

## **The Truth About Gambling Systems**

I have been around gambling and gamblers for most of my life. In that time I have seen many losers and very, very few winners. It is a notable fact that a lot of the losers will proclaim that they have a system for whichever game (or sport) they are gambling on, while the very rare winner would not make such a claim. A successful, professional gambler is only too aware that in all of the casino games, the house will always have the decided edge and there is no way to overcome that fact. With that in mind, the professional gambler must have some kind of method of play that will somehow work within the confines of the house advantage. I will say right at the outset, that gambling systems do not work. They can't work. The odds of every game are built right into whatever game you are playing. The casino business is one of the most lucrative businesses in the world and it is supported by the losers mentioned above. I am not saying that the successful, professional gambler never loses. The opposite is actually true. The professional gambler does not always win. He must have losing days. What the pro must do is to minimize his losing days and make the most of the days when he or she wins, working within the confines of the odds, that are against the player. This is the only way to maintain a winning trend with gambling. Systems are for suckers. In fact, when I was working in the casino pits, watching several games at once, myself and my co-workers would actually laugh at systems players. There are countless systems out there for all of the games and none of them work. I think my favorite is the player that sits at the roulette wheel with pencil and notepad in hand, writing who knows what, trying to predict where the little ball will fall next. In the roulette section that follows, I will share with you, the comedy of that scenario. If you are now, or will be playing casino games, it will do you well to read what is written here. Do not let anyone sell you a so-called system. The only person that would benefit from that transaction is the seller who duped you into believing that his, (or any other) system, could work. The following will explain to you in detail, why systems cannot work. I have broken this down to individual games to better illustrate how systems fall far short of being of any value to the player. I am not saying that there are not smart players out there. In fact, you must be a smart player if you are going to gamble professionally. But even smart players that use educated strategies can, and will, still lose on any given day. For instance, in blackjack, there is definitely a set of strategic rules that one must follow to play the game properly, and this set of rules is basically the same rules that the dealer must follow. Without a knowledge of the basic strategy of any casino game, one should never even get involved unless they do not care if they win or lose. But smart strategy is only half of what is needed to be a winner. The player must also know how to work within the disadvantage of the house edge and still maintain a winning total. So-called gambling systems will not change the odds one bit and in fact, nothing short of cheating will.

It is also very important to keep in mind that if you consistently make the same bet with no variation either more or less, you will not win as you will in all likelihood lose more bets than you will win. That should tell you that you must vary the amount that you are betting, increasing at the right time and decreasing the same way. This is key. Since

the odds are against you, making the same bet over and over will certainly cause you to eventually lose. It is true with all of the casino games.

So, before I share with you what is the only way to maintain a winning trend, I will first dispel all of the laughable gambling systems and explain to you why they cannot work. This is just plain common sense, as you will see.

## Blackjack

The game of blackjack is really one of the easier games to play and understand. The rules are very simple and the procedure for play is also quite easy to learn. Even basic strategy is fairly simple and some casinos will even offer classes that will teach you that strategy. Now, what does that tell you? Even with a solid knowledge of smart strategy, you will in all likelihood, still lose. The casinos know this and will do most anything, including teaching you to “play smart”, to get you to the tables. Here are some facts.

The odds in blackjack are about 52% to 48% against the player. You might think that this is so negligible that you stand a good chance of winning. Well okay, the chances are 48% to 52% with you. It is quite enough for the house to keep the games open.

I will probably hear more arguments for this game than with any other since there are those who still think counting cards gives you an edge, or at least levels the playing field. First of all, when the deck gets rich (lots of 10's and aces left in the remaining cards), while that increases your chances of getting a 20 or blackjack, it also increases those same chances for the dealer, and so you must still depend on some degree of luck. I used to go out to play blackjack, find a single deck game, and count the deck. It is a lot of work. And, if you could watch me play, you would quickly determine that I am not a lucky player. So all of my efforts with card counting were, for the most part, unsuccessful. When the floorman determined that I was counting, he actually refused my action. I was forbidden to play blackjack in that casino. That always made me laugh, as I was not winning! Furthermore, a card counter's efforts are easily nullified with frequent shuffling and that is within the rules and laws of gaming. When I was in the blackjack pit and discovered a counter, I simply instructed the dealer to deal 2 hands and then shuffle. Of course, the player would always leave the table. Please heed this well: Card counting is highly over-rated and easily negated. It simply will not work for the reasons stated above. Save your energy and just play smart and cultivate a winning trend to your play, as I will explain later.

I do hope you realize that it is pure folly to think that you can predict what cards you will be dealt based on what has come before. It doesn't work that way. Sure, a smart player will recognize when many small cards have gone by and there are plenty of tens left in the deck. You can determine that without counting. The problem with that, as stated before, the dealer will also benefit from that, and the dealer's chances of getting a 20 are as strong as they are for you. Even if you are a person that can exactly remember what cards have gone by and what is left in the deck, this can only help you if you then increase your bet. A smart floorman will simply tell the dealer to shuffle. It happens and in fact, I used to do it to players.

