

PS 43: Beginning Slots Player Primer | Florida and Georgia Slots 2018

Opening

Hello! Today's episode #43 of the Professor Slots podcast discusses Learn How to Play Slot Machines – A Primer for the Beginning Slots Player. Plus, in this episode I'll be covering the current state of slot machine casino gambling in the great U.S. states of Florida and Georgia.

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.

"Jon Friedl from The Professor Slots Blog reveals all of his tips and tricks for thriving in the casino environment. Discover how to assess casinos to pick the best near you, choose winning slot machines, and identify your gambling goals: being entertained, earning comps, winning take-home cash, or combine them."

On Last Week's Episode...

In case you missed it, on my last episode I went over how video poker is skill-based slots.

Also last episode, I reviewed Delaware and District of Columbia slot machine casino gambling 2018.

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

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Introduction to Learn How to Play Slot Machines

Let's start with the first segment of the show: A Beginning Slots Player Primer.

Do you remember the first time you entered a casino as a beginner slots player? I know I do. What I remember most is being extremely confused. It was so dark, yet with so many lights. And the smoke everywhere! Perhaps you remember something similar.

My intent is to be genuinely helpful to slots players. While I think I still have a long way yet to go, I also believe I have been somewhat of service so far.

But, perhaps you are only just beginning your slots journey. What have I done for you to ease your way into becoming a healthy, happy slots enthusiast? So, this podcast episode is for you, the beginner slots player, to, well, help.

Throughout this podcast episode segment, I'll be referencing other episodes I've provided on various aspects of slot machine casino gambling. These episodes are freely available to all.

This episode segment has the following sub-sections:

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Entering a Casino for the First Time

My first experience at slot machine gambling was in 2003 at a small tribal casino (Kewadin Casino) in the upper peninsula of Michigan. I was taking a long drive back to graduate school in Iowa after visiting family in the lower peninsula and had found a hotel at which to spend the night.

A casino was located just down the highway from that hotel. I wasn't aware of the casino being there until the hotel provided \$20 worth of tokens to play at it.

I remember feeling a little nervous about entering a casino for the first time in my life. I mean, what would my family of non-gamblers think? But, I gathered up my courage and went on in.

I found it to be a highly distracting place: loud, lots of flashing lights, and smoke. This was a time when smoking was more fashionable than it is today, so there was a great deal of cigarette and cigar smoke in the air. This is still true today in some states, such as Nevada, although ventilation has gotten a whole lot better.

I distinctly remember rapidly spending the \$20 worth of tokens on slots. Plus, another \$50 besides which I could ill afford to lose. At the time I was a poor graduate student on

a research stipend working a side job as a temporary instructor of college physics. I'd just spent my food money for the trip home.

Did I win anything that first time at a casino? No, I don't think so. Why don't I know if I had won or not? Frankly, how would I have known if I had? If I did, it wasn't enough to grab my attention.

Maybe a few numbers changed on the player's console, and the slot machine made an unusual sound. So? What of it? From my perspective, it was doing that every time I made a bet anyway.

I left the casino after having spent \$50 I could barely afford to lose. As I continued home on that long road trip, I started thinking about gambling with slot machines. Since then, I've more-or-less never really stopped doing so.

After a few months of dwelling on that first experience, I happened to be visiting the Omaha Zoo just over the western border of Iowa in Nebraska. There, I saw a casino on the river. Hint: it was a riverboat casino.

With those months of thinking figuratively behind me, I'd concluded from my first visit that I needed a rule for how much I should allow myself to spend whenever, or if ever, I entered another casino.

The careful rule I came up with was this: "Take a fixed amount into the casino, say \$25, and spend only that plus whatever you make from it."

With this simple rule and \$25 in hand, I entered this second casino at about 2 o'clock in the afternoon on a Saturday ... and left almost 12 hours later at 1 a.m. Yes, that's right, 12 hours. Why? Because I'd carefully followed my rule.

