

The odds of winning:

- 1st division in Gold Lotto (1 game)
1 in 8,145,060
- top prize on a poker machine
(playing maximum lines)
up to 1 in 7,000,000
- 1st division in Powerball (1 game)
1 in 134,490,400
- the trifecta in a 13 horse race
1 in 1,716
- the 10 number jackpot on Keno
(1 game)
1 in 8,911,711
- example top prize on an Instant
Scratch-Its \$5 Crosswords game
1 in 1,700,000

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Know
the
FACTS
before
you
PLAY



Gambling is a business designed to make gambling providers money. The 'house edge' ensures an overall return for the gambling provider, and an assured percentage loss of what you bet. Often, skill doesn't come into it—you're paying money for a chance to win a greater amount of money, and it's much more likely you'll lose.

The odds always favour the house.

Sports betting/racing

For sports betting and racing, the odds change depending on the team or horse, past performances and conditions on the day. The TAB or sports betting agency will display the odds.

No matter how much you research or study the form guide, it's impossible to know all the variables that can affect a result. Winning is a matter of chance, not skill.

Lotteries

(includes lotto games and Instant Scratch-Its tickets)

Golden Casket has information about the odds of winning for each of its lottery products available in-store or on the Golden Casket website.

Casino games

Casinos provide information on each of their table games. Collect a brochure at the customer information desk or visit the casino's website to find out more.

Electronic gaming machines

In Queensland, electronic gaming machines, or 'pokies' return, on average, between 85 and 92 per cent of the turnover to the gambler (return to player). This means 8 to 15 per cent of turnover is retained by gambling venues.

The return to player is achieved over the life of the machine—usually three to four years. This means you can't expect to receive 85 cents for every dollar you bet in a single gaming session.

You can never predict how each play on a gaming machine will end and none of these factors make a difference:

- the last time the machine paid out
- anything you or anyone else does to the machine
- how much you bet
- how long you have been playing
- past and future plays
- the time of day.

Safer gambling tips

- Don't think of gambling as a way to make money.
- Don't gamble to escape stress or boredom.
- Set yourself a limit and don't exceed it.
- Don't chase your losses. Leave. Walk away.
- Gamble only what you can afford to lose.
- Never borrow money to gamble.
- Balance gambling with other activities.

Banning yourself from gambling

If you feel you're getting in over your head, speak to the venue's customer liaison officer about banning (excluding) yourself from gambling.

You can also ask a Gambling Help service to assist you to exclude remotely from one or more venues without having to physically enter a venue.

For more information:

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