There is one common system that almost every novice gambler will try, especially in blackjack, and that is the doubling-up system. This system is very simple to understand. It teaches that every time you lose a bet, the next bet will be double that amount. So let's say that your first bet is \$10 and you lose that. The next bet would be \$20. Lose that and you go to \$40. This is very bad play for many reasons. Firstly, don't ever think that you cannot lose 10 or even 20 hands in a row. I once lost 15 consecutive hands! That could never happen to me now, as I would recognize the fact that it was not a good time for me to be gambling, long before I lost that many hands and would now quit after losing five in a row. That is the first reason why this is a bad system. You can, and will, lose many

hands in a row. It might be argued that you can also win that many hands in a row. I agree but in compliance with the doubling-up system, you would decrease your bet if you won, believing that you will lose after a win.

The second reason that the doubling-up system will not work is that you could find yourself betting a huge amount just to win back your original small bet of 5 or 10 dollars. For example, let's say you go up to a game and your first bet is \$10. You lose it and so double your bet. Well, if you lose 6 hands in a row, your next bet would have to be \$640 to win back your 10! And if you are on a game that has a \$500 limit, you are in trouble. The table limit will always come into play with this system. In the situation I have just described, your 7<sup>th</sup> bet would have to be only \$500, not the \$640 that the system calls for so even if you win that 7<sup>th</sup> bet, you are still going to be a \$140 loser. And it also follows that to use this system, even with an original bet of \$10; you must have a fairly large bankroll to support this kind of play. Don't ever find yourself in this trap. Do not play this ridiculous system. It is for novices and idiots.

Another quite common system that I have seen is one that never busts a player's hand. That is, whenever the player is holding a total of more than 11, the player will stand on that hand always, never risking that his total would go over 21. This is a horrible way to play. What you actually do in this case, is to deprive yourself of the opportunity to improve your hand. Remember, the dealer will hit anything under 17. That is what the player should also do. This system will all but kill your chances of winning.

Your best bet when playing blackjack is to be a smart, knowledgeable player, using basic strategy and adjusting your betting to take advantage of winning streaks and to minimize your losses, as I describe in my "Betting For Profit", which is the only way to cultivate a winning trend. In fact, when I formulated this method, it was primarily for use in blackjack and have since adapted it for the other casino games. There is no blackjack system that is worth anything to the player. Common sense will tell you that there is no way to predict what cards you will be dealt.

## Roulette

I must admit, to me, roulette is a fun game. It is very easy to understand, easy to play, colorful and very social. You can play for comparatively little money (some casinos actually offer a 25-cent game). I must first advise you as to the odds in roulette and how they are very much against the player. There are many ways to bet on the roulette wheel. You can bet on either black or red, odd or even, columns or sections, and of course, individual numbers from 1 – 36 and 2 green numbers, 0 and 00. There are also several ways to group individual numbers, but that is not really pertinent to our purposes here. The most important fact about roulette is that again, the odds are against you. To illustrate, I will cite the following:

When you bet on an individual number (or numbers) on the roulette layout, the payoff when you win or hit a number, is 35 - 1. Great odds, huh? Well, they are not so great. You see, there are 38 numbers on the wheel, if you include the 0 and 00, so your actual odds should be 37 - 1. If you bet on black or red, the payoff is even money when you win, but the odds are slightly greater because of the 2 green squares, 0 and 00. This is the house edge. I am not saying that you cannot win playing roulette. I have done it myself but of course, it had nothing to do with my being able to use a system that would change the odds against me. No, it was luck, and an awareness of money management. Okay, so now you know the odds and how they are against you, giving the house an advantage. Now let's talk about roulette systems.

While there are probably hundreds of roulette systems out there, they deal with predicting what number or color or group of numbers will win on the next spin, according to what has come before. As one who used to actually deal this game, I have to laugh at roulette systems. Every time I look back to the players that used to sit there with their notepads and pencils I have to shake my head in utter disbelief. They are trying to find some kind of pattern in the series of numbers that have gone before and then make a decision on what to bet, based on that information. Can you see the folly in this? I mentioned the fact that I actually dealt this game for these reasons. A dealer will never spin the ball at the exact same velocity every time. The dealer will also not release the ball at the very same position of the spinning wheel every time. And when a dealer retrieves the ball from the previous spin, he or she will give the wheel a little nudge to keep it spinning, so the wheel is never really spinning at the same speed at any given time. In order to make any kind of prediction as to where the ball will fall, all of these factors have to remain constant. Some systems will try to predict what number will hit next, based on probability. For instance, let's say that the number 22 not hit in 45 spins. The system player will then determine that it is overdue to hit. This won't work because it is only probability, not fact. In other words, the odds of the number 22 coming up is 37 - 1. It is always 37 - 1, no matter what has come before. So even though that specific number has not shown in 45 spins, the odds of it now coming up are not decreased. They remain 37 - 1. Of course this is true of all numbers on the wheel. Nothing that came before will influence or help to determine what the next number will be. The only thing more foolish than a roulette system player is a person that will actually pay money for one of these systems. For you, gambling is not your only problem. You are way too gullible. Remember, casinos laugh at systems players and welcome them with open arms. Again, even in this situation, the only way to win at this game is to cultivate a

