



# SLOTS



## PLAYING GAMES OF CHANCE

The one thing that all games of chance have in common is that winning or losing is based on randomness. While the dream of winning is exciting, it's important to know your true odds of winning the top prize.

# SLOT MACHINES

A slot machine is a gambling machine with three or more reels that spin when a button is pressed. These reels are either mechanical or video. Slot machines pay out based on the patterns of symbols when the reel stops.

Red Shores offers a wide variety of slot machine products, including a wide variety of multi-line games.

There are many differences among games, including:

- the game rules
- how the games are played
- the number and value of prizes
- how frequently prizes are awarded
- the odds of winning particular prizes

## GAME OUTCOMES

- As with all games of chance, the outcomes on slot machine games are determined randomly.
- Each game, and its outcome, is determined randomly by the slot machine the moment you initiate the game through the play or spin button. Although it may take a few seconds to display the result nothing you do will influence the outcome of the game.
- The outcome of every play is completely independent of the outcome of any prior plays.
- Slot machines don't get "hot" or "cold". Your chances of winning on a slot machine that hasn't paid out for a while are exactly the same as winning on a machine that just had a big win.

## ODDS

Every play has the same chance of being a winner or loser as the one before it and the one after it; however, your odds of winning prizes of different values vary based on the size of the prize available to be won.

## PRIZE PAYOUTS

- Payout odds for slot machines vary based on what game you play. The odds of hitting the top prize vary greatly by machine. Your chances of winning a small prize are much better than winning a large prize. There is nothing you can do to improve your odds. There are no playing methods or patterns that can have any effect on the outcome of any play, game, or payout.
- Prize payouts vary from game to game and play to play depending on the amount that you wager on each play.

## PRIZE PAYOUTS (con't)

- Payout percentages vary by game. PEI gaming regulations require a theoretical payout of no less than 80%. The average payout percentage of slot machines at Red Shores is 92%. This does not mean that the slot will pay back 92 cents on average on every dollar wagered. Rather, over the long-term, the slot should pay back 92 cents on average of every dollar played through various prize amounts.
- Even though you may win on some plays, all players will, over time, lose an average of 8% of the amount wagered. Players who reinvest all of their winnings to place new wagers without cashing out will eventually lose all of the money that they have wagered.
- Once a machine's payout rate is set, gaming employees cannot adjust a slot machine to alter the payout rate without following PEI gaming regulations.

## **THE FOLLOWING WILL HAVE NO EFFECT ON YOUR ABILITY TO WIN**

- Playing a machine right after someone else had a big payout from it
- Playing a machine that hasn't had a big payout for a long time
- Playing at certain times of the day or night
- Playing on certain days of the week
- Pressing a button in a certain way

## CHECKLIST FOR KEEPING SLOT PLAY FUN

- Treat gambling as entertainment, not a way to make money
- Set a money limit and stick to it
- Set a time limit and stick to it
- Accept losses as the cost of entertainment; don't chase them
- Use only money from your entertainment budget to play
- Balance gambling with other activities



## **WANT TO KNOW MORE?**

Drop by the PlayWise Information Centre at Red Shores. You'll find a wide range of interactive and educational tools and gambling-related literature. Our friendly PlayWise Advisors are happy to help answer all of your gambling-related questions.