

# Slot Machine Myths - Slots Myths - Slot Myths

Slot Machine Myths - Slots Myths - Slot Myths : myth, lore, tales, stories, legends, call it what you will, but many methods have been discussed about how to beat the slot machine and win a jackpot. They've ranged from the seemingly practical to the downright superstitious. We've collected a number of slot machine myths in order to educate the slot machine user by dispelling long-held beliefs about how slot machines work.

## Slot Machine Myths #1

Slot Machine Myths #1: "Playing faster increases the chances of winning".

Truth: Since the odds favor the casino over the long-run, playing faster means more money for the casino and less money for you.

## Slot Machine Myths #2

Slot Machine Myths #2: "I almost won a jackpot! The symbols came close to lining up!"

Truth: Slot machines are run by a computer chip known as a random number generator (RNG). The RNG randomly cycles through billions of numbers constantly when the slot machine is not in use. Only when a player inserts a coin does the RNG come to a stop. It stops on a number which contains the combination of symbols for that number. Once the player pulls a handle or pushes a button on the slot machine to activate the slot machine reels, the RNG sends the combination of symbols for that number to the spinning reels to be displayed on your screen. After the symbols are sent, the RNG continues to cycle through billions of numbers until another coin is inserted into the slot machine, whereupon the RNG will stop on a number again containing another set of symbols. You can see by this constant cycling through numbers that even though it looks like you almost won a jackpot, the actual number or numbers that contained the winning combination of symbols could have been just as close as it could have been just as far from the number that contained your combination of symbols.

## Slot Machine Myths #3

Slot Machine Myths #3: "I just finished playing a slot machine, and the next person came along and won a jackpot right away!"

Truth: Based on the random and constant cycling through numbers of the RNG when the slot machine is not being played, in order for you to have won that jackpot, you would have had to insert your coin at exactly the same moment as the next person did to get that exact RNG number with the winning

combination of symbols. Not very likely. In fact, two or three numbers, each containing a winning combination of symbols, may have passed during the time between when you last played that slot machine and the time the next person inserted his or her coin into that slot machine, stopping on a number containing a winning combination of symbols.

## **Slot Machine Myths #4**

Slot Machine Myths #4: "A slot machine that hasn't paid out a jackpot in a while is due to hit".

Truth: There are two answers for this slot machine myth. If a slot machine hasn't paid out a jackpot in a while, it is probably a tight slot machine, meaning it is programmed to pay out a jackpot very infrequently, in which case you should find another slot machine. The other reason is that the RNG is constantly generating numbers at random every second when the slot machine is not in use. So, after a jackpot was hit, the RNG begins to randomly cycle through billions of numbers again. Each spin is independent of the previous spin, and the slot machine doesn't remember any previous spin, meaning the probability is the same for each spin. This makes the probability of hitting a jackpot just after a jackpot was hit no more or less closer than the previous bet. It is no more "played out", or "less due" to hit a jackpot than the previous spin. A loose slot machine is simply just that: a loose slot machine.

## **Slot Machine Myths #5**

Slot Machine Myths #5: "A slot machine can be looser at certain times of the day, week, or month".

Truth: The payout percentage of a slot machine is determined by the casino owners and operators and is programmed into the slot machine by a slot machine manufacturer before the slot machine is brought into the casino. This programming is pre-determined, and cannot change. In order to change the payout percentage for a slot machine, the casino owners would have to change the computer chip in the slot machine, which is very expensive and time-consuming to do. In most jurisdictions, this involves filling out paperwork and sending it to the Casino Control Commission which must authorize and approve that the computer chip was changed. It is therefore faster and less costly for the casino to have the computer chip pre-set to a certain payoff percentage in the slot machine factory before buying the slot machine, and then have the slot machine shipped to the casino. So, it doesn't matter what time of the day, week, or month it is: the payout percentage in the slot machine stays the same.

## **Slot Machine Myths #6**

Slot Machine Myths #6: "The casino owners and operators change the payout percentages of slot machines in their casinos whenever they want".

Truth: Again, the payout percentage is set for the slot machine before the slot machine even enters the casino.

## **Slot Machine Myths #7**

Slot Machine Myths #7: "The way you pull the handle, push the button, or insert a coin or coins can have an affect on the slot machine".

Truth: Whether you pull the handle, push the button, or insert the coin or coins fast or slow, in a certain rhythm, at an angle, with your arms, legs, toes, teeth, or tongue, standing on your head, or holding a rabbit's foot, shamrock (especially for Irish folks), voodoo dolls, or any other device for good luck, will make no difference to the slot machine. It is pre-configured to pay out in a set way and remains that way as long as it is in the casino.

## **Slot Machine Myths #8**

Slot Machine Myths #8: "Inserting warm or cold coins can better my chances for hitting a jackpot".

Truth: If you put in warm coins, they will just get warmer because the lights in a slot machine give off heat, and will heat the coins as a result. The same goes for cold coins. Oh yes, as for hitting a jackpot, it will make no difference to the slot machine whether coins inserted are warm or cold.

## **Slot Machine Myths #9**

Slot Machine Myths #9: "I can rely on the slots personnel to tell me where to find a hot slot machine in the casino".

Truth: Unless they have inside information, it would be almost impossible for slots personnel to know which slot machine is loose, because there are so many slot machines in a casino.

## **Slot Machine Myths #10**

Slot Machine Myths #10: "Slot machines at the end of an aisle are loose".

Truth: Casino owners and operators are always trying to understand what the public is thinking about when it comes to finding loose slot machines in their casinos. Part of their job is to stay one step ahead of the public when it comes to placing loose slot machines either at the end of an aisle, near gaming tables, at the back or front, or anywhere else in their casinos. The fact that there are so many varieties of slot machines, and so many aisles in different patterns, reduces the chances of there being a particular slot machine in a particular place of the casino that is loose.

## **Slot Machine Myths #11**

Slot Machine Myths #11: "Playing with either credits on a slot card or slot club card, or with maximum

or minimum coins, or combining them in a certain order will get me closer to winning a jackpot".

Truth: No matter which order you play or bet, combining slot credits and slot club credits with maximum or minimum coins in any order will get you no closer to hitting a jackpot. The button or handle to activate the slot machine simply acts as a signal to the RNG to send the combination of symbols represented by the number it stopped on to the slot machine window where the symbols will be displayed to you.

## **Slot Machine Myths #12**

Slot Machine Myths #12: "The size of the slot machine can make the difference between hitting and not hitting a jackpot".

Truth: Flat, thin, wide, or tall, the size of a slot machine doesn't affect the chances of hitting a jackpot. The length of time for the coins to drop into any one of these slot machine sizes also makes no difference to the slot machine. When the first coin is inserted, the RNG stops on a number containing the combination of symbols to be displayed in the slot machine window. The RNG has no memory of the length of time for any current or previous coin drop. It is simply activated when the coin passes through a certain point in the slot machine. This gives every coin drop an equal chance regardless of the length or time of the coin drop in any type of slot machine size.

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