My error was that I hadn't been prepared for success. This has continued to plague me, by the way. The error which my simple rule didn't account for was this: Almost immediately after entering this second casino, I won \$500 on a 25-cent slot machine.

Doing so left me feeling quite emotional, which inclined me to try to stick firmly to the rule – which I proceeded to do. As the afternoon and evening passed into the early morning, I continued to win additional small, nontaxable jackpots.

Eventually, I spent my \$25 along with what I'd won with it. And so, this was my second experience at a casino. I'd gone from slots gambling for 10 minutes to a marathon 12-hour session.

I did try to find a hotel that morning, instead of driving home at such a late hour (and coming as close as I've ever gotten to hitting a deer on the highway), but the nearby hotel wouldn't accept a credit card – only cash.

The hotel staff insinuated that people would provide a credit card to the hotel upon arrival, but afterward max out their credit limit at the casino. At check-out, they wouldn't be able to pay their hotel bill the following morning. That shocked me.

My point here isn't about my not being able to get a hotel room, but that this was my first real clue that gambling was ... complicated. It consisted of more than just the act of making a bet by pushing a button.

It exists in a unique environment where loud sounds, flashing lights, second-hand smoke, and even gambling abuses can occur. How fascinating!

My Initial Gambling Rules

After these first two casino gambling experiences, I spent more and more time thinking about them without much progress in learning how to win. I wasn't yet thinking about how to win, however. Rather, I was mostly thinking about the potential dangers of what I was getting myself into.

Eventually, I made a decision to keep trying to figure out this whole slots gambling thing. I wasn't expecting to win any significant amount of money, not ever. But, I was hoping not to lose a significant amount of money.

At the time, for me, my primary motivation was wanting to develop better control over my emotions while gambling at a casino. When there, I was feeling overwhelmed by my strong emotions. I didn't like feeling ruled, at times almost controlled, by my emotions.

If my reaction to these strong emotions was a personal weakness, I knew I wouldn't just find myself exposing this behavior at a casino. I could potentially be surprised by it at any other time. For example, while living my life or when working professionally. I felt I needed to understand and, if I could, address it.

So, with this reasoning in mind for proceeding with gaining additional slot machine gambling experiences, I took a long look around where I lived for any nearby casinos within driving distance. As it happened, there was a nice casino relatively nearby.

This local casino (Prairie Meadows in Altoona, Iowa) had table games, floors of slot machines, a high limit slot room, and horse racing. And, oh, the splendor of the buffet!

To all my senses, it was simply delightful. So, with that limited assessment of a gambling establishment, about every month or more I'd take about \$25 from my monthly stipend to go there with the full expectation of gambling it all away on slot machines.

But, would I...? For what happened next, you'll need to take a listen to another podcast episode. You'll find out in episode #21 on *Winning at Slots in Older Casinos*. But, that's my story. Instead, let's talk about your story.

The Changing State of Gambling, in Brief

Legal large-scale gambling in the U.S. started in Nevada in 1931. There was Las Vegas, of course, but also Reno, Lake Tahoe, and others. It basically stayed there until legalized in Atlantic City, New Jersey in 1978.

Legalized gambling in Atlantic City provided casinos convenient to gamblers on the east coast. And, this balance of gambling between Nevada and Atlantic City continued until around the end of the 1980s. At that point, everything started changing more and more rapidly.

Basically, in 1988 tribal casinos became permitted by federal law. Although, tribes did need to negotiate state-tribal compacts with the state their reservations were located within. These negotiations typically took years.

Another substantial change happened in the early 1990s when riverboat casinos became legal in several midwestern states. Originally, state law required these casinos to travel on water, or at least unmoor from a dock, before any gambling could occur.

In the mid-90s, online gambling started up outside of the U.S. This got out of control fast, until various legal restrictions began protecting players. For a while, this protection was to block online gambling in the continental U.S.

By doing so, the U.S. Senate was not just protecting players, but also land-based casinos hurt by online gambling from outside the U.S. Not long after, Canada did much the same. Besides tribal gaming, this was the limit of federal laws restricting gambling in the U.S. until the banning and recent un-banning of sports betting at the federal level.

