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HOW TO PLAY SLOTS



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# SLOTS

## MADE SIMPLE

### THE OBJECT OF THE GAME

Slots are a universal casino favourite because they're so easy to play. All you do is insert your money and enjoy the excitement of the flashy lights, playful sounds and spinning symbols. It's all about fast fun!

You win when the symbols on the reels/display of the slot machine line up into winning combinations along the paylines you have paid for.

### PAYLINES

Paylines are horizontal, vertical, diagonal, zig-zag or other line patterns that may be displayed on the reels/display of a slot machine, featuring specific combinations of symbols. Spinning a winning combination of symbols along a payline you have paid for is the goal of every slots game!

Click the "Help" or "Game Rules" button on a slot screen, or ask a slot attendant to learn more about paylines.

### SLOT MACHINES ARE RANDOM

Each machine contains a Random Number Generator (RNG) – a computer chip that makes thousands of mathematical calculations per second. As soon as you hit the SPIN button, the RNG freezes on a random set of numbers that determines the outcome of your spin. Meaning:

Spin outcomes and payouts are not predetermined.

Machines can't be "due for a win" because each spin is random.

The fact that a machine just won has no impact on the next spin. Each spin is its own independent event. It's all random.

"Hot" or "cold streaks" (i.e., multiple wins or losses in a row) are due to pure chance.

Don't feel bad if someone wins on a machine you just left. That win wasn't "yours" – the random number generator ensures that the outcome is never known, and can never be known before the machine is engaged for a spin.

### PAYTABLES



A paytable is a visual representation of a slot machine's prize values, winning combinations, and which bet sizes correspond to each prize. Each machine has its own unique paytable. Get familiar with your machine's paytable before playing.

### CASHING IN, CREDIT VALUE & CASHING OUT



Ready to play? Slots accept cash or vouchers called TITO, or "ticket in, ticket out". Once inserted into a slot machine, your cash or voucher is converted into "credits", which can be valued from pennies to \$100. When players refer to 'Penny Slots' or 'Nickel Slots', they're referring to the machine's cost per credit.

Once you're ready to cash out, you can print a voucher from the machine and redeem it with a cashier.

#### PLAYSMART TIP

Although some machines have a low buy-in, the actual cost per spin may be higher. Be sure to check what the cost of your spin is before you play. Always read the paytables to know what you're paying, and what you're playing for.

## BETTING

### PLACING BETS

Your bet on a slot machine is the amount of money you spend per spin, or your 'Cost Per Spin'. There are three factors that contribute to your Cost Per Spin:

#### NUMBER OF PAYLINES:

The number of winnable paylines you want to be active for your spin.

#### NUMBER OF CREDITS BET:

A credit is the currency for slots. Players choose the number of credits which will be bet on each activated payline per spin.

#### CREDIT VALUE:

The cash value of a single credit, also called the 'denomination'. Depending on the machine, a single credit could be worth 5¢, 25¢, all the way up to \$100. The credit value is set for each slot machine and will be indicated on its screen.

### HOW IT WORKS

Cost per Spin = (# of Paylines Activated) x (# of Credits Bet) x (Credit Value)

#### FOR EXAMPLE:

If you chose to activate 10 paylines, wager 4 credits per activated payline, where the credit value is 5¢, then:

Cost per Spin = 10 x 4 x 5¢ = \$2/spin

### MAX BET

A "max bet" is the largest bet possible on a machine. The max bet button lets you automatically bet the maximum number of credits and paylines allowed, and ensures you're eligible for the largest possible payout.

### STRAIGHT BETTING MULTIPLIERS

Most machines let you increase your bet for a straight multiplication of your winnings. For example, one credit wins \$50, two credits wins \$100, etc. On these machines, max bet is simply the highest multiplication possible.

### BONUS MULTIPLIERS

Some machines offer an extra incentive to go big. These games provide a bonus if you win by playing a max bet, but doing so will always cost more without a guarantee of winning the jackpot or the bonus.

#### PLAYSMART TIP

Increasing your bet does not always increase your chances of winning or the amount of a potential payout. Bet based on your budget, not on an expectation to win.

## ODDS

Odds are you don't know that odds are fixed for slot machines. No matter how you play, the odds of winning don't change. The odds of every machine are different.

## ETIQUETTE

Ready to play? Although they don't increase your odds of winning, good manners make for a good game:

- Players sometimes save their machines for short breaks. Be sure to check with a slot attendant before you do so and ask how long it can be held for.
- Always remember to cash out when leaving a machine – even if it's just for a short break.
- Sit at a slot machine only if you're playing it.
- Be a good sport to other players.

## JACKPOTS

### BETTING & JACKPOTS

Some machines require betting a minimum number of paylines to be eligible for the jackpot.

### PROGRESSIVE JACKPOTS

Progressive Slots have a growing jackpot. They're often a group of slot machines linked together with a large jackpot sign flashing above. The jackpot grows with each play until someone wins. Keep in mind, a progressive Jackpot is never 'due' for a win, no matter how long it's been growing for.



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