

## THREE POINTS FOR A WIN IN RECREATIVE TEAM TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

### **Abstract**

*Three points for a win is a standard used in many sports leagues and team tournaments, in which three points are awarded to the team winning a match, with no points to the defeated team. In this research, the first aim was to determine the correlations between advances, relegations from leagues in recreative table tennis (SOKAZ leagues in Zagreb) and number of points that teams had in championships, when different point systems were applied ("two points for a win" or "three points for a win"). The second aim was to determine the differences in number of matches that finished with draw, in two SOKAZ championships, where different point systems were really applied. The data was collected by examination of placements of the teams in SOKAZ leagues championships from official records from the website [www.sokaz.hr](http://www.sokaz.hr). Results showed that the differences between ranks on the final league table, advances and relegations are much smaller than expected. All the correlations between variables in research, towards their directions and size, were statistically significant and in expected directions. «Three points for a win» system has some benefits in football, in sense of raising attractiveness and the number of goals, while in table tennis those benefits are not obvious.*

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