What all this means is simple. Gambling has become prevalent in the U.S., especially the most popular type of gambling there is: slot machine casino gambling.

There is another side of the coin, as it were, to all this growth and expansion of gambling. All through these changes to the gaming industry in the U.S. and abroad, the technology of gambling was also growing and expanding.

For example, as you might imagine, the impact of microchips and the internet was profound to slots. For a succinct article capturing these near-constant technological developments of slots machines, listen to my episode #38 called *The Ultimate Slots History Guide*.

My point of view is that slot machine casino gambling has changed a lot in the last few decades. Further, I believe that these changes will keep on happening. Knowing what has happened in the past will help us understand the future.

Some of the biggest changes occurring right now are related to slot machines no longer being fully random. Frankly, there are degrees of randomness. In the past, most casinos controlled the odds of winning on a slot machine by having slots mechanics physically adjust the odds on a regular schedule perhaps 2 weeks long.

Nowadays, at casinos built or heavily renovated since 2012, this is automated. Doing so both reduced the casino labor force and provided a near real-time understanding of the performance of the casino for its operator.

And therein lies the secret to winning at slot machine casino gambling. But, all that is a bit much for the beginner slots player. What you need to know is, the randomness of slot machines isn't always fully random. There are patterns to this randomness and, if you know to look for them, you can find them.

Beginning Your Slots Journey

Maybe you've yet to visit a casino. Maybe you have visited a casino and wondered what the heck just happened. You might even have gone many times, but want to restart your slots journey for one of several reasons.

If you're just started on your slots journey, you may not know how much playing slots has changed so much in the last few years. That's fine, as more than a few regular slots players haven't kept up with all the changes of late. Or, rather, what the changes mean.

So, let us begin your journey together. Your first step? Well, it's probably not visiting a casino. Your first step is getting online. Most people have several casinos near them. In Iowa, for instance, every resident has at least one casino within an hour drive.

So, what about you? How many casinos are near you? Well, I shouldn't explain how to use Google, but here's a hint: Type "casinos near me" in Google. Doing so will show a map with all the casinos in your area. Cool, huh?

What you want to do is visit their websites. See what they have to offer that you might like. You're likely not entirely focused on gambling. For instance, you'll probably want a nice meal occasionally. So, look at what nearby casinos have to offer which might interest you.

That's about all the preparation you'll need to start, other than the Golden Rule.

The Golden Rule

There is a danger to gambling for the first time. I'm not a medical professional, so I cannot explain this danger as well as I would like. But this is the danger: You don't know how you will involuntarily react to gambling until you do it the first time.

It's kind of like that first alcoholic drink. With it, some people immediately realize they are an alcoholic. It can ruin lives, and doing something about it successfully will be a life-long endeavor.

I don't mean to scare you. Not at all. Many people find recreational gambling to be quite entertaining. But, others find out they are compulsive gamblers. This can be hard on everyone. So, I have a few things to share about it.

First, please understand that casino's reprimand employees, or fire them, if they tell a casino patron they are spending too much money and should go home. That's just the sad truth. On the other hand, advertisements all over casinos explain how to get help.

Second, I don't encourage non-gamblers to gamble. I assume anyone who finds me is deliberately looking for information on slots gambling. But, if you decide you want to gamble, then I take it as my responsibility to explain how to do it.

Third, there truly is a Golden Rule. Here it is: Don't spend any money at a casino which you cannot afford to comfortably lose. That means you're spending disposable income, which is money left over after all your bills are paid along with an additional amount put into your savings account of choice.

Journey into the Unknown

I suppose we should also discuss how a slot machine operates. Most newcomers sit down at a slot machine, put some money in, and start pushing some buttons. But, what do the buttons do?