winning trend and capitalize on a streak and minimize your losses. Yes, there is a way to do that with roulette. I can safely say that unlike blackjack, there is no real strategy in roulette. It is a guessing game and a pure novice player has just as much chance of winning as an experienced one. If you are going to play roulette, you would be wise to avail yourself of my "Betting For Profit." It is the only way that you might realize a cumulative winning total in this game. Remember, I have played it; I have dealt it and so have been on both sides of the game. If there were in fact, any truth to any of the so-called roulette systems, then the originators of the systems would be wealthy people. If they are wealthy, it is because they have found enough suckers to believe that there could be a way to use a roulette system successfully and buy their system. Just keep in mind that the casinos love the systems players. Don't be fooled into believing that you can change the odds. Can't be done.

## Craps

There are probably more craps systems out there than with any other game, simply because there are so many different ways to play and bet on the craps table. I have probably seen hundreds of them and they all do not work and depend mostly on luck. What really surprised me (and made me laugh) was that there were actually systems based on “setting the dice.” What that means is that someone tried to convince players that there is a specific way to pick up and throw the dice in order to get a particular number. I was speechless when I first heard of this. And believe it or not, there are some that actually sell this kind of system and people buy it! Here are a few facts... Dice are never thrown at the exact same velocity, to land in the very same place, and bounce exactly the same way. No one can do this. A craps table is 12 feet long. The sides of the inside of the table are made of little rubber pyramids to deflect the bouncing dice at random angles. At any given time, the number of bets (and stacks of chips) on the layout are always different and therefore add to the randomness of the bouncing dice. I don't want to spend a lot of time on this concept and hopefully you will see how ridiculous this is.

As with the other casino games, the odds are against you on the craps table. For example, when you bet on 12, you get paid 30 to 1 or 31 to 1, depending on where you play. The actual odds of rolling a 12 are 35 – 1. The other bets in the game carry similar disadvantageous odds. However, the craps game is the only game in the entire casino that does offer one bet that pays off in true odds. That bet is taking odds on your pass line bet or your come bets. Both of those pay with true odds. In other words, let's say for example you have a point of 5. The odds of rolling a 5 against a 7 are 3 – 2. When you take the odds on that bet, you will be paid at the rate of 3 – 2 if you win. The same is true with any of the other numbers from 4 – 6 and 8 – 10. This fact is one of the draws people to the craps table.

Every craps system out there does not change probability at all. You still are faced with a house edge and still will need some degree of luck no matter what system you have been foolish enough to follow. Keep in mind here, that there are many, many ways to bet in craps and none of those should be considered a “system.” One way of playing the game is to take place bets and then make come bets, using the “down with odds” method of play. This is actually a very smart way to play but still depends largely on luck but should not be considered system. It is just one way to play the game. Just remember with craps, that the odds are built right into the dice and nothing you can do will negate the house edge. You can find a style of play that might minimize your losses but that will still depend on luck in the long run. Again, if you are playing craps, be a knowledgeable player and know some strategy, stay away from the sucker “proposition bets” and keep superstition out of your play. There are probably more superstitious players on the craps game than anywhere else in the casino. Yes, some people believe that if someone even says the word “seven” that this will bring bad luck. Of course this makes no sense whatsoever. It makes just about as much sense as believing that you can have a system to beat the game. I knew a player that was an expert craps player, knew all of the payoffs and procedures, and used several different systems that he or someone else had devised. Nothing ever worked. It still all came down to luck. So it is worth repeating here that the only way to win is to cultivate a winning trend within the reality

that the odds are against you and you must minimize your losses and maximize your winnings when luck is with you. I should really add here, that if you are planning to play craps, take the time to learn the game and how to bet. There are several bets on the layout that are pure suckers action, such as the field, hard ways, horn bets, and all other proposition bets. Take advantage of the true odds that the game offers with pass line bets and come bets, and to a lesser extent, place bets. Don't go blindly into a crap game, even if you think you have a system. It won't work!

I hope I have made this clear to you that there is no system that will work or that is worth anything in the casino. Those that trust in systems are the very same players that keep the casinos in business. The real professional gambler would never be foolish enough to believe that any of the so-called systems could ever work. I must here again, allude to my “Betting For Profit.” This is not a system in that it in no way tells you how to play any game or use any strategy. It is assumed that you are a knowledgeable player with basic strategy skills in whatever game you play. “Betting For Profit” teaches you to capitalize on your lucky streaks and to minimize your losses, and actually takes into consideration the fact that you will lose more times than you will win! Beware of all system claims and do not get lured into thinking that they will work, no matter what is said and how many endorsements you might read. They are all scams. Just re-read what is written above and use your common sense. If you would like more information about “Betting For Profit,” then visit <http://www.bettingforprofit.nousbleux.com>. Good luck!

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