

PS 93: Casino Re-Assessments Live | North Carolina Slots in 2020

Opening

Hello! Today's episode #93 of the Professor Slots podcast discusses casino assessments highlighting the casino re-openings. Plus, in this episode I'll be covering the current state of slot machine casino gambling in the great U.S. state of North Carolina.

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 Casino Re-Openings in Oklahoma, Washington, and Wisconsin from my weekly live stream Q&A session on YouTube.

Further, I reviewed New York slot machine casino gambling in 2020.

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

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YouTube Q&A Session from Saturday, May 30, 2020

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

OPENING

Hello, slots enthusiasts! How are you? It's great to hang out with you again for another Professor Slots podcast episode and live stream.

Today we're going to be diving into how to perform a casino assessment on casinos which have re-opened. As casinos re-open near you, do you need help figuring out which one you should play slots at? Shouldn't you go to the best available? But how do you figure out which casino is best for you? On today's live stream, I'll explain how to perform casino assessments highlighting casino openings. That's coming up!

But first, if you're with us during the live stream, make sure to say hello in the live chat and let us know where you are at or where you play slots. I'll check in with the live chat in a few moments. And, as usual, ask your slots-related questions. I'll answer those before the end of the show.

Thanks again for joining us today, whether you are listening on the podcast, watching this video later, or here with us on the live stream. I'm glad you're all here!

BODY

Hi, my name is Jon Friedl. Welcome to Professor Slots, a channel that's all about mastering casino slots so you can win your way to success. If you've ever walked into a casino, looked around, and wondered what's going on with slots, I can help.

As of about an hour ago, 227 U.S. casinos have re-opened and 762 remain closed. Many casinos have started to open in the last week, with quite a few more planning to open in June, which starts tomorrow. During our last show a week ago, 162 casino properties have re-opened while 827 remain closed. With another 62 casinos in the last week, we're up to 6.5% of all U.S. casinos having re-opened.

Where am I getting this current information? Well, the American Gaming Association has created a live casino tracker on their website. To get to it, here's a convenient link I've created: ProfessorSlots.com/tracker.

As I'd also mentioned on my last live stream, perhaps you're wondering what it's like at a re-opened or about-to-be-re-opened casino? For re-opening plans for casinos in your area as well as interactive casino trip reports from your local slots enthusiasts, some of whom you may know, be sure to join one of my private slots communities on Facebook. I've got one for every state as well as one more for every state called Professor Slots Enthusiasts. To find these slots communities, visit ProfessorSlots.com/FB and click on the appropriate link to be taken directly to that Facebook Group.

Oh, and last bit of business. As you have requested, I've created a Professor Slots apparel and other merchandise shop. In effect, I've set up the only site YouTubers can use in cooperation with YouTube. I can't use it on YouTube yet, because I need more subscribers before it's allowed, but I've set it up I haven't announced this before, and I plan to do a formal launch later with my whole audience on all my platforms, but you've been so great, all of you, that I wanted to offer it to you first.

Why? Because of all your help with choosing what to call you. With your help, I've decided to go with calling you Slots Enthusiasts. The other names you've suggested were very helpful, thank you, and it's likely I'll be using several of them for various projects as we grow.

But for now, everything I have available has “I’m a slots enthusiast!” The shortcut to its website is ProfessorSlots.com/swag. The clothing has it both on the front in small font as well as across the back because, of course, that’s about people can see when you’re sitting a slot machine in a casino. I have some items on order, and will probably wear them once they arrive.

Let’s check in with the Live Chat to say hello and maybe answer a few quick questions before getting into today’s topic.

That was great. Today’s topic is based on one of my three big articles on my website. These three big every-slots-enthusiast-must-know topics are Assessing Casinos for Success, Choosing Slot Machines including using paytables to determine my Goodness Ratio, and Identifying Your Gambling Goals.

To find these three primary posts for slots enthusiasts, you’ll find links to them on the front page of my website between the title: Learning To Win At Slot Machines and a short video where I introduce myself. Their links are sandwiched between links to my Start Here and my Personal Coaching pages.

I’ll review Assessing Casinos for Success today and well as covering why you need to do this now. It’s a generally useful tool and, frankly, a necessary assessment to be performed at least once a year by every slots enthusiast.

Besides annually, it’s needed after a casino has changed ownership, had any significant renovation, and more. When think about how to best help slots enthusiasts through this unique time, I realized that a national crisis where all casinos suddenly closed and, after over two months, are now slowly re-opening.

It’s not just that casinos might have taken those two months to make some serious renovations to their properties, but that all casinos have make changes to accommodate safety precautions. So, let’s get to it.

A direct link to the article is here: <https://professorslots.com/assessing-casinos/>. The article itself doesn’t reference the pandemic nor was it written for the pandemic. In fact, it doesn’t even mention what to do in case of a national crisis. It’s written to be the first of three must-know primary topics for slots enthusiasts.

After the introduction, you’ll find my YouTube video for this article. It’s one of the videos I’ve already done. You can also find it on my YouTube Channel page or by searching for “Assessing Casinos for Success” on YouTube. Finally, for you listeners on YouTube, it’s also my episode #3.

