

PS 134: 5-Spin Method Revisited Live | Maryland Slots in 2021

Opening

Hello! Today's episode #134 of the Professor Slots podcast revisits my Strategy 1: The five spin method. Plus, in this episode, I'll be covering the current state of slot machine casino gambling in the great U.S. state of Maryland.

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 whether slots are random from my weekly live stream Q&A session on YouTube.

Further, I reviewed Maine slot machine casino gambling in 2021.

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

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Remember to visit professorslots.com/subscribe to get my Free Report Revealing ... The top 7 online resources for improving your gambling performance, including the one I've used as a top-tier slot machine casino gambler.

YouTube Q&A Session from March 27, 2021

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

OPENING

Hello, slots enthusiasts! How are you? I'm Jon Friedl. Welcome to Professor Slots, a channel where you learn to play slots smarter and leave the casino with your winnings.

It's great to see you all here again for another Professor Slots podcast episode and live stream. If you're with us live, be sure to say hello, and ask your slots-related questions! I'll check in with the live chat a little later in the show. Oh, and a special thanks to Paula for being our moderator today. Thanks, Paula!

Thanks also to the many new slots enthusiasts participating in this weekly live stream or download my podcast episodes. It's great to have you all here.

Today we're going to be diving into the reason so many of you have found me on YouTube in the last few months. Today I'll be revisiting my winning slots strategy #1: only win immediately but also known as my 5-spin method. And, if we have enough time, it's follow-up video on how to easily test to see if your casino uses it for you to take advantage of.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

But first, as announced last weekend, pre-orders are now available for my first online course, 30 Days to Play Slots Smarter and Win. I'm pre-selling this beta version to gauge audience interest. While I'm designing the course to be leisurely taken one lesson per day over 30 days, you can certainly complete one day's lesson after another in much less time. So far, I've only shared with you here on the live stream that I've offering this self-led course. A bunch of you have already signed up for this discounted course, which is great and I think you if you have, but I still need more beta testers. Because it's a beta version, I'm offering my 30 Days course at more than 50% off its regular price after it's improved by feedback from the beta testers. You can sign up at <https://courses.professorslots.com> (see the link in the description) to take this discounted version and also have an opportunity to suggest how the course can be improved. I take all feedback very seriously. Let me show you the course sign-up page... Pre-ordering is already available, but my big announcement today is that I will launch the course at 8 a.m. Eastern Time on Friday, May 7th which is just over five weeks away. There's still lots for me to do to get ready for launching but I'm excited to finally be making this self-led slots course available to you.

Another announcement I need to make right here at the start of the show is for those of you watching this video recording later, after the live stream is over and done. This live stream is meant to be a community event centered around some slots-related content. This community aspect doesn't come through nearly as well in the recording as it does as a live event. So if you're here watching this recording to learning about today's content, I understand your time is precious. But for my live streams, I do something nobody expects. I provide a partial transcript after the show which you can find in the video description below. It's a partial description because it only contains what I intend to say and none of the questions and answers segments of the show. So maybe save some time and read the transcript in a few minutes? Also, for the podcast listeners, you too have always had a transcript available for each podcast episode, which is available on the show note pages on my website at professorslots.com followed by slash episode and then the episode number.

Thanks for your patience with these announcements!

BODY

I see that several of your slots questions are already coming in on the live chat. I'll let those accumulate for now but get to answering those in a few minutes.

Here, I explain my most popular slots strategy commonly known as the 5-spin method, now updated to answer common questions I've gotten from viewers.

GETTING STARTED WITH ONLY WIN IMMEDIATELY

After over a dozen visits within three months at a local pari-mutual racetrack with slot machines, I identified a clear pattern to winning I'd not seen before. Using it, I won six taxable jackpots over the next two months. As you should be asking yourself at this point, did I make a profit? Yes, I did. The true power of this strategy is that nearly all its winnings are profit.

How did I discover this winning slots strategy? I had help. As usual when I first visit a new-to-me casino, I engaged in conversations with slot attendants and floor managers about recent jackpot winners. They told me about slot machine gamblers who had won quite a few taxable jackpots when moving from machine to machine, one taxable jackpot after another. Yes, casino employees TOLD ME. All I had to do was listen and think through what they were saying.

