

Different Ways to Score a Tournament

Points System– Each person plays and then the one with the highest points wins.

*Good for tournaments where you want to play more than one game.

*Good as each participant may get more chances to win or more turns to play.

*Can be worked into a bracket format as well (i.e. Top 6 players move on).

*Good if you have a lot of prizes to give out (BAD if ONE person dominates the whole time though).

*Good system for games with limited time.

*GREAT if you want to make it a regular/seasonal event.

VS Mode–Two or more people face off in a single game and the winner is determined by either last person standing or most points.

*Good as it makes it easy to enforce time Limits

*Good if there are limited systems available

*Bad as trash talk can come easy in this format

Bracket System–Persons or teams are given individual slots in a bracket where they compete against others in single elimination style play. Winners move on until only one is left.

*Good to help with time management (you can also assign participants a “tip off” time)

*Good if you are planning for one single big event

*Bad if you only have a few systems and nothing else planned while participants wait for their turn

*Time management can be tough to adhere to

Judges Pick– Participants are judged on their presentation style as well as their scores.

*Great for games like Guitar Hero, Dance Dance Revolution, and Karaoke tunes

*Good as you can judge on sportsmanship as well

*Can give multiple awards for various themes (best dressed, best hip swinger, worst rhythm, etc.)

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