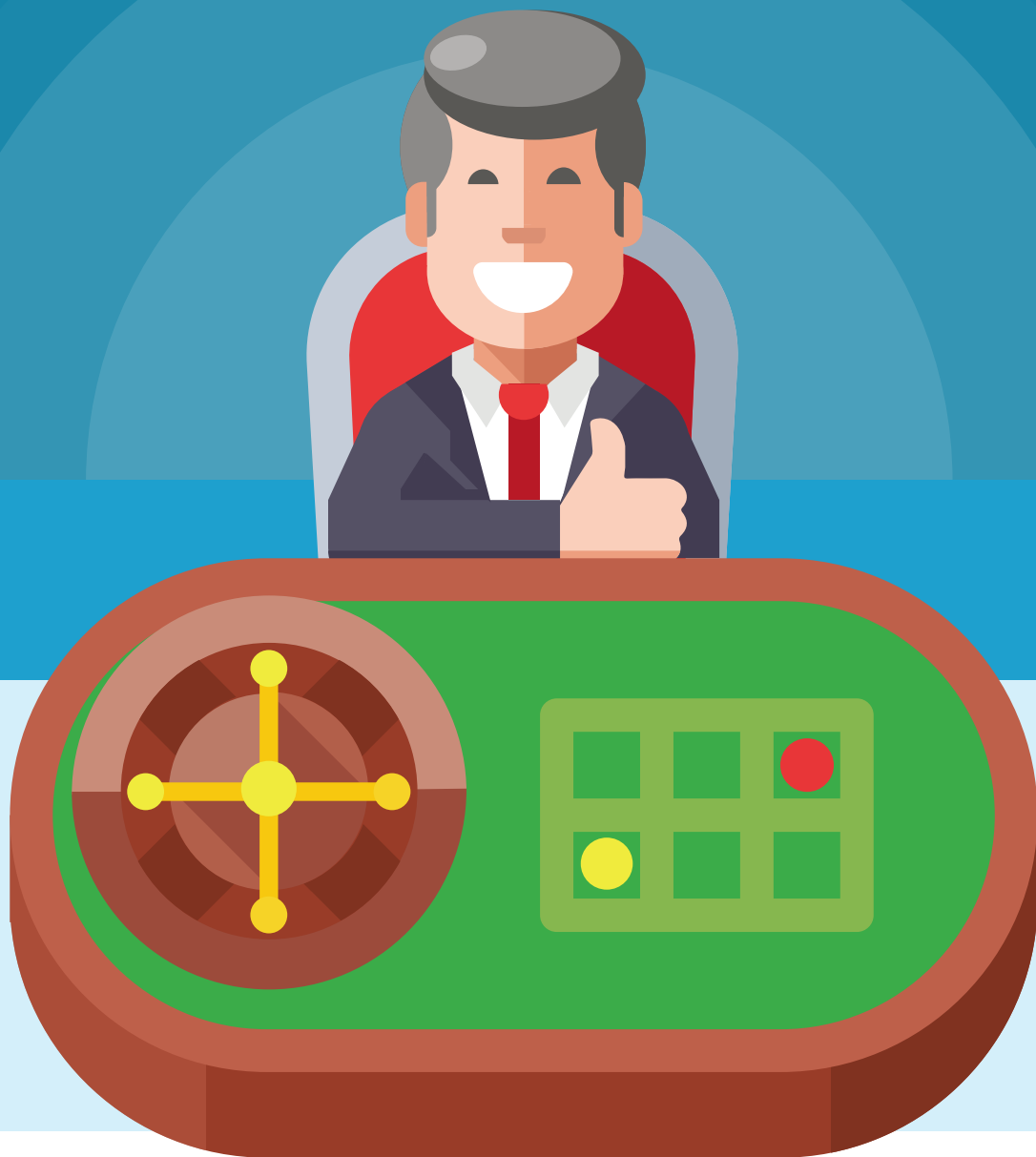


A Practical Guide

THE ULTIMATE GUIDE TO PLAYING ROULETTE




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EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT PLAYING ROULETTE

Roulette is regarded as one of the most popular casino games. The classic spinning sounds, easy betting options, and enticing payouts are the primary features that draw people into roulette. Couple in the sheer fun of it and you get a casino game with all the right bells and whistles.



In this roulette guide we'll walk you through all the important points of the game, the different ways you can play and you'll pick up some interesting facts to wow your mates with too.

