

1. Don't try to force the cue ball where it can't go. If you miss your shape and leave yourself a tough shot, think: "OK my opponent missed and left me this, what is my best shot?"
2. Work on your fundamentals, hitting the center of the ball, don't change your cue tip position when you are down on the shot. Get back up, reassess, plan the shot, get back down and execute.
3. Commit to your shot. Pick the shot you plan on making and go for it 100%. Don't wonder about the other possibility(s). Choose the shot and play the shot.
4. Work on handling pressure. Think pleasant thoughts, hum, have a song running through your head, realize you will not be shot if you miss, you know this shot is no more important than any other. Put yourself in pressure situations.
5. In nine-ball making the eight is just as important as making the nine. Realize every shot is just as important as every other shot, no more no less.