There are several physical components to slot machines, including various interfaces with the player. I've already provided podcast episode #10 about the common elements of a slot machine called *How Do Slot Machines Work?*

That article that goes along with that episode, or at least the schematic of a slot machine found in it, should go a long way toward taking the mystery out of how all the buttons, etc., work on a slot machine.

Another thing you'll want to do is get a player's club card from the casino. At its simplest, this is like your grocery card. In exchange for your contact information, you can earn points by spending money on gambling. They'll also make some interesting offers.

You'll get free stuff from the casino, most likely starting when you sign up. Sometimes, in the long term, it's often the only way gamblers make a profit. There's another episode with my explanation about these casino rewards clubs. That's episode #16.

So, let's recap what I've pulled together for you to start at slots:

1. Go to the websites of casinos near you to understand their differences relative to your wants and needs.
2. Check to make sure you have some amount of disposable income if you want to play slots.
3. Visit your casino of choice and get a player's club card at the front counter or kiosk.
4. Pick a slot machine, make a bet, and see what happens next.

So, what does happen next? One example would be what happened to me, as explained. Or, something similar. If I had one wish for you, it would be this. I hope you don't win.

That's probably shocking, but it really is for the best. If you win big at your first visit to a casino, it sets an unrealistic expectation you might take years to recover from ... if ever. I hope you win big on your second visit to a casino. That's what happened to me.

Once you've visited the casino a few times, maybe you'll want to know more about why casinos are the way they are. If so, I have plenty of articles about them. But, they may be too soon. When you're ready, they'll be waiting here for you.

I hope you have a good time at the casino playing slots. As I'm always saying: Have fun, be safe, and make good choices.

Summary of Beginner Slots Player Primer

In summary, too often a beginner slots player gets lost. So much is happening at once in a casino! Lights! Sounds! Smoke! There really is a lot going on for beginners. And, unfortunately, a casino doesn't help. After all, it isn't in their best interest to help.

Savvy slots enthusiasts understand what they are doing. They are all self-taught. Well, it's time to fix that. With this primer, a beginner slots player doesn't start from zero.

Why? Because I've explained the basics. When you're ready for more information on playing and winning at slots, it'll be here for you. Best of luck and let me know if you have any questions!

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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 two U.S. states, territories, or federal district emphasizing, by far, anything of interest to slot machine casino gamblers.

Up first is Florida slot machine casino gambling 2018. Here goes!

Florida slot machine casino gambling consists of over 25,000 gaming machines at pari-mutuel race tracks, American Indian tribal reservations, and off-shore cruise ships.

Of the many racetrack wagering facilities in Florida, only those located in the counties of Broward and Miami-Dade, home to Miami and Fort Lauderdale, have gaming machines.

The seven tribal casinos in the state are owned and operated by Florida's two-federally-recognized American Indian tribes. Along with the aforementioned racinos, these tribal casinos are located near Tampa or in southern Florida.

Offshore casino cruises consist of day-long casino boats traveling just out to international waters as well as an assortment of multi-day cruise ships traveling to international destinations with on-board Vegas-style casino gambling.

Historically, Florida has a long history of gambling, starting 100 years before gaming became legal. For example, at his first hotel, the Ponce de Leon in St. Augustine in 1888, Henry Flagler created the exclusive and famous Bacchus Club Casino.

Relevant Legal Statutes on Gambling in Florida

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

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

State gaming regulations have authorized slot machines at pari-mutuel wagering race tracks located in Broward and Miami-Dade Counties. These counties contain the cities of Miami and Fort Lauderdale in southern Florida.

Slot Machine Private Ownership in Florida

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 Florida, it is legal to privately own a slot machine if it is at least 20 years old.

Gaming Control Board in Florida

In Florida, the Division of Pari-Mutuel Wagering within the Department of Business & Professional Regulation (DBPR) authorizes and regulates horse racing, harness horse racing, greyhound racing, jai alai games, and cardroom poker games.

Overall, the DBPR has licensed 39 pari-mutuel wagering facilities in Florida. However, slot machine gaming is only authorized at pari-mutuel wagering facilities located in Broward and Miami-Dade Counties.