LET'S GET STARTED!

AN HISTORICAL ACCOUNT OF ROULETTE

Ask some roulette players about when the game originated and they might be quick to tell you that it was devised in France during the 18th century. However, this is only partly true.

In fact a primitive form of the game was introduced by a man known as Blaise Pascal. Born in France, Pascal was a child prodigy, mathematician, physicist, and inventor.

During his search for a perpetual motion machine, he created a basic form of roulette which was essentially a fusion of the English wheel games E.O., Ace of Hearts, and Roly-Poly, a French board game called Roulette, and the Italian board games known as Biribi and Hoca.

1796

Since 1796 players have been enjoying roulette in the same way it's played today.

Author Jacques Lablee wrote about the game in his 1796 French novel 'Ou Le Jour'.

In it he talks about a wheel, situated in the Palais Royal, with two reserved slots for the bank each with a zero and a double zero.



1800

Around this time Parisian casinos began to incorporate the game, **but the single zero slot was red and the double zero slot was black.** This was found to cause confusion amongst the players, so both slots were made green in the early 1800s.

1843

By 1843, François and Louis Blanc brought a single zero roulette wheel to a German casino in Bad Homburg.

It was an instant success and left every other casino hurrying to add the latest variation of the game to their own selection.



1886

As early as 1886, the popular Hoyal gambling books discuss the first variations of the **American wheel which had both zero slots and an American Eagle slot. The latter, a symbolism of American liberty**, didn't actually help players with winning more, but rather gave the casino a greater house edge.

Unsurprisingly this slot did not last too long. If you're lucky enough to find one of these rare eagle laden wheels, **you can earn yourself thousands at auction.**



1900

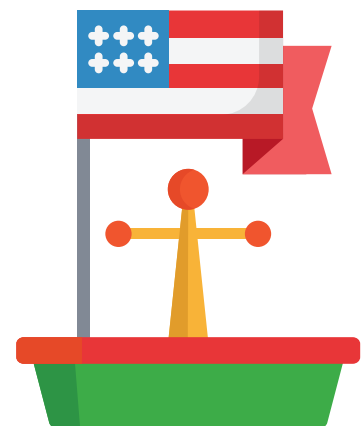
Moving forward to the 19th century, roulette was considered to be one of the most loved casino games not only in Europe, but also in the United States.

The single zero game became the go to choice for enthusiasts, except in the U.S. where the double zero roulette variation remained the most popular. That is up until the French brought the double wheel game up the Mississippi River from New Orleans.

At the same time, due to an overabundance of cheating from casinos and gamblers, the roulette wheel was placed on top of the table where it could be seen by everyone. The betting table was also simplified.

It was this change that distinguished the American variation from the traditional game which was on the more sophisticated side of things.

Even today it is the American version, be it a double or single zero wheel, that is used by casinos throughout the world.



EUROPEAN VS. AMERICAN ROULETTE

By its very essence, roulette is a game of complete chance.

There are no strategies, no cheats, and no techniques that can increase a player's odds.

However, it can help to know the difference between the primary variations which are European and American.

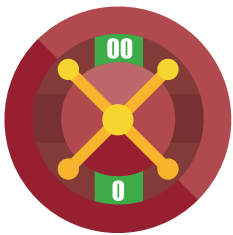
These distinctions stem from physical variations on the wheel and their respective house edge. By understanding them, you can increase or decrease your chances of winning.

European roulette is unarguably the most popular variation. This is because the house edge stands at **2.63%** - a favourable odd for any player.



EUROPEAN ROULETTE

European roulettes' defining characteristic is the 1-36 numbered wheel and a single zero slot. Anyone looking for the best chances of winning should look no further than the single zero European roulette wheel.



AMERICAN ROULETTE

American roulette is common online and at US casinos but is pretty much non-existent anywhere else. The reason for this is certainly due to its exceedingly high house edge which is a whopping 5.26%.



The only difference between the European and American variation is the later has an extra double zero slot on the wheel making a total of 38 slots.



Despite the higher odds, the game still attracts players who are curious about the famous game that has been featured in numerous Hollywood films including Casablanca and Indecent Proposal.

Although not as popular as it was over a century ago, French roulette still has its fair share of advocates.

The game features the La Partage rule which will give players back half of their money on any even bets that lose on a 0. The house edge can be lowered all the way to 1.32% making it a very promising game. It is a more difficult game to find both on or offline though.