As with earlier live streams, my intent isn’t to present this article, video, and podcast topic, but rather to review it in terms of what wasn’t discussed or how such a topic might be applied in new ways – such as our current global pandemic and national crisis.

It covers Keep in mind these assessments are individualized.

What you want from a casino isn't necessary what someone else wants. That's why YOU, or someone who knows you very well indeed, need to do the assessment. We've seen some of this misunderstanding in the slots communities, where members report what was important to them but other members reading the casino report later often have questions. Like, didn't you go into (or leave) the high-limit room? Why ever not??

One of the tools offered by the article is a free checklist for performing a physical assessment of a casino. It's a one-page pdf with 25 questions you should try to answer when performing a casino assessment. You can download the checklist by filling out red/green form near the bottom of the article.

A physical assessment isn't everything involved with assessing casino, but it is a crucial last element. First you need to review it online before deciding to take the time to visit it. Is this starting to sound familiar?

Let's switch over to the Live Chat again and see what questions they might have....

The checklist for assessing casinos has...

How might you add additional questions for assessing a re-opened casino?

Are people winning enough? What is enough? Is anyone winning at all?

Let's switch over to the Live Chat again and see what questions they might have....

CLOSING

Have fun, be safe, and make good choices! Bye!

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Introduction

This 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 North Carolina slot machine casino gambling in 2020. Here goes!

North Carolina slot machine casino gambling consists of two tribal casinos in the Great Smoky Mountains in the western tip of the state.

Tribal-state gaming compacts in North Carolina have established theoretical minimum and maximum payout for their video gaming machines while return statistics are not publicly available.

Relevant Legal Statutes on Gambling in North Carolina

The minimum legal gambling age in North Carolina depends upon the gambling activity:

- Land-Based Casinos: 21
- Poker Rooms: 21
- Bingo: 18
- Lottery: 18
- Pari-Mutuel Wagering: Not available

Video poker machines were once widespread in the state, but 2000's state regulations limited video poker machines to three per site and banned the installation of new video gaming machines.

In 2007, after nearly a half dozen attempts, the state legislature fully banned commercially-owned video poker machines and video gaming machines.

North Carolina has a single federally-recognized American Indian tribe, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. The tribe has built two casinos on its Qualla Boundary lands located in the Great Smoky Mountains.

The type of casino action found at these Indian casinos includes "skill or dexterity" based video slot machines. These tribal casinos offer a variety of table games.

Although owned by the tribe, operation of both casinos is by Harrah's which, itself, is a brand for Caesars Entertainment. The tribe owns and operates a high-stakes bingo hall.

Slot Machine Private Ownership in North Carolina

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 North Carolina, it is legal to own a slot machine privately if it is 25 years old or older.

Gaming Control Board in North Carolina

Because North Carolina has no commercial casinos or other types of commercial gaming, the state does not have a gaming commission or control board.

Casinos in North Carolina

In this section, I'll discuss North Carolina gambling establishments.

There are two American Indian tribal casinos in North Carolina. These two casinos are in the Great Smoky Mountains in the western part of the state. There are no commercial casinos in the state.

The largest casino in North Carolina is Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort with 3,280 gaming machines. Harrah's Cherokee is in Whittier found 50 miles west of Asheville.

The second-largest, and only other casino in North Carolina, is Harrah's Cherokee Valley River Casino & Hotel with 1,000 gaming machines. Harrah's Cherokee Valley River is in Murphy found 109 miles southwest of Asheville.

Other Gambling Establishments

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

- North: Virginia
- East: The Atlantic Ocean
- South: Georgia and South Carolina
- West: Tennessee

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 Virginia slots article is available at ProfessorSlots.com/VA.

Our North Carolina Slots Community Facebook Group

Are you interested in sharing and learning with other slots enthusiasts in North Carolina? If so, join our North Carolina slots community on Facebook at [professorslots.com/FBNC](https://www.facebook.com/professorslots.com/FBNC). All you'll need is a Facebook profile to join this private 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 North Carolina. Again, use this convenient link I've created to go directly to our Group on Facebook: [professorslots.com/FBNC](https://www.facebook.com/professorslots.com/FBNC). Join us!

Payout Returns in North Carolina

The theoretical minimum and maximum payouts set by the tribal-state gaming compact is 83% and 98%. The tribal casinos in North Carolina, per the same compact, are not required to provide publicly available return statistics.

Summary of North Carolina Slots in 2020

In summary, North Carolina slot machine casino gambling consists of two tribal casinos in the western tip of the state. While owned by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Caesars Entertainment operates both tribal casinos.

Further, both tribal casinos have theoretical payout limits of 83% and 98% but do not offer return statistics. Finally, North Carolina's slot machines must be video games of skill or dexterity.

Annual Progress in North Carolina Slot Machine Casino Gambling

Over the last year, there has been no change in the slots gaming industry in North Carolina, excepting disruptions due to our ongoing national crisis.

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On the Next Episode of Professor Slots

Part I of the next episode of the Professor Slots podcast is a live stream Q&A session on YouTube.

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 YouTube channel is ProfessorSlots.com/Live. Feel free to stop by anytime during my hour-long Q&A.

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 where Jon is spelled J-O-N.

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 North Dakota.

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 on my website at professorslots.com/episode93.

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.

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