(a)(a)(a) A Simple Overview of Probability & Odds (a)(a)(a)

Definition: <u>Probability</u> is concerned with events of chance. (Click on Probability!) Probabilities are <u>normally</u> and <u>usually</u> represented as fractions e.g. 2/3 or 4/5

Scale of Probability:	Impossible		Maybe		Certain	
	0	Low	1/2	High	1	

Sample Space (Universe of Event)

A listing or diagram of all possible outcomes from an experiment or occurrence.

Specific Event (Subset of Universe) Simple (single event) or Non-Simple (multiple events) of chance.

Types of Probabilities for an Experiment (Event) of Chance or Uncertainity. P = Probability * = Not P* = Not Probability

Probability Experiment: Draw a Marble	Marbles: Blue Blue Blue Blue
from a box containing (9) marbles.	Red Red Green Green

P(R) = 3/9	P (G) = 2/9	P (B) = 4/9	
P* (R) = 6/9	P* (G) = 7/9	P* (B) = 5/9	
$P(R) \cup P^{*}(R) = 1$ $P(R) \cap P^{*}(R) = 0$			

The Sum of P <u>and</u> P* equals 1.

The intersection of P <u>and</u> P* equals 0.

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Definition: Odds represents a ratio of probabilities (P / P*). (Click on Odds!)

Odds are <u>normally</u> and <u>usually</u> represented as ratios e.g. 2:3 or 2 to 3

Summary of Odds: Marble Experiment	Marbles: Blue Blue Blue Blue
Drawing marble from box (9) marbles.	Red Red Green Green
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Simple Example of the Odds for the above Experiment of Chance or Uncertainity. Odds equals ratio of Probabilities. Thus represent Odds then reduce as ratios.

Odds in favor of Red event:	$O_f(R) = 3/9: 6/9 = 3:6 \text{ or } 3 \text{ to } 6$
Odds <u>against</u> Red event:	$O_a(R) = 6/9: 3/9 = 6:3 \text{ or } 6 \text{ to } 3$
Odds <u>in favor</u> of Blue event:	$O_f(B) = 4/9:5/9 = 4:5 \text{ or } 4 \text{ to } 5$
Odds <u>against</u> Blue event:	$O_a (B) = 5/9 : 4/9 = 5 : 4 \text{ or } 5 \text{ to } 4$
Odds <u>in favor</u> of <u>Green</u> event:	$O_f(G) = 2/9:7/9 = 2:7$ or 2 to 7
Odds against Green event:	$O_a(G) = 7/9 : 2/9 = 7 : 2 \text{ or } 7 \text{ to } 2$

Using Probabilities to develop Odds (Red) show, it is more likely to not get a Red.

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<u>Reference</u> information on Pr	ob & Odds: <u>Fundamentals of M</u>	athematics by Edwin I. Stein
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