HOW TO PLAY ROULETTE

At first glance it might seem like all you have to do to play roulette is choose a number and spin the wheel. This does indeed hold true. Although there is more intricacy, in terms of betting options, to the game which is partly why so many gamblers are fond of roulette.

The best part of roulette is that beginners and experienced players have an equal chance at winning — all you need to know is the rules of the game.

Assuming you have already chosen the variation you wish to play, the game works something like this:

1. PLACE YOUR BETS



Step One: Place your bets. You can bet on one, some, or all of the following:

- ◆ 1st 12 block of numbers
- ◆ 2nd 12 block of numbers
- ◆ 3rd 12 block of numbers
- ◆ 1-18 (low)
- ◆ 19-36 (high)
- ◆ Evens
- ◆ Odds
- ◆ Black
- ◆ Red

2. SPIN THE WHEEL



Step Two: Once your bets have been placed the croupier will tin one direction. The ball will spin the opposite way along a circular track. Once the ball loses momentum it will fall into one of the 37 different slots on the French or European variation or 38 slots in the American counterpart.

3. YOU WIN



Step Three: The result will determine who the winners of the game will be.

UNDERSTANDING THE ROULETTE HOUSE EDGE

The game of roulette is that easy, but let's go back to the bets, the betting board, and the odds. At the roulette table, there are several bets you can make. Each corresponding bet is accompanied by its own probability and payout.

You may notice a rectangular betting grid filled with the numbers 1-36 and a 0 and 00 (when available). Every bet players make on this field of numbers is known as an inside bet.

You'll also see sections with the labelled bets as discussed above. These bets are known as outside bets.

Chips are placed on the preferred betting sections before the wheel starts spinning. Technically bets can be placed while the wheel is spinning and until the croupier calls "no more bets".

ROULETTE ODDS AND PAYOUTS

Bet	Payout	European Probability	American Probability
Red/Black (Colour Bet)	1:1	48.65%	47.37%
Even / Odd	1:1	48.65%	47.37%
Low (1-18) / High (19-36)	1:1	48.65%	47.37%
Dozen	2:1	32.43%	31.58%
Column	2:1	32.43%	31.58%
6 Numbers	5:1	16.22%	16.22%
5 Numbers (Top Line Bet or Basket Bet)	6:1	n/a	13.16% *
4 Numbers (Square or Corner Bet)	8:1	10.81%	10.53%
3 Numbers (Street or Line Bet)	11:1	8.11%	7.89%
2 Numbers (Split Bet)	17:1	5.41%	5.26%
Single Number (Straight Bet)	35:1	2.70%	2.63%

* Only on the American table

Understanding these odds is fairly simple. For instance, with 2:1 odds on a bet, you will win two times the amount of your bet, on top of what you initially wagered.

So, if you placed \$5 on a column, and won, you would win \$10 on top of your \$5 bet. It is this easy way to win money that makes roulette such an enjoyable game for gamblers around the world.

BASIC STRATEGIES OF ROULETTE

The infographic features a central vertical yellow line with three white circles containing the numbers 1, 2, and 3. Three light blue callout boxes are connected to these numbers. The background is a blue gradient with a roulette wheel at the bottom. The wheel is surrounded by five circular icons: a lightbulb (idea), a bar chart with an upward arrow (growth), a target with an arrow (goal), a document with a red line graph (strategy), and a target with an arrow (goal).

1. Roulette is a game of chance.
2. There are no fancy betting systems that work, no strategies to adhere to, and no way of honing in on your skills to win more.
3. This aspect is what makes roulette so much fun.

There are still a couple of things you can do to up the excitement level and fuel your adrenaline for an even more exciting time when you play roulette though.

Over the years, many players have attempted to beat the casino. No we're not talking Oceans Trilogy style where George Clooney literally breaks into the casino vault. We don't mean using rigged roulette wheels either. We're talking about different kinds of betting systems.

These systems typically encompass a strategy that employs a pattern of bets which can reduce the house edge. Gamblers may indeed win large sums of money over a short period of time, but on average betting systems do result in the player losing money in the long run.

THE MARTINGALE

If you have ever gambled, you might be familiar with this betting system because its popularity extends beyond the game of roulette. The method is based around doubling your bet after a loss.



So if you lose a \$10 bet, you will bet \$20 on the next spin. If you win that you will make up for the loss of \$10 and are now \$10 ahead.

