

Sudden Death for the 3-Point System

In the first game of Sudden Death (SD), the rack is worth 2 points. If those 2 points mathematically win the team match, the match is over, and the second game of SD becomes unnecessary. However, if the 2 points earned in the first game of SD do not mathematically win the team match, there would be a second rack worth 1 point. This procedure would apply for all individual matches of SD.

For example, if we do not have a winner after the first game of SD in individual match 4 (worth 2 points), we will play a second game of SD in match 4 (worth 1 point). If after the 2 games of SD in individual match 4, we still do not have a mathematical winner of the team match, we will go into SD in individual match 5. Just like in individual match 4, the first game of SD in individual match 5 is worth 2 points. If those 2 points mathematically win the team match, the match is over. However if those 2 points do not mathematically win the team match, then a second game of SD, worth 1 point will decide a winner.

In short, there will be a possibility of two games of SD for each individual match, unless the points earned make it mathematically impossible for the other team to come back and win. If the points are tied at the end of all SD play, the overall individual matches won will determine the winner.

Here are more examples of how SD will be applied in various situations. The following focuses on the 5th individual match of SD for the purpose of remaining concise.

IF AFTER FOUR INDIVIDUAL MATCHES...

- **Team A & Team B are tied in team points.**

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

- **Team A is up 1 point and up in the individual matches 3-1.**

- If Team A wins the first game of SD, putting them 3 points ahead of Team B, the match is over because Team B cannot earn more than 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 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 3 out of the 5 individual matches. This is the tiebreaker.

- **Team A is up 1 point and the individual matches are tied 2-2.**

- If Team A wins the first game of SD, putting them 3 points ahead of Team B, the match is over because Team B cannot earn more than 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 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 1 point in the second SD game and Team B holds the tie-breaker on individual match wins. Therefore, the second SD game is unnecessary.

- **Team A up 2 points**

- If Team A wins the first game of SD, putting them 4 points ahead of Team B, the match is over because Team B cannot earn more than 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 1 more point than Team A. If Team A wins the second SD match, they will win the match because they have 1 point more than Team B. The tiebreaker is unnecessary for this match because one team will finish with more points than the other.

- **Team A is up 3 points and up in the individual matches 3-1.**

- Team A wins. Since SD is only worth a maximum of 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.

- **Team A is up 3 points and the individual matches are tied 2-2.**

- If Team A wins the first game of SD, putting them 5 points ahead of Team B, the match is over because Team B cannot earn more than 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 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, but they hold the tiebreaker of 3-2 individual matches won. If Team A wins the second SD match, they will win the match because they have 2 points more than Team B.

- **Team A is up 4 or more points.**

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