

Smart Tips for Playing Card Games

1. Don't chase losses

You could play a game for an hour, and never win. Or you could win on your first play. Continuing to play when you've already lost your budgeted amount is a surefire way to spend more money.

2. Set your time and money limit before you start

Deciding how much money and time you want to spend before you play is a good way to keep the games fun and enjoyable. Pick a limit, and stick to it.

3. Be aware that wins are random

No matter what you do, the wins and losses are random. Trying to outsmart the dealer has no effect on winning. The outcome of a deal is completely random.

4. Take breaks

Stepping away from a game for a break or a short walk is a great way to collect your thoughts and decrease any anxiety or stress the game may be causing.

5. Never borrow money while you are gambling

Stick to your gambling budget. If you spend your budgeted amount, stop gambling.

6. Don't take more money with you than what you are prepared to spend

Setting a budget for what you will spend on gambling helps you control your spending. And never go get more money to gamble. When you've spent your gambling budget, walk away.

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What you should know about playing card games



No system guarantees a winning hand of cards - it is random.



RESPONSIBLE GAMBLING
It's your best bet

Card games can provide entertainment when you play for fun and manage your play. This means understanding how the game works and not spending more time or money than you can afford.

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The Truth About Card Games

There are many myths about how card games work, and how you can 'beat' the system to win more often. In reality, card games are like any other form of gambling, regardless of your skill or experience level. The dealing of the cards is random. You cannot control the hand you receive.

MYTH:

Some people believe they can develop a system of play that is better than anyone else's, including the house.

FACT:

No gambling system can beat the house over the long term. The house rules have been developed to ensure that they win more than the player.

MYTH:

Some people believe that a win is imminent after a series of losses.

FACT:

A win is never 'due'. The outcomes of gambling are random, even in games that involve an element of skill. A series of losses will not be followed by a series of wins. On average, the more you play, the more money you will lose.

MYTH:

After experiencing a series of good hands, some players believe they are 'on a roll' and that their winning will continue.

FACT:

There is no such thing as being 'on a roll'. The outcomes of gambling are random, even in games that involve an element of skill. A few wins in a row does not imply that you will keep winning. You are just as likely to lose on the next hand.

How Card Games Work

There are a variety of cards games. Some popular games include blackjack and poker, but every type of game has a set of rules and play procedures. The most important thing to remember for any card game is that the cards you are dealt are random, regardless of your experience. If you play with money, you should expect to spend it.

Chances of Winning

In comparison to other forms of gambling, card games can provide the player with greater opportunities to experience success. This is because your success is determined by your play against opponents, and you can improve your chances through education and practice.

For example, a highly skilled poker player will more often defeat a less knowledgeable, less experienced player. But, it's important to remember that all players, regardless of experience, have no control over the cards that are dealt.

In card games such as blackjack and 3-card poker, the house (place that offers the bet) holds the edge or advantage. For example, with blackjack, the house edge primarily comes from the fact that when the dealer and the player both exceed 21, the house still wins. The result is that, on average, you will lose money.

No one could ever develop a knowledge base or betting strategy that would completely override or eliminate the randomness of the cards dealt during the game. In short, no one can have a winning formula that guarantees success 100% of the time.

