

## PS 71: Player's Clubs: Who Benefits? (Live Q&A) | Delaware Slots in 2019

### Opening

Hello! Today's episode #71 of the Professor Slots podcast discusses player's clubs – who benefits, you or the casino? Plus, in this episode I'll be covering the current state of slot machine casino gambling in the great U.S. state of Delaware.

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 slots advantage plays how-to in a Q&A session streamed live to YouTube.

Further, I reviewed Connecticut 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 on YouTube is on Saturdays from 2 p.m. until 3 p.m. ET. 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.professorslots.com/Live). Feel free to stop by anytime during my hour-long Q&A.

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### YouTube Q&A Session from Saturday, December 28, 2019

Here's the audio recording of my live Q&A session.

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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 Delaware slot machine casino gambling in 2019. Here goes!

Delaware slot machine casino gambling consists of three casinos offering video lottery terminal (VLT) style slot machines controlled by Delaware Lottery Games. Besides video slots, these VLT-style machines offer video poker, video keno, and video blackjack.

Further, Delaware has established both minimum and maximum theoretical payout returns. Moreover, return statistics are publicly available online from the state.

## Relevant Legal Statutes on Gambling in Delaware

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

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

In part, Delaware gaming regulations define a slot machine as a gambling device that must "eject something of value." Therefore, Delaware's VLT gaming machines do not use a ticket-in, ticket-out paper vouchering system. Instead, they accept and payout in cash or tokens.

At Delaware's casinos, the minimum bet is 1-penny. The maximum bet is \$2,500.

Notably, Delaware has a policy of winner privacy. Slot machines fall under this privacy stipulation, so casinos cannot release the names of winners for promotional purposes unless the winner specifies otherwise.

## Slot Machine Private Ownership in Delaware

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 Delaware, it is legal to own 25 years old or older slot machines privately.

## Gaming Control Board in Delaware

The Delaware gaming commission is Delaware Lottery Games. This state agency is responsible for providing gaming regulations for VLT-style gaming machines and table games.

However, enforcing Delaware's gaming laws is the responsibility of the state's Division of Gaming Enforcement (DGE).

## Casinos in Delaware

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

There are three pari-mutuel racetracks with video slot machines in Delaware.

The largest casino in Delaware is Dover Downs Hotel & Casino with 2,250 gaming machines in September 2019 and 41 table games.

The second-largest casino is Harrington Raceway & Casino with 1,732 gaming machines in September 2019 and 30 table games.

## Non-Tribal Casinos in Delaware

The three casinos in Delaware are:

1. Casino at Delaware Park in Wilmington, located 37 miles southwest of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
2. Dover Downs Hotel & Casino in state capital of Dover, located 53 miles south of Wilmington.
3. Harrington Raceway & Casino in Harrington, located 25 miles south of Dover at the Delaware State Fairgrounds.

## American Indian Casinos in Delaware

There are no tribal casinos in Delaware, as this state has no federally recognized tribes.

## Other Gambling Establishments

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

- North: Pennsylvania
- Northeast: New Jersey
- South & West: Maryland

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 Pennsylvania slots article is available at [ProfessorSlots.com/PA](http://ProfessorSlots.com/PA).

Online gaming for real-money gambling, including slots as well as poker and other casino games, exists in Delaware, although an online player must be at least 21 and physically located within the state's borders. See each casino website for links to this gambling option offered by Delaware.

Delaware is one of the original states where sports betting was available in 2009. Sports betting is for multiple games at professional and college sporting events.

Further, to help Delaware compete with casinos in neighboring states, all Delaware casinos offer table games of craps, blackjack, and roulette. The availability of other table games depends upon each casino.

## Our Delaware Slots Community Facebook Group

Are you interested in sharing and learning with other slots enthusiasts in Delaware? If so, join our new Delaware slots community on Facebook at [professorslots.com/FBDE](https://www.facebook.com/professorslots.com/FBDE). 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 Delaware. Again, use this convenient link I've created to go directly to our Group on Facebook: [professorslots.com/FBDE](https://www.facebook.com/professorslots.com/FBDE). Join us!

## Payout Returns in Delaware

The minimum and maximum payout returns for Delaware's slot machines is 87% and 95%. These theoretical limits are an annual average for each machine. See Delaware Code 20, Chapter 4805, Section a15.

However, games may have a payout return higher than 95% with approval from the Director of Delaware Lottery Games. I have not found how often, and for which machines, the Director has given this approval.

What's known from these gaming regulations is that Delaware casinos do not directly control the odds of winning on their VLT-style slot machines. Delaware Lottery Games controls the odds of winning remotely offsite from Delaware casinos.

Monthly return statistics are online at Video Lottery Monthly Proceeds and Distributions at Delaware Lottery Games.

To calculate a player's win percent, divide "Amount Won" by "Amount Played" for a month, then multiply by 100%. Using the most recent month's statistics at the time of this writing, September 2019, the player win% at each casino and overall is:

- Delaware Park: An Amount Played of \$162.4M divided by an Amount Won of \$175.9M is, after multiplying by 100%, a player Win% of 92.3%.
- Dover Downs: \$163.4M divided by \$176.4M is 92.6%.
- Harrington Raceway: \$96.7M divided by \$105.7M is 91.7%.
- The state average for September 2019 was 92.3%.

## Summary of Delaware Slots in 2019

In summary, Delaware slot machine casino gambling consists of three pari-mutuel racetracks offering video lottery terminal (VLT) style slot machines controlled by the state gaming commission, Delaware Lottery Games. These VLT-style machines offer video slots, multiple games of video poker, video keno, and video blackjack.

By law, all games must return between 87% and 95% of all wagers on an annual basis. However, these theoretical payouts can exceed 95% with the Lottery Director's approval. Monthly return statistics are publicly available from the state, with minimal calculations necessary to determine player win%.

## Annual Progress in Delaware Slot Machine Casino Gambling

There has been little change to the gaming industry in Delaware over the last year. The total number of gaming machines has increased by 2% overall, while the previous year had a significant decrease of 17%.

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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.

To suggest a topic or ask a question which might end up as a blog article or on a podcast episode, email it to [jon@professorslots.com](mailto:jon@professorslots.com) where Jon is spelled J-O-N or by calling 702-90-SLOTS to leave a voicemail.

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. federal district of the District of Columbia.

## 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/episode71](https://professorslots.com/episode71).

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:

We discuss the pros and cons or benefits of casino player's club cards, also known as loyalty programs. We also spent some time discussing hosts and how to interact with them, whether they're assigned to you or not. And, as usual, there were lots of slots-related questions from the live chat. Plus, Delaware slots in 2019.

## 156-character description:

We discuss the pros and cons or benefits of casino player's club cards, known as loyalty programs, in our latest Q&A session. Plus, Delaware slots in 2019.