However, the DBPR does not have any authority to regulate the lottery, bingo, or casino cruises to international waters.

Instead of the DBPR, the Florida Lottery regulates the lottery. Furthermore, Florida has one of the largest lotteries in the U.S. and is considered an industry leader. Voters established it with a two-to-one margin via constitutional amendment in 1986.

The proceeds of the Florida Lottery go toward public education in the state, providing more than \$1 billion each year for the last 16 years for a total of more than \$33 billion since its inception.

Finally, tribal gaming is regulated by the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) of 1988. Under this federal law, Florida's two federally-recognized American Indian tribes were able to eventually open and operate casinos offering Class II bingo-style gaming.

However, the Seminole Tribe of Florida has successfully negotiated a tribal-state compact allowing them to offer Class III Vegas-style gaming at their casinos.

Unfortunately, the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida has not been successful in completing their tribal-state compact negotiations with the state. As a result, they are still limited to offering only Class II gaming machines having spinning reels strictly in place "for entertainment purposes only."

Casinos in Florida

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

As usual when there are too many casinos to mention here, a complete list along with links to their websites, assuming they've set one up, is available on my website blog article for this state at professorslots.com/FL.

There are many pari-mutuel racing facilities in Florida. However, only the 8 pari-mutuel racetracks located in Broward County and Miami-Dade County offer gaming machines and are therefore, strictly speaking, the racinos of Florida.

In addition, there are also 7 American Indian tribal casinos and 2 day-long cruise boats based in Florida.

The largest casino in Florida is Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Tampa in Tampa, having over 4,000 gaming machines.

The second largest casino in Florida is Seminole Casino Immokalee located 35 miles northeast of Naples, having 1,300 gaming machines.

Non-Tribal Casinos in Florida

There are 39 pari-mutuel licenses operating throughout Florida, of which only the following eight racinos are legally allowed to offer slot machines in Broward and Miami-Dade Counties:

1. The Big Easy Casino in Hallandale Beach having over 500 slot machines, formerly known as the Mardi Gras Casino.
2. Calder Casino & Race Course in Miami Gardens having nearly 1,100 slot machines..
3. Casino Miami in Miami having over 1,000 slot machines.
4. The Casino @ Dania Beach in Dania Beach having 900 slot machines.
5. Gulfstream Park Casino in Hallandale Beach having two floors of slot machines.
6. Hialeah Park Casino in Hialeah offering slots and electronic table games.
7. The Isle Casino Racing Pompano Park in Pompano Beach having nearly 1,500 slot machines.
8. Magic City Casino in Miami having 800 slot machines.

American Indian Casinos in Florida

Florida has two federally-recognized American Indian tribes, including the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida located on the Miccosukee Indian Reservation in western Broward County as well as the Seminole Tribe of Florida having its 6 reservations.

Of the eight American Indian tribal casinos in Florida, seven are operated by the Seminole Tribe while the eighth is operated by the Miccosukee Tribe. For a list of these tribal casinos, see my website blog article for this state at professorslots.com/FL.

Other Gambling Establishments

There are currently two day-long cruise boats sailing out of Cape Canaveral and Port Richey. A third cruise boat sailing out of Jacksonville closed in 2017, but may eventually re-open:

- Tropical Breeze Casino located 37 miles northwest of Tampa with nearly 100 gaming machines including video poker.
- Victory Casino Cruises-Cape Canaveral located 60 miles southeast of Orlando with over 600 slots on board.
- Victory Casino Cruises-Jacksonville – Closed in 2017, but may re-open.

As an alternative to enjoying *Florida slot machine gambling*, consider exploring casino options in a nearby state.

Florida is bordered by:

- North: Georgia
- North and West: Alabama

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

Payout Returns in Florida

Florida's tribal casinos do not have legal minimum or maximum limits on their slot machine payout return percentages, nor do they make actual payout return statistics publicly available.

