

HOW TO BEAT YOURSELF

- ✓ On your hammer, chase opponent's hidden block instead of scoring. *So what if you end up in the kitchen!*
- ✓ Take bad hides while leaving opponent better ones.
- ✓ Throw tens, some of them deep, to steal opponent's hammer. *It won't hurt, only a backbreaking ten on and ten off!*
- ✓ Once in a while snuggle a deep seven so opponent can cut you into the kitchen. *Show the world you're no coward!*
- ✓ Pay no attention to the scoreboard. Don't let it dictate your strategy.
- ✓ Poke, don't stroke. When shooting, make sure your cue ends up in the seven, instead of stretching out into the eight.

There are hundreds of ways to lose, but the above will usually accomplish the task. And while your opponent is signing the scoreboard, remember to complain bitterly about the terrible luck, the awfully drifty board, and anything else you can think of.

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