It may sound like a very good idea, but if you end up on a losing streak on six bets in, you will be expected to bet \$320 on a single spin.

It's not recommended to use this strategy for too long, but a few rounds can up the ante of the game.

THE PAROLI

This betting system is designed to take advantage of games that offer hot streaks, such as roulette. The basic premise is that you up your bets as you win.

Many players who implement the Paroli system actually use the Paroli of Three system which is more aggressive betting. The goal is to win three bets on a 1:1 payout like odd/even.

For instance you will make a \$1 bet on odd/even numbers. If you lose, you continue to bet \$1. If you win, your second bet will be double the initial bet plus one more; in this case it will be \$3. If this bet wins, you double the bet and add one; making it a total of \$7.

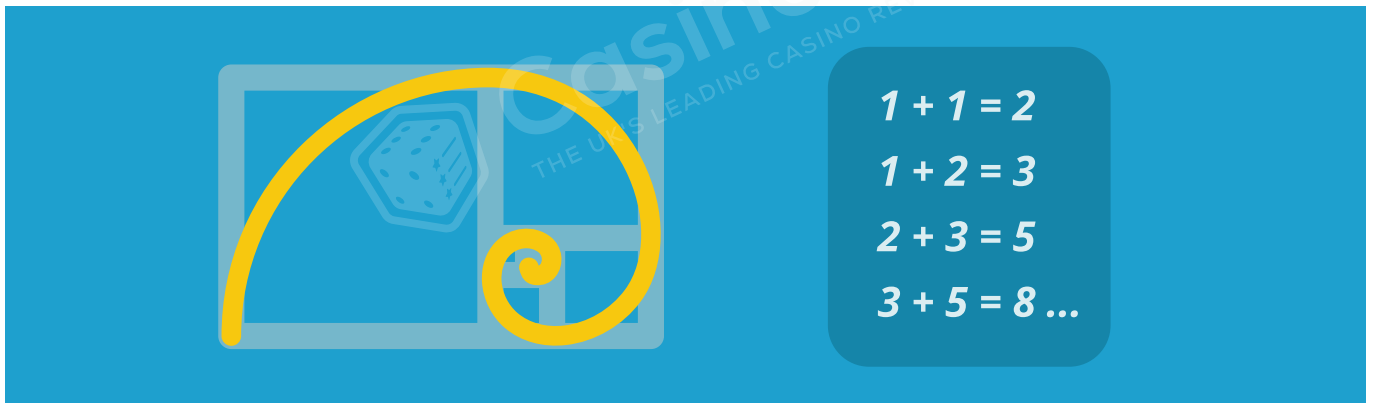
If the next bet wins, you double and add 1 unit and make the third bet \$35 (7 units). If you win the third, you keep the profit in your bank and return to the initial \$1 bet.

The reality of this system is that you never know when a streak will happen which means you could end up losing far more than you bargained for.

THE FIBONACCI

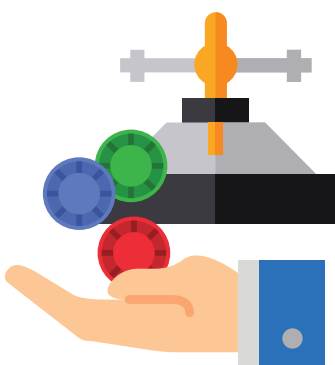
The Fibonacci system is found in just as many gamblers' bag of strategies as it is found in nature. In case you don't know what it is, it's a mathematical sequence found everywhere and looks like: 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34, 55, 89, 144...

The pattern goes on forever. The resulting numbers equate to the combinations of each two numbers that came before. Break it down and you'll see: $1+1 = 2$, $1+2 = 3$, $2+3 = 5$, $3+5 = 8$, and so forth.



Using this as a foundation, if you bet \$1 on any even money bet and you lose, you will bet another \$1. If you lose, you bet \$2 and continue to go up the Fibonacci sequence if you keep losing. When you win you restart at the beginning.

The genius of this system is that you will eventually win your money back, but in the long run, you will lose out. For this reason only implement the Fibonacci system for a short term gain.



THE CHAOS SYSTEM

Chaos is the inability to predict events accurately. As nutty as it sounds, it is a real subject of scientific study. In roulette, some players skip all the other betting systems and opt for pure chaos.

Rather than thinking about what to bet, chips are chaotically thrown over the table in no particular order or amount. This is done every time earning some wins and some loses.