This casino had obviously set up its slot machines to perform this way for good business reasons. Unfortunately for casinos implementing this standard casino business practice, it's easily leveraged by any savvy slots enthusiast who spots its easy-to-see pattern.

Here's the pattern I saw. Every win occurred within the first few bets on a slot machine. After that first win, called a taste, I wouldn't win again for what seemed like a long time, sometimes for hours. I saw this behavior again and again, on every slot machine I played at that casino.

That's the pattern, so the next step is to build a winning strategy from it!

MY PERSONAL BIAS TOWARDS HIGH LIMIT SLOTS

With this pattern in hand, I decided to play slot machines for up to five spins. If I won anything at all, I'd collect that taste, that first win, and immediately stop playing that slot machine. But why only 5 spins? Why not 3 or 10 spins? We'll talk about optimization for you and your casino in a moment.

Next, I made a reasonable assumption that this pattern applied to every machine. Why has a long answer I'll explain in a future video. But for now, it's not necessary and let's stay focused on how to win rather than why you're winning.

When creating this winning slots strategy, I also realized this pattern doesn't require much money to be successful. So, I decided I'd try using it with a bankroll of \$500 within that casino's high limit slot machine area.

HOW I LEARNED WINNING STRATEGY I: ONLY WIN IMMEDIATELY

When I first tried this strategy, I sat at a \$5 or \$10 denomination slot machine, put my whole bankroll into it, and made maximum bets until I'd made five bets but stopped sooner if I won anything at all. Then I'd quickly cash out my voucher and move to the next slot machine and repeat the process. I did this again and again, on machine after machine, right down one row and up another. At that time for that casino, I'd win a taxable jackpot of \$1,200 or more before spending a quarter of my bankroll, that's \$125, on an individual slot machine.

During the visit that I first deliberately tried this strategy, I won three taxable jackpots on three different machines in 25 minutes, each jackpot occurring mere minutes apart.

The slot operators at this new casino were highly efficient but, nevertheless, each time I won a taxable jackpot it took about five minutes for the slot operator to take my I.D., take care of the paperwork, clear the machine, then go off to retrieve my hand pay for the jackpot I'd just won.

While they were gone, I'd cash out of that slot machine and move to the next machine, where I'd proceed to again win a jackpot within only a handful of plays. Once again, another slot operator would arrive to complete the hand payout requirements. For this second taxable jackpot so soon after the first, I couldn't offer my I.D. It was still in the hands of the first slot operator! In other videos, I'll explain the consequences of winning more often at slot machines. So, remember to subscribe to my channel below!

While clearly using this 5-spin strategy, I won 3 taxable jackpots within 25 minutes with an actual playing time of about 10-15 minutes. Total profit was \$6,100 for a 12x return on my original \$500 bankroll.

THOUGHTS ON OPTIMIZING THIS WINNING STRATEGY

With this strategy, we're taking advantage of the casino wanting to give a player new to the machine a quick taste, so they don't get up and leave after not winning. Casinos want us to stay, spend that initial win, and proceed to empty our pockets into the machine. My strategy says do the opposite. Move on immediately once you've gotten the taste and then collect them from machine after machine.

But how many bets should you make on each machine? Why 5 bets? Instead, why not 3 bets, 8 bets, or even 10 bets?

Five bets seemed to work best for me. It felt like five bets was enough to give the machine a chance to give me a taste. And it felt like more bets would risk my bankroll more than I wanted.

Make your own adjustments to this strategy. Figure out what works best at your casino, and comment below with how many bets seems to work best for you. Although ... don't make 100 or more bets per machine. That approach applies more to bankroll cycling, something else I talk about in other videos.

CLOSING

Now, maybe you want to know how to cheaply test if your casino offers tastes before heading off to the high-limit room? I'll discuss that next!

INTERLUDE

Let's check in with the Live Chat to briefly say hello...

That was excellent!

