behind Team A, the match will go to a second **SD** game to determine the winner. If Team B wins the second **SD** game, they will win the match because they have tied Team A in points while also winning the tiebreaker of 3-2 individual matches by winning the first rack of **SD**. If Team A wins the second **SD** match, they will win the match because they have two (2) points more than Team B.

8. Team A is up four (4) or more points.

- Team A wins. Since **SD** is only worth a maximum of three (3) points, Team B cannot gain enough points to tie or win the match. Therefore, **SD** is unnecessary.

9-BALL SUDDEN DEATH

Players will play their regular SL race but, EACH ball made is worth **DOUBLE** points, including the 9-Ball.