

Seven rules for the next run

The seven rules on one sheet. It belongs next to the table or the screen.



01 Set the exit rule first

A time limit, a loss limit, a number of rounds, written down before the first hand.



02 Check the method after three failures

Three is a number and a mood is not. The count decides when to stop.



03 Never work a model while angry

One follow up question flips the answer in 46 % of cases and costs 17 percentage points of accuracy.



04 Do not patch an early error

A fresh context is cheaper than a repair on a wrong assumption.



05 Keep the check outside the loop

No system inside a feedback loop is a reliable judge of itself.



06 Feed back only what passed

Templates, snippets and training data otherwise grow out of your own errors.



07 Log the good run instead of reading meaning into it

Preparation, breaks and order are repeatable. A feeling is not.



A feedback loop does not correct itself from the inside. The check belongs outside.