If I've already helped you make money at slots, give me a tip using the dollar-sign icon at the bottom of the live chat window.

Here's how that works. Simply click on the dollar sign icon and select the Super Chat option. The Super Sticker option also works, but it's not as easy. Under the Super Chat option, you'll see a sliding scale to choose an amount. Or just type in the exact amount of your support. Directly under that amount is where you type a message everyone can see. Finally, click the Buy and Send button where you'll be taken to enter your card info. Thank you so much for your support!

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If you want my help with your slots gambling issues, consider a 1-on-1, hour-hour long consultation with me where at sign-up you answer a few basic questions about your slots play such as your state and favorite casinos and share whatever issues you are facing. I'll consider all that carefully and come up with an individualized action plan which we'll go over together during a live, 1-on-1 Zoom meeting, tweak the action plan based on feedback from you, and take your slots play to the next level. You can sign up at <https://professorslots.com/consultation>. My consultations are inexpensive, but the cost will be increasing slightly at the end of March which is only a few days away. Book a session before then to schedule a consultation anytime within the next four weeks.

Now let's get back to

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VIDEO INTRO

My 5-spin method takes advantage of a common casino business practice used by about 1-in-4 casinos. And to be fair from a legal perspective, if the casino gives out the tastes we want to collect, they must do so on all their slot machines. This is great because you can use that to inexpensively test to check if your favorite casino gives out tastes before you run off and start risking maximum bets in the high-limit slot room.

TESTING THE 5-SPIN METHOD AT YOUR CASINO

You could also test the 5-spin method in the high-limit room, but you'd need at least a \$500 bankroll and will end up with less confidence the strategy exists. But to perform the test on the main casino floor, all you'd need is \$5 to have high confidence in your results.

Okay, here's how testing the 5-spin method works. Head out to the main casino floor. Find a large group of nickel, dime, or quarter slot machines. You're looking for at least 20 of them. For the test, feel free to use any of these denominations. You can use penny slot machines too, if that's mostly what your casino has.

Take your \$5 bankroll and put it into one of these machines. Now figure how to make a minimum bet. That's right. Make a 1-credit bet. That's 1-cent on a penny machine, a nickel on a 5-cent machine, etc.

Now, make up to five minimum bets. Stop if you win anything at all. You should recognize this as the 5-spin method.

Now, repeat this on 20 different machines. Don't worry about whether if it's an idle machine. That potential mini strategy isn't part of this test.

I'll point out now that five minimum bets on a penny machine uses 5 cents from your bankroll. Testing 20 machines would mean you've used up \$1 of your \$5 bankroll. That'll use your whole \$5 bankroll if you test 20 nickel machines. You'd need a \$25 bankroll to test 20 quarter machines.

ANALYZING TEST RESULTS

There are several ways to evaluate the results of your test. First, let's use the math approach. How many machines gave you a taste, an initial win? It doesn't matter how much the win was, just whether a machine gave you a taste. Next how many machines did you try the test on, no matter what the denomination was.

Okay, here comes the math. Divide how many machines gave you a taste by how many machines you tested. Was it half of them? Good! Was 15 out of 20 or it 75% of them? Great! Was it all of them? Excellent!

Less than 50% isn't quite a successful test, especially if it's 25% or less. Before moving on to test the 5-spin strategy at another casino, consider spending another \$5 to run the test again to confirm these poor results perhaps on another visit.

Now, math gives us percentages, which are useful for evaluation of risk. But there is a simpler way to evaluate test results which involves less math. You'll love how simple it is. You started with a \$5 bankroll, right? Look at your voucher. Is it for more than \$5?

If it is, think back. Did you get only a couple of big wins or did you get a lot of little wins? If you got little wins, then you've had a successful test.

NEXT STEPS

If successful, it should be safe to implement the 5-spin method on any of the slot machines at that casino. To start, I recommend betting whatever you normally bet. There's no need to run off just yet to the high-limit room with a \$500 bankroll.

But, if you tested 50 machines instead of 20 and at least 37 machines, that's 75% or more of them, gave you a taste... Well, that means it would be less risky to try than, say, 20 machines with a 50% success rate. Maybe you should run to the high-limit room.