However, those racinos regulated by the state of Florida legally requires the gaming machines at casinos in Broward and Miami-Dade Counties to have a minimum payout return of 85%.

Florida's Division of Pari-Mutuel Wagering also provides actual payout return statistics. These actual payouts are separated by month and provided for each casino.

The Year-To-Date Average Payout Percentage for all casinos in July 2018 was Credits Out divided by Credits In times 100% equals $\$635,126,477 / \$688,645,686 \times 100\% = 92.22\%$.

For each casino, this payout return percentages for July 2018 are provided on my website blog article for this state at professorslots.com/FL. The highest payout return was 93.43% at Hialeah Park while the lowest was at 90.48% at The Isle Casino & Racing At Pompano Park.

If you're wondering which of these racinos has the best payout returns for last month, make sure to check the most recently published payout return statistics for Florida's racinos on the DBPR website.

Summary of Florida Slots 2018

In summary, Florida slot machine casino gambling consists of 8 pari-mutuel racinos in Broward and Miami-Dade Counties of southern Florida as well as 7 American Indian tribal casinos.

Of these 7 tribal casinos, all but one offers Class III Vegas-style slot machines. One tribal casino, Miccosukee Resort & Gaming in Miami, only offers Class II competitive-style bingo gaming machines where the reels are “for entertainment purposes only.”

As usual, payout return limits are not legally limited by existing tribal-state compacts. Again as usual, no payout return statistics are publicly available from these tribal casinos.

However, gaming machines at Florida's racinos are legally required to be no less than 85%. As usual, casinos do not generally set their average theoretical payout returns this low for sound business reasons.

As has been provided, each racino's actual payout returns are publicly available by month on the Florida gaming commission website.

Annual Progress in *Florida Slot Machine Casino Gambling*

In the last year, one tribal casino and one casino boat have closed. The permanently closed tribal casino was the Seminole Casino Big Cypress, formerly located 60 miles northwest of Fort Lauderdale.

The day-long casino cruise boat by Victory Casino Cruises which closed in 2017 sailed out of Jacksonville, but may eventually re-open. Note that the Victory Casino Cruises which sail out of Cape Canaveral continue to remain in operation.

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Introduction

Up next is the second state comprising this episode segment: Georgia Slot Machine Casino Gambling 2018. Here goes!

Georgia slot machine casino gambling consists of a single casino boat which makes daily trips to international waters where casino gambling is legal.

There are no legal limits on payout returns for this Georgia casino boat, and no public reporting of its actual payout return statistics.

Relevant Legal Statutes on Gambling in Georgia

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

- Land-Based Casinos: n/a.
- Poker Rooms: n/a.
- Bingo: 18.
- Lottery: 18.
- Pari-Mutuel Wagering: 18.

The legal gambling age on casino boats sailing from Georgia ports is 18. Anyone wishing to board such casino cruises can only do so by presenting a government-issued photo I.D. showing they meet this minimum gambling age of 18 for Georgia.

Slot Machine Private Ownership in Georgia

Regarding slot machine private ownership, it is legal to privately own a slot machine in Georgia if manufactured before 1950.

Gaming Control Boards in Georgia

There is no Georgia gaming control board to regulate or otherwise authorize slot machine casino gambling in Georgia.

However, there is both a Georgia Lottery Corporation as well as a state-run Commercial Gambling Unit. This Commercial Gambling Unit has responsibilities related to coin-operated amusement machines in Georgia's convenience stores and other locations around the state.

Casinos in Georgia

There is one casino based in Georgia, which is a casino boat which ships out of Brunswick. There are no other casinos in Georgia.

Non-Tribal Casinos in Georgia

The single casino in Georgia is a casino boat offering daily cruises. It is operated by Golden Isles Cruise Lines. The casino boat, the *Emerald Princess II Casino*, can accommodate up to 400 passengers. The current ticket price for individuals to board is \$10.

