

PS 67: Your 2020 Slots Goals | Arkansas Slots in 2019

Opening

Hello! Today's episode #67 of the Professor Slots podcast is an audio recording of my second live Q&A session on YouTube and Facebook. Plus, in this episode I'll be covering the current state of slot machine casino gambling in the great U.S. state of Arkansas.

Thank you for joining me for the Professor Slots podcast show. I'm Jon Friedl and this is the podcast about slot machine casino gambling. It is where I provide knowledge, insights, and tools for helping you improve your slot machine gambling performance.

On Last Week's Episode...

In case you missed it, on my last episode I went over 11 Practical Slots Money Management Tips to Keep Your Winnings.

Further, I reviewed Arizona slot machine casino gambling in 2019.

I hope you enjoyed listening to my last episode as much as I enjoyed making it for you.

Live on YouTube Q&A Sessions

Remember, my weekly Q&A session will be on Saturdays beginning at 2 p.m. ET until about 3 p.m. Bring whatever slots questions you have, and I'll do my best to answer them. An easy-to-remember link to my live YouTube show is [ProfessorSlots.com/Live](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ProfessorSlots.com/Live). Feel free to stop by anytime during my hour-long Q&A.

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YouTube Q&A Session from November 30, 2019

Unfortunately, a transcript of this Q&A session is not available.

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Introduction

Up next is the second segment of the show on slot machine casino gambling. Here, I provide a brief overview of the current state of gambling in a U.S. state, territory, or the federal district emphasizing, by far, anything of interest to slot machine casino gamblers.

Up next is Arkansas slot machine casino gambling in 2019. Here goes!

Arkansas slot machine casino gambling consists of two casinos with Class II skill-based slot machines. These racinos also offer pari-mutuel wagering of dog or horse races.

These competition-style slot machines have a legal minimum payout return limit.

Relevant Legal Statutes on Gambling in Arkansas

The minimum legal gambling age in Arkansas depends upon the gambling activity:

- Land-Based Casinos: 21
- Poker Rooms: 21
- Bingo: 18
- Lottery: 18
- Pari-Mutuel Wagering: 18

State law allows skill-based gaming machines, but only if approved locally by their municipalities.

The state legislation which permitted skill-based gaming machines via Act 1511 is known as the Local Option Horse Racing and Greyhound Racing Electronic Games of Skill Act of 2005.

Further, Arkansas' Governor legalized the state's tribes through negotiated tribal-state compacts to offer slot machines on their reservations in 1993. All tribal casinos in Arkansas offer competition-style slot machines, video poker, and video keno.

Slot Machine Private Ownership in Arkansas

Next up is a usually short statement about slot machine private ownership, which I have included in case you live in this U.S. state and are considering owning a slot machine. Here it is:

In Arkansas, all slot machines are legal to own privately.

Gaming Control Board in Arkansas

The Arkansas state gaming commission is the Electronic Games of Skill Section within the Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration (DFA). The Section is responsible for gaming regulation and compliance of all skill-based games in Arkansas.

Casinos in Arkansas

In this section, I'll discuss Arkansas gambling establishments.

There are two casinos with competition-based gaming machines and pari-mutuel racing in Arkansas.

The largest casino in Arkansas is Southland Park Gaming & Racing in West Memphis with over 2,000 gaming machines and over 40 table games.

The second-largest casino, and only other casino in Arkansas is Oaklawn Racing Casino Resort in Hot Springs.

A third casino, expected to be the largest in the state, is pending. Owned and operated by the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, the River Valley Casino Resort will be in Pope County in northwest Arkansas. Some legal obstacles remain before construction can begin.

Commercial Casinos in Arkansas

The two casinos in Arkansas are:

1. Oaklawn Racing Casino Resort located in Hot Springs, 57 miles southwest of Little Rock.
2. Southland Park Gaming & Racing located in West Memphis, 132 miles east and north of Little Rock on the eastern state border near the Mississippi River.

Both of Arkansas' pari-mutuel wagering facilities with skill-based slot machines have a rich history going back over 100 years.

Tribal Casinos in Arkansas

There is one pending tribal casino in Arkansas:

1. River Valley Casino Resort located in Russellville, 78 miles northwest of Little Rock – PENDING.

Other Gambling Establishments

As an alternative to enjoying *Arkansas slot machine casino gambling*, consider exploring casino options in a nearby state. Bordering Arkansas is:

- North: Missouri
- East: Mississippi and Tennessee
- South: Louisiana
- Southwest: Texas
- West: Oklahoma

To visit any of my articles on these U.S. states, simply visit ProfessorSlots.com followed by its two-letter postal designation. For example, my Missouri slots article is available at ProfessorSlots.com/MO.

Our Arkansas Slots Community Facebook Group

Are you interested in sharing and learning with other slots enthusiasts in Arkansas? If so, join our new Arkansas slots community on Facebook at [professorslots.com/FBAR](https://www.facebook.com/professorslots.com/FBAR). All you'll need is a Facebook profile to join this closed Facebook Group freely.

There, you'll be able to privately share your slots experiences as well as chat with players about slots gambling in or near Arkansas. Again, use this convenient link I've created to go directly to our Group on Facebook: [professorslots.com/FBAR](https://www.facebook.com/professorslots.com/FBAR). Join us!

Payout Returns in Arkansas

The state legislature has required all electronic games of skill must have a minimum payout return of 83% during the expected lifetime of the game. There is no maximum payout return limit.

The Electronic Games of Skills Miscellaneous Tax section of the DFA provides the gaming machine revenues for both racinos. These amounts subject to state taxes do not include the value returned to casino patrons.

Otherwise, only the American Casino Guide (ACG) Arkansas entry provides public information on payout return statistics for Arkansas casinos. From mid-2017 thru mid-2018, the ACG reports payout return statistics of 93.04% for Oaklawn Park and 92.86% for Southland Park.

Summary of Arkansas Slots in 2019

Arkansas slot machine casino gambling consists of two pari-mutuel wagering facilities with skill-based slot machines. The competition-style slot machines must have some element of skill included with the device. This decision-making feature is not necessarily the primary game theme, but often a non-used feature.

Theoretical payout returns for slot machines in Arkansas are a minimum of 83% over the expected lifetime of the game. The ACG publicly reports return statistics for both casinos to have an annual average relatively close to 93%.

Annual Progress in Arkansas Slot Machine Casino Gambling

In the last year, approvals have progressed for a tribal casino in Pope County as discussed in last year's review. The Arkansas Times has updated reports on its pending status.

Previously, only electronic versions of popular table games were available at Arkansas casinos. On April 1, 2019, live table games arrived. The casinos now offer live versions of craps, blackjack, and other table games.

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On the Next Episode of Professor Slots

Part I of the next episode of the Professor Slots podcast is not yet determined.

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Part II of the next episode of the Professor Slots podcast is another brief overview of the current state of gambling in a U.S. state, territory, or the federal district. Next time, I'll be talking to you about the great U.S. state of California.

Closing (closing music)

That's the end of another great episode of the Professor Slots podcast. Thanks so much for listening!

Show notes for this episode are now available within most podcast Apps, but are also available on my website at professorslots.com/episode67.

I plan to have the next episode come out very soon for you, where I'll have more amazing content for the show.

Until the next episode: Have fun, be safe, and make good choices! Bye.

320-character description:

Today's Live Q&A session on YouTube and Facebook was at its regular time at 2 p.m. ET on Saturdays. This week, I'd tried to focus on your 2020 slots gambling goals with lots of other good questions asked, too. I answered interesting questions on slots in Michigan, Louisiana and both Carolinas. Plus, Arizona slots in 2019.

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