After a highly successful test result, maybe you want to know how to get the most from visiting the high-limit room which I explain in another video on my Strategy 6: Three High-Limit Tips and Tricks. A link to that video is in the description.

And if you want more, this video right here explains how to avoid the worst slot machines. Eliminating sucker bet machines means losing less often and taking home more winnings, so click that video right here and I'll see you in the next one.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

As you know, there are several major holidays coming up starting tomorrow through the end of next week. Therefore, I won't be offering a live stream next week over Easter. I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday.

CLOSING

Let's switch over to the Live Chat again and see what their latest questions are...

Thanks for a great show. If you're listening on the podcast, stick around as we'll be moving into the next segments of the show! And, as always, have fun, be safe, and make good choices!

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Introduction

This is the next 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 Maryland slot machine casino gambling in 2021. Here goes!

Maryland slot machine casino gambling consists of six casinos with video lottery terminal (VLT) slot machines. Cruise ships traveling in international waters offer onboard gambling options.

Relevant Legal Statutes on Gambling in Maryland

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

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

The minimum gambling age is 18 for international cruises shipping out of the Port of Baltimore.

In 2008, Maryland voters approved having slot machines at five locations. This constitutional amendment included a licensing and regulatory legal framework for casino operators, employees, and contractors as well as specifying where to allocate state gaming income tax revenue.

In 2012, Maryland voters further approved a gaming expansion bill allowing table games at Maryland's casinos as well as a sixth casino. This last gambling license, awarded in December 2013, resulted in MGM National Harbor's opening three years later.

Slot Machine Private Ownership in Maryland

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:

It is legal to own a slot machine in Maryland privately if it is 25 years old or older.

Gaming Control Board in Maryland

The state gaming commission is Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Agency.

The Agency oversees gaming regulations compliance, employee background checks, the day-to-day operation of machines at each casino, offers casino revenue reports to the public, and more.

Casinos in Maryland

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

Maryland has six commercial casinos, no tribal casinos, and several vacationing cruise ships to international destinations out of the Port of Baltimore.

The largest casino in Maryland is Live! Casino Hotel Maryland with 2,772 gaming machines in February 2021.

The second-largest casino is MGM National Harbor with 1,636 gaming machines.

Non-Tribal Casinos in Maryland

Maryland has six commercial casinos.

As usual when there are too many casinos to mention here, a complete list, along with a casino map, are on my webpage for this state at professorslots.com/MD.

American Indian Casinos in Maryland

Maryland has no tribal casinos because it has no federally recognized American Indian tribes.

Other Gambling Establishments

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

- North: Pennsylvania
- East: Delaware
- South: Virginia

- West: West Virginia and the District of Columbia

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.

Our Maryland Slots Community Facebook Group

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

Payout Returns in Maryland

Maryland has set minimum and maximum theoretical payouts of 87% and 100% averaged over the lifetime of each VLT gaming machine.

However, VLTs set to have a theoretical payout between 95% and 100% must have written approval from the state gaming commission. On average, a casino cannot have its VLTs to collectively exceed 95%.

While Maryland offers individual casino revenue reports, there is insufficient information to calculate player win percentage or other return statistics.

Summary of Maryland Slots in 2021

In summary, Maryland slot machine casino gambling consists of VLT-style slot machines at six casinos. Otherwise, cruise ships offer slot machines when sailing out of the Port of Baltimore to international destinations.

Annual Progress in Maryland Slot Machine Casino Gambling

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

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On the Next Episode of Professor Slots

Part I of the next episode of the Professor Slots podcast has not yet been determined. I haven't yet determined whether I will be releasing a podcast episode next weekend, on Easter weekend, especially given that there will be no live stream on YouTube that weekend.

Remember, my weekly Q&A session on YouTube is on Saturdays from Noon until 1 p.m. Eastern Time. 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 YouTube.com/ProfessorSlots. Feel free to stop by anytime during my hour-long live Q&A session.

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 Massachusetts.

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 <https://professorslots.com/episode134>.

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!