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Gambling 102: The Best Strategies For All Casino Games



Synopsis

Plenty of gambling books explain how to play the games; that's Gambling 101. Gambling 102 takes you to the next stage, where you're playing in the best way with the least amount of effort. Within these pages, gambling's Wizard of Odds provides proven strategies for all the casino games; from baccarat to video poker to sic bo to craps; in terms that are easy to understand and implement. Nineteen quick chapters (some as brief as two or three pages) cut right to the heart of each game. They give you, first, an assessment of the odds you face, then the basic strategies you need to lower them as much as possible. When should you raise in Three Card Poker? How good a hand do you need to Let It Ride? How will reduced juice affect your sports-betting results? And, of course, how do you pick, and play, the best blackjack game? Everything you need to play the games as well as they can be played is at your fingertips. Gambling 102 is the product of years of mathematical analysis, computer modeling, and actual casino play. If you believe in luck or hunches, you probably need another book. But if you believe that mathematics provides the best way to approach games of chance, then Gambling 102 is the book for you.

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So many people go into the casino unarmed with the ammunition to be successful. The casinos are big and beautiful because they make money - the games are always in favor of the house. However by playing correctly and having a little "luck", one can have a night of entertainment AND come out ahead in the short term. This book will give the math behind the games. Don't worry, it is not like reading a dull mathematics text - the games are presented to those who know something about the

game but wish to see the best way to win (ie optimum strategy). Charts and tables do provide quick information and the games are explained in detail. This book will answer your questions on many of the games you will see at the casinos. The author of this book is also known as the Wizard of Odds, having a website with more information about gaming than anyone can imagine. Here is the only flaw I have with the book - the games appear to be more in favor of the house than they really are. Most everyone thinks the house edge is what the casinos are mathematically expected to win on a given hand. In many games, this is the true house advantage. However the Wizard speaks about another measure on his website, namely the element of risk. This value is based on the total amount played on any given hand as opposed to the original bet, thus it is a better indicator of how the game actually plays out. The book does not mention this value, only stating the house edge. Now to the punch line. My wife and I very much enjoy playing at the casinos. We are not "gamblers" - we just enjoy the entertainment value of gaming. My wife plays slots and, as I hope EVERYONE is aware, slots are the money maker of a casino. Play them for entertainment value ONLY, don't expect to walk away a winner on a regular basis.

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