

EuCW Snakes and Ladders Scoring Example

This is a scoring example, illustrating various examples of how the scoring works and how points are counted.

Points counted always depend on the number of locator squares worked, not on the total number of QSOs as such or per square!

April, first month, starting with zero points and no history.

1) 12 normal squares, no snake and no ladder squares => 5 points for every 3 normal squares => 20 points

2) 46 normal squares, no snake, no ladder => 5 points for every 3 normal squares up to 15 squares => 25 points

Note: points for normal square are limited to the first 15 squares

3) 12 normal, no snake and 2 ladder squares => 5 points for every 3 normal squares => 20 points plus 30 points for 2 ladder squares => 50 points

Note: 25 points for first ladder square, additional 5 for the second

4) 11 normal, 2 snake and no ladder squares => 5 points for every 3 entries => 15 points

Note: no snake bite because directly before no ladder was climbed

5) 19 normal, 1 snake and 1 ladder squares => 5 points for every 3 normal squares for up to 15 squares => 25 points, plus 25 for a ladder => 50 points

Note: no snake bite because a ladder is climbed

May, second month, starting with the score of the previous month.

6) 20 normal, no snake and no ladder squares => 5 points for every 3 normal squares for up to 15 squares => 25 points to be added to any score of 1) to 5)

7) 24 normal, no snake and 5 ladder squares => 5 points for every 3 normal squares for up to 15 squares => 25 points plus 35 points for 3 ladders => 60 points to be added to any score of 1) to 5)

Note: 25 points for first ladder square, additional 5 for the second and third, but only up 3 ladder squares

8) 13 normal, 2 snake (15 and 10 points deduction) and no ladder squares => now it gets tricky => 5 points for every 3 normal squares => 20 points to be added to either 1), 2) or 4). In cases 3) and 5), a ladder was climbed, so the snake can bite! Ouch! => Deduct 15 points from the 20 points given for the 13 normal squares => add 5 points to either 3) or 5)

Note: only one snake can bite at the same time; it is always the worst snake that bites, so here 15 points deduction

9) 2 normal, 2 snake (10 and 5 points deduction) and no ladder squares => now it gets tricky again => 5 points for every 3 normal squares => 0 points to be added to either 1), 2) or 4). In cases 3) and 5), a ladder was climbed, so the snake bites! Ouch! => Deduct 10 points from either 3) or 5)

Note: a reduction in overall score can only happen once after each climb of a ladder. So effectively, negative scores are ruled out, because the shortest ladder is longer than the most verminous snake is tall

10) 9 normal, 1 snake and 1 ladder squares => 5 points for every 3 normal squares => 15 points plus 25 for a ladder => 40 points to be added to any score of 1) to 5).

Note: no snake bite because a ladder is climbed.

11) 119 normal, 6 snake and 7 ladder squares => 5 points for every 3 normal squares for up to 15 squares => 25 points plus 35 points for 3 ladders => 60 points to be added to any score of 1) to 5)

Note: 25 points for first ladder square, additional 5 for the second and third, but only up 3 ladder squares; no snake bites because ladders are climbed; only the first 15 normal squares are rewarded => the maximum number of points that can be earned is 60 per month!