

PS 83: Casino Closings (YouTube Live) | Minnesota Slots in 2020

Opening

Hello! Today's episode #83 of the Professor Slots podcast discusses casino closings. Plus, in this episode I'll be covering the current state of slot machine casino gambling in the great U.S. state of Minnesota.

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 was about Meeting Online instead of going to our local casinos.

Further, I reviewed Michigan 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 March 22, 2019

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

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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 Minnesota slot machine casino gambling in 2020. Here goes!

Minnesota slot machine casino gambling consists of 19 tribal casinos with slot machines.

Theoretical payout limits exist due to tribal-state compacts. Actual return statistics are not publicly available.

Relevant Legal Statutes on Gambling in Minnesota

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

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

Minnesota prohibited gambling for nearly a century which, to this day, still influences legalized gambling. The Minnesota House Research Department documented the convoluted history of legalizing gambling from 1945 to 2005 in *Gambling in Minnesota: A Short History*.

Establishment of tribal gaming regulations was through compacts. Minnesota's eleven federally-recognized American Indian tribes were the first to negotiate and sign tribal-state gaming compacts. The 22 negotiated compacts produced 19 tribal casinos in the state.

Each tribe has two compacts, one for video games-of-chance and a second for card games. Tribal casinos operate under a combination of state law, tribal ordinance, and tribal-state compacts. Class II games-of-skill machines are unregulated by the state.

These gaming compacts permit non-video Class III Vegas-style, games-of-chance, slot machines. However, blackjack and non-banked card games such as poker and video games-of-chance are explicitly restricted. Also banned are electronic video games like video poker, video keno, video slots, and others.

The gaming compacts stipulate the Minnesota Department of Public Safety is responsible for the inspection and approval of these video gaming machines. Both parties agreed that the compacts should be effective in perpetuity but re-negotiations can occur if desired by both parties.

Minnesota makes all tribal-state compacts publicly available at Tribal-State Gaming Compacts, consisting of 100 downloadable pdf files.

Slot Machine Private Ownership in Minnesota

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 Minnesota, it is legal to own a slot machine privately.

Gaming Control Board in Minnesota

Minnesota has six gaming control boards for various aspects of gambling oversight. The gaming compacts provide for inspection and approval of video gaming machines by the Department of Public Safety's Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement Division (AEGD).

Further, compact gaming regulations approve the licensing casino employees, machine payout percentages, and regulation of the play of blackjack. Specific responsibilities of the AEGD includes:

- Licensing of manufacturers and distributors of gambling devices.
- Gambling criminal enforcement and investigation.
- Assure compliance with tribal-state compacts.

Casinos in Minnesota

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

There are 19 American Indian tribal casinos on reservations in Minnesota. The largest casino in Minnesota is Mystic Lake Casino Hotel with 4,000 gaming machines. The second-largest casino is Treasure Island Resort and Casino with 2,200 gaming machines.

Non-Tribal Casinos in Minnesota

Minnesota's two pari-mutuel facilities Canterbury Park and Running Aces offer blackjack and non-banked card games such as poker. However, both racetracks can't offer slot machines.

American Indian Casinos in Minnesota

Minnesota has 19 tribal casinos. 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/MN.

Other Gambling Establishments

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

- North: The Canadian Provinces of Manitoba and Ontario
- East: Wisconsin and, across Lake Superior, Michigan
- South: Iowa
- West: North Dakota and South Dakota

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 Wisconsin slots article is available at ProfessorSlots.com/WI.

Our Minnesota Slots Community Facebook Group

Are you interested in sharing and learning with other slots enthusiasts in Minnesota? If so, join our Minnesota slots community on Facebook at professorslots.com/FBMN. 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 Minnesota. Again, use this convenient link I've created to go directly to our Group on Facebook: professorslots.com/FBMN. Join us!

Payout Returns in Minnesota

As written into tribal-state gaming compacts, the minimum and maximum theoretical payout for slot machines are 80% and 95%, respectively, over the lifetime of the game.

Further, video keno and similar games specifically cited have a theoretical payout requirement of no less than 75% applied to each number of spots marked per wager.

Video games of chance affected by player skill such as video poker and video blackjack have a minimum and maximum payout return of 83% and 98% again over the lifetime of the game. These limits assume optimal play.

Minnesota's tribal casinos don't offer return statistics to the public.

Summary of Minnesota Slots in 2020

In summary, Minnesota slot machine casino gambling consists of 19 tribal casinos with video-style slot machines.

Minimum and maximum theoretical payout limits are 80% and 95% for video slot machines. Video keno has a lower payout return limit of 75%. Skill-based games like video poker and video blackjack are instead 83% and 98%, but assume a perfect playing strategy for optimal play. No return statistics are publicly available.

Annual Progress in Minnesota Slot Machine Casino Gambling

Over the last year, there has been no significant changes in slots gaming industry of Minnesota.

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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 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 Mississippi.

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/episode83.

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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