## **Dominate Your Piano Scales Webinar:**

Strategy Cheat Sheet

## Strategy 1: Quick Thumb Technique

Step 1: Play ONLY C and D, tucking your thumb under. Repeat 8 times total.
Step 2: Play ONLY C, D and E, tucking your thumb under. Repeat 8 times total.
Step 3: Play ONLY C, D, E, and F, tucking your thumb under. Repeat 8 times total.
These are the instructions for C Major, right hand. You'll be able to figure out where the thumb under transition is in other scales and apply the same principle there.

## Strategy 2: Rhythms

Step 1: Play the scale normal, slow. Repeat 2 times total.

Step 2: Play the scale with rhythm 1 (long, short long, short...) Repeat 4 times total.

Step 3: Play the scale with rhythm 2 (short long, short long...) Repeat 4 times total.

Step 4: Play the scale with rhythm 3 (long, short short short long, short short short...) Repeat 4 times total.

Step 5: Play the scale with rhythm 4 (short short short long, short short short long...) Repeat 4 times total.

Step 6: Play the scale normal, slow. Repeat 2 times total.

This is a bit of a longer strategy. The key is staying FOCUSED and accurate no matter what rhythm you're playing.

## Strategy 3: Metronome Ramp Up

Step 1: Set your metronome to a SUPER slow tempo. Play the scale 4 times.

Step 2: Bump up the tempo a tiny bit (8 to 15 bpm). Play the scale 4 more times.

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Step 5: You get the idea, just keep gradually until you hit a point where you can no longer play it without mistakes. Try to hit this tempo 4 more times.

Step 6: Go back to a slow tempo and play it 4 times without mistakes (this is HIGE). With all these strategies, you'll want to practice hands separate first. Then, when you're solid

enough to play hands together, you can repeat the same strategies on hands together.