Realistically, this could be the most exciting roulette strategy ever devised.

THE BEST STRATEGY

Unfortunately you won't find this option everywhere, but when you do, we recommend taking advantage of it.

At some casinos, half of your even money bet (i.e. colours, odd/even) will be returned to you whenever a 0 or 00 hits. By getting half of your bet back, the house edge is cut in half making it the best kind of betting system in roulette.



NOTORIOUS ROULETTE CHEATERS AND CONTROVERSIES



Surely at this point you might be wondering if the mechanics and workings of roulette have ever been broken. While no one has ever completely cracked the code on a perfect wheel, there are countless people who have been able to gain an advantage over the house.

They did so by finding imperfections on the wheel at brick and mortar casinos. Like a game of cat and mouse, casinos work hard to ensure their roulette games, technology, and surveillance are perfect, but scammers are good at staying a step ahead.

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UK MONTE CARLO ROULETTE SCAM

Between 2014 and 2015, 3 men from the U.K. swindled just over four million pounds from the Casino de Monte Carlo.

They did this by swapping £10 chips they had bought outside of the casino for £1000 chips from inside the facility. The ornate scam is nothing new and has been featured in James Bond films.

The trio were given prison sentences of 10-30 months and ordered to pay back around £1 million of the £4 million they managed to pocket.



THE PRIMROSE HILL SCAM

Perhaps the biggest roulette scam in the U.K. is the Primrose Hill gang who managed to take casinos to the cleaners for over 20 years until they were caught by police.

The gang is said to have won millions of pounds by double dealing on roulette tables. Working in a three man team, the men were considered to be one of the gambling industry's worst nightmares.

They used an illegal method known as top hatting. In it, croupiers are conned by posting a high value chip on top of a winning number after the ball lands. The scam is relatively simple to detect which is why the trio was banned from nearly every casino in the world.

False identities helped them to continue their cheating, that is until police caught up with them. Each was given a suspended sentence and curfews.

THE CLOCKING SCAM

An Eastern European gang walked away from the Ritz Casino in London with £1.5 million after using a technique and technology called Clocking.

Although they were arrested, they could not be prosecuted because they had not directly interfered with the roulette wheel. Now the laws have been updated and clocking is illegal.

LASER SCANNER SCAM

A Hungarian trio used a laser scanner linked to a computer that was able to gauge numbers, through judging the speed of the ball, likely to hit on the roulette wheel.

The three, a woman and two men, won over £1.5 million at different U.K. casinos, but were quickly arrested. After an investigation, police said the case was closed and no charges could be brought against them.

All we can say now is when will the movies of these roulette scammers be coming out?

BIGGEST U.K. ROULETTE WINS



When it comes to roulette, the house has the upper hand. Even so, there are no laws of physics that make it impossible for a player to win, and win big.

It is for this very reason that roulette is loved by millions. The U.K. has a roster of roulette winners, but some are more notable than others.

MIKE ASHLEY: £1,300,000

Mr. Ashley is a billionaire and owner of the Newcastle United Football Club. In 2008, he walked into a private Mayfair, London casino and made a wager totalling £480,000. It was a complicated bet that most people wouldn't fathom making. He wagered on every possible inside bet that included the number 17.

Known as a full complete, it's said he also wagered on black, odd, the middle column, middle dozen, and numbers 1-18. After the spinning of the wheel, he won approximately £1,300,000. To the billionaire businessmen, this was more than likely all in a good night's fun, but impressive nevertheless.

Where is Mike now? Mike recently saved 2100 people in the U.K. from losing their jobs by purchasing the popular fashion chain "Republic". He's also still gambling and doing other business related matters.



PHILLIP GREEN: £3 MILLION

Another billionaire, Phillip Green, caused quite a ripple amongst another Mayfair casino, Les Ambassadeurs.

The chic establishment has claimed that its profits will most likely fall by several million after Mr. Green's, and other unnamed millionaire gamblers, multiple million Pound wins on roulette over the 2016 winter.

The billionaire is known for working hard and playing harder. He is quoted as saying "I had a fantastic night at the tables," We're sure he did.

Where is Phillip now? Mr. Green continues to run several prominent businesses while also trying to pick up the pieces after the demise of BHS.

ASHLEY REVELL: \$135,500

It's not the biggest win ever, but this is a story worth sharing. Unlike having billions of extra dollars to spend on anything you wish, 32 year old Ashley Revell took his entire life savings to Las Vegas in 2004.

