



Pick up Chips Game

Start with a pile of 21 chips

Here are the rules:

- Each player takes a turn taking chips from the pile
- When it's your turn, you can take as many as three chips, but you must take at least one. So, you can take one, two, or three chips from the pile.
- The winner of the game is whoever picks up the last chip, or chips, from the table.

For example, if there are six chips left and I pick up three, you will pick up the last three, because we're alternating turns, and you would win. Clearly if there were 6 chips left, I wouldn't take 3.

Is there a strategy you could use that would guarantee you would win?

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