The Math is Simple. Follow the 1% Risk / 3:1 Ratio

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Hedge Fund use this, but most traders don't *understand* the math:

- Keep Risk small
- Let Winners run
- Keep Losses controlled

Very few traders can actually **execute it**.

The reason has nothing to do with intelligence.

It has everything to do with psychology.

What Exactly Is The Math?

The 3:1 Ratio is simple

- Risk $100
- Win $300
- (3:1) Win $300 on average – Lose $100 on average

If it's so simple, why don't traders use this effortlessly?

The reason has nothing to do with difficulty.

The legendary fund trader *Peter Lynch said it's 4th grade math.*

It has everything to do with training & psychology.

Amateur Problem #1: The Need to Be Right

Amateurs trade to validate themselves

They:

- Take losses personally
- Attach identity to outcomes
- Feel embarrassed by being wrong

The 1% / 3:1 framework is built around frequent losses.

Amateurs interpret that as failure. Professionals interpret it as normal.

Amateur Problem #2: They Can't Sit Through Losses

An edge only works over a **series of trades**.

That means:

- Losing streaks
- Drawdowns
- Periods where nothing feels good

Amateurs quit or change systems during this phase.

Professionals stay consistent because they trust the math.

Amateur Problem #3: They Increase Risk Emotionally

After a loss, amateurs:

- Size up to make it back
- Tighten stops or quit using them
- Break rules

This destroys the math instantly.

The edge doesn’t fail. The trader abandons it.

Amateur Problem #4: They Chase the Win Rate Instead of Expectancy

Amateurs want to win often.

So, they:

- Take quick profits
- Avoid full stops
- Cannot be patient
- Cannot stay consistent
- Take low quality Setups

High win rate feels good. Low expectancy destroys accounts.

Professionals accept lower win rates because:

Expectancy - not accuracy - pays.

Amateur Problem #5: They Don’t Trust Small Losses

A 1% loss feels insignificant.

Amateurs think:

“This isn’t worth it.”

So, they increase size.

They confuse excitement with consistency.

Professionals understand:

Small losses are the admission ticket to big winners.

Amateur Problem #6: They Always Shoot For Big Wins

Amateurs think:

“I need big wins to cover my big losses.”

So, they increase size.

They quit following the 1% rule.

They confuse excitement with long-term winning.

Professionals understand:

Small losses are the path to consistent wins.

Why Professionals Can Follow This Math

Professionals:

- Think in probabilities
- Detach from single outcomes
- Trust large sample sizes
- Respect capital above ego

They don’t need motivation. They don’t need dopamine hits. They need consistency.

The Brutal Truth

The 1% / 3:1 framework is simple.

But it forces you to:

- Be wrong often & be OK
- Stay calm, neutral
- Execute without certainty
- Trust math over emotion
- Learn Emotional Neutrality

Most people can’t tolerate that.

That’s why most people never trade professionally.

The Final Shift

When a trader finally accepts:

- Losses are normal
- Ego is irrelevant (lose it)
- Probability requires patience
- Discipline to take all the setups in a series

The math stops feeling restrictive.

You start enjoying trading.

You know you’re going to be a pro trader.

That is when a trader begins to think and act like a professional.

This is why this approach works for those willing to follow it —
and why it cannot work for those who refuse to let go of ego and emotion.

This may be uncomfortable to hear. But it's the truth.

So, what's the next step?

Understanding the math is one thing.
Learning how to apply it consistently is what actually changes results.

Just like in all sports, a coach and mentor are critical to success.

Watch this training where I walk you through how this structured approach works in real market conditions.

Click here to watch the training

Stop looking for "more information" – if that was the answer, you would already be successful. The internet is loaded with information.

But information is not execution!