Regularly scheduled cruises are currently:

- Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday: 7 p.m. to Midnight
- Friday and Saturday:
 - 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 - 7 p.m. to 1 a.m.
- Sunday: 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

American Indian Casinos in Georgia

There are no tribal casinos in Georgia. In addition, the state of Georgia has no federally-recognized American Indian tribes.

Other Gambling Establishments

As an alternative to enjoying *Georgia slot machine gambling*, consider exploring casino options in a nearby state.

Georgia is bordered by:

- North: Tennessee and North Carolina
- South: Florida
- West: Alabama

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Payout Returns in Georgia

Casino cruises are to international waters, where there are no gaming jurisdictions. As a result, there are no legal limits for minimum or maximum payout returns.

Therefore, a casino boat operator need only set their theoretical payout returns to satisfy their business goals. For example, setting them too low could result in an unacceptable amount of customer dissatisfaction as well as loss of reputation and subsequent business.

Also, casino boat operators are not legally required to publish their actual payout return statistics and, typically, do not do so.

Summary to Georgia Slots 2018

In summary, *Georgia slot machine casino gambling* consists of one casino boat, the *Emerald Princess II Casino*, sailing out of Brunswick. As a casino boat, it sails three miles offshore to international waters where gambling is not illegal. Individuals must be 18 to board.

Annual Progress in *Georgia Slot Machine Casino Gambling*

In the last year, one of the two available casino boats closed their business. The *Emerald Princess II Casino* out of Brunswick is still in operation, However, the Tradewinds Casino Cruise out of Savannah has permanently closed.

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Programming Update (Optional)

As I recently mentioned to email subscribers to Professor Slots, my website went down after a mandatory update from my website host provider. My best understanding is that the latest WordPress version had a conflict with one or more of my plug-ins.

At the time of this recording, my website been down for about a day and a half. However, by the time you listen to this it'll be back up. My sincere apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Thanks for your indulgence and patience with this quick update. Now, let's get on with closing out this episode!

Podcast Reviews [Optional]

Next up is a 1-star review provided from Killerbunny250 from Australia on the USA version of iTunes on December 2, 2018.

- Title: So bad
- Review: *"Why must every company be referenced as their complete listed entity name? Less a podcast, more a Bloomberg bot spitting out ticker content - awful"*

As I've educated myself on producing a podcast, I'd learned that you haven't made it as a podcaster until you've gotten a 1-star review. So, I'm happy with this review. Plus, Australia! Someone in Australia listened to my podcast. That's huge! For me, that's an even bigger deal than finally getting my first 1-star review.

In all seriousness, KillerBunny250 was probably referring to my earlier episodes where I'd read off the names of casinos. As much as it helped me remember a specific state's casinos, eventually I realized doing so probably wasn't a good idea for my audience. So, I stopped doing that some time ago. Nevertheless, it was good to know. Thanks and much appreciated, KillerBunny250.

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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 known. I've been thinking I should review the 2019 edition of American Casino Guide. Or, I may review one of my local casinos in Ohio. I'm not yet sure which I'll do first. Let me know if you have a preference.

To 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 or by calling 937-696-0086 to leave a 3-minute or less voicemail. Casino trip reports about slots are also appreciated.

Part II of the next episode of the Professor Slots podcast are more brief overviews of the current state of gambling in two U.S. states, territories, or federal district. Next time, I'll be talking to you about the great U.S. territory of Guam and the great U.S. state of Hawaii.

Closing (closing music)

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

I hope you and yours a very Merry Christmas early next week and a great holiday season!

Show notes for this episode are now available within most podcast Apps, but are also available on my website at professorslots.com/e43.

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:

Too often, beginner slots player gets lost, figuratively, their first time in a casino. It can take a while to learn how to play slot machines. Here, I provide a beginning slots player primer with a bit of history, the Golden Rule, and what comes next. Plus, Florida and Georgia slot machine casino gambling 2018.

156-character description:

So much was happening the first time we played slots. Remember? Here, I provide you a beginning slots player primer. Plus, Florida and Georgia slots 2018.