

The Ten Commandments to Winning at Shuffleboard

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1. Study your practice shots, your opponent's, your teammate's and his opponent's to find your pathway to scoring.
2. Remember a scoring pathway is a two-way street, if your teammate is consistently scoring on a pathway at the "head," the reverse is true at "the foot."
3. Learn your board by the **third** frame.
4. Once you have found your scoring pathway, stick to it relentlessly.
5. KEEP YOUR BOARD CLEAN! CLUTTERED BOARDS EQUALS CHAOS: CHAOS CAUSES LOSSES!
6. Watch the scoreboard, know the score, know what frames you have the hammer and score.
7. Take your time, there is no time limit in shooting your disc; concentrate and keep your eyes glued to the disc you are "taking out."
8. If you are talking to your opponent, you are neither concentrating nor observing the shots taken during your game.
9. If your opponent likes to "hit and stick" and there is a clean board, shoot the sixth disc through the board, putting him on the defensive where you can play "hit and stick" with the eighth and final disc of the frame.
10. If you are "black" and ahead by eight points or more in the eighth frame, shoot your first disc off the board, to prevent your opponent from doing a "hit and stick" or try a "kitchen shot" with your disc or worse committing an unforced error of going into the "kitchen" by yourself.