

Sudden Death is in Effect for Tri-Annuals.

A Sudden Death 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 points 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 two points earned do not determine a clear winner, the Sudden Death match continues with a second rack, which is worth 1 point.

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 team match.

If after playing both racks of Sudden Death in individual match 5 the teams are tied in total points, the winner will be the team that won 3 of 5 individual player matches.

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. For example, if a team is down by 5 points (2-0, 2-0, 2-1) after 3 individual player matches, and the team match enters Sudden Death at individual player match 4, the trailing team can still come back by winning both games of Sudden Death in individual player match 4 and win both games of Sudden Death in individual player match 5, for a total of 6 points—making the final score 7-6 in favor of the team that trailed upon entering Sudden Death.

Keep in mind, there are a number of 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.