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## The Dos and Don'ts of Gambling

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In a socially distanced world, virtual gambling is becoming increasingly popular. So if you've never set a virtual foot in an online casino, now is the time to test your odds. Before you get started, check out our collection of tips to learn about the dos and don'ts of gambling.

### Finding the Casino

- DO: Research online venues
- DON'T: Pick the first casino you come across

The first thing you have to do is find a casino that's right for you. There are hundreds of options online, so make sure you do your homework. While some casinos focus on establishing a loyal community of users, others shower you with games and promotions. You should examine at least a dozen sites before making your pick.

- DO: Check the casino's license
- DON'T: Assume every venue is legit

The inclusion of the word 'casino' in a website's name doesn't make it legitimate. Anyone can set up a site these days and try to pass it off as a successful business. So when you log onto a gambling site, be sure to scroll to the bottom of the homepage where you should find the license number and the regulating body. Go to the official page of the gaming authority and check the license, or if you wish to be thorough, send them an email.

- DO: Read user reviews
- DON'T: Believe everything you read

For every casino on the internet, there are thousands of different reviews compiled by both users and professional reviewers. These can be useful overviews of the casino and help you uncover some of the more obscure details about each venue. But keep in mind that much of this content is based on someone else's experience and opinion. So, take everything with a grain of salt and decide for yourself what the right venue should have.

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## Making Use of Offers

- DO: Find generous welcome packages
- DON'T: Skip through bonus terms and conditions

Welcome offers are like first impressions. They can sometimes be misleading. The casinos do their best to draw you in with generous promises while trying to conceal some of the less flattering terms. For example, a casino will double your deposit and give you 100 free spins, but all of those will be time-sensitive and locked behind a 40x wagering requirement. Make sure you always read the fine print and thoroughly assess the offer.

- DO: Check weekly promotions
- DON'T: Settle for one-time deals

A good set of quality promotions can enrich your entire week. The casino can help you stay afloat with special bonuses for your favorite game, frequent giveaways, faucets, money showers, and cash back options. Meticulously inspect each offer and don't be shy about asking the support team for updates. If you can handle a bit of spam, subscribe to a couple of newsletters and keep an eye out for upcoming offers.

- DO: Analyze the loyalty program
- DON'T: Pay extra to become a VIP

The whole point of a loyalty program is to reward active players and keep them playing with special deals and promotions. Most of the time, becoming part of the loyalty program is a straightforward process – the more you play, the more points you earn as you climb up the ranks. Having to pay for these benefits defeats the purpose of the program.

## Playing It Smart

- DO: Master one game at the time
- DON'T: Change games constantly

The best [gambling advice](#) you'll ever get is to only play the games you know. It's far too easy to get confused by unfamiliar game mechanics and lose small fortunes playing games you don't fully understand. Pick one game, learn all the rules, find all the tips you can, and start things off with minimum bets. And don't forget to choose something that you really enjoy playing.

- DO: Socialize
- DON'T: Be afraid to join a community

Online gambling is always better with friends. Games that include a chat option often inspire people to share their rags-to-riches stories, discuss tactics, or talk about the weather. Use this opportunity to meet new people and make new friends that will improve your entire gambling experience. You can even join a forum and become an active member of a community.

- DO: Know when to stop
- DON'T: Chase your losses

Always leave room in your life for things other than gambling. If you ever feel that gambling is costing you too much money, friends, or life experiences, consider taking a break. Pretty much all of the casinos are obliged to help you opt out for a certain period of time, so don't be afraid to use this option. Moderation is everything.

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