He had sold his house, car, trophies, clothes, and favourite watch. With only the clothing on his back, he flew from the U.K. to Vegas and made one spin on the roulette wheel.

Just before doing so, Sky One heard about his crazy idea and created a miniseries out of his adventure.

His \$135,500 wager was placed on red in front of millions of onlookers. The ball rested neatly on red 7 and scores of people cheered. Mr. Revell had doubled his money.

Where is Ashley now? Mt. Revell launched an online poker site, but there are rumours floating around about whether or not he has sold it. He also has a recruitment site where he helps people to find casino jobs.



JOSEPH JAGGER: \$375,000 IN 1873

Joseph Jagger was a man who understood the mechanics of machines. He took his knowledge to Monte Carlo where he paid 6 different casino clerks to secretly take notes on all of the roulette wheel spins.

After a short while he discovered a wheel that hit on certain numbers more than it should. The bias was seen as an opportunity. Mr. Jagger placed his bets according to the numbers and won \$375,000 over the course of three days.

The casino discovered the wheel and got rid of it along with Jagger. He was able to keep his winnings, which had a purchasing power of \$7 million during those times. He returned to the U.K., retired, and invested in property.

Where is Joseph now? Mr. Jagger is buried in the Bethel Chapel cemetery located in Shelf, England.



DOS AND DON'TS OF PLAYING ROULETTE

Roulette is one of the noisiest, most entertaining games in a casino. The sheer camaraderie at the wheel is what makes this game so incredible, but it can also make it easy to forget about some important dos and don'ts.

Before you get into the spinning action, you'll want to be sure to read over this checklist. Adhere to these simple tips and you'll always be one spin ahead.



STICK TO A BUDGET

Before you even step up to the wheel, virtual or not, you should set a strict budget and stick to it.

This practice is probably the most effective strategy to winning more at roulette because it keeps you from chasing losses on money that you could not afford to lose.



DON'T

PLAY WEIRD VARIATIONS

It is very hard to keep up with all of the variations of roulette, especially online. Express roulette, no zero roulette, letter roulette, Chinese roulette, and three wheeler roulette all might sound interesting, but trust us they are not as great as they sound.

Most strange variations have a high house edge that is simply not worth your money. If you are adamant about playing one of these odd variants, we recommend trying multi wheel or mini roulette. Both games are simple, fun, and different, yet they have retained a good house edge.

DO

PLACE BETS BEFORE THE WHEEL STARTS TO SPIN

Some casinos will let you place bets while the wheel is spinning but this can lead to confusion and even lost wagers.

To maintain a good betting strategy while avoiding hassle, choose your bets, spin, and let the wheel dictate whether or not Lady Luck is on your side.

DON'T

SPEND MONEY ON GUARANTEED "WIN SYSTEMS"

The internet is full of websites promising a strategy to win at roulette. Many of these can be enticing in their words, but rest assured, they are just another business seeking to make money from unsuspecting players.

Roulette is a game of chance. There is no winning strategy or way to beat the house. Rather than spending hundreds or thousands of dollars on "guaranteed systems", go straight to the game.

✘ DON'T

LEAVE THE SELFIE STICK AT HOME

There is a time and place for the selfie stick. If you're visiting a brick and mortar casino to play roulette, it might not be a good idea to pull out the stick and snap a selfie of you at the wheel.

In fact, some casinos will not allow it. Pictures might be okay, but the stick should be left for another day.



✘ DON'T

AVOID THE NUMBER 5 BET

American roulette is the only variation to offer the number 5 bet, also known as the basket bet.

The variation already carries a high house edge of 5.3%. This bet increases the house edge to a whopping 7.9%, which is pretty insane.

It's considered to be the worst bet in roulette, and we're honestly not sure why it exists. Avoid it all together



✘ DON'T

BE AFRAID TO BET ON EVENS

Even money bets are some of the best to make in roulette. They offer 50/50 odds which make them easy to win. Whether you want to bet on black, red, evens, or odds, you will eventually win on this wager.

TIME TO TRY ROULETTE YOURSELF

You have now earned yourself a degree in Beginners Roulette Know-How. Why not take your knowledge and practice it at one of the top casinos on the web.

You can play for free or with small bets. As soon as you feel confident in spinning the wheel, you can even up the ante with slightly larger bets and bigger wins. Get started now!

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