

Hoyle® Slots & Video Poker

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Signing in

When you start Hoyle® Slots & Video Poker, you are presented with a dialog box for creating a new player. You must create at least one player, and can create as many as you like for yourself, your friends, and your family members.

Each player has a bankroll, which starts at a certain amount and changes as you win or lose money in Slots & Video Poker. Each player also has a credit card. There are various levels of credit cards available. You start with a green credit card and can advance to higher credit cards by winning money.

To create a new player

- 1 If there are already other players listed, click the New button; otherwise continue to step 2.
- 2 Type your name in the dialog box. Your name will automatically be put on the credit card.
- 3 You can start with \$5,000 in your bank account or some other amount less than \$5,000. If you want to start with less than \$5,000, click the Other button, and enter the amount for your initial account.
- 4 Click OK to create the player.

To sign in a player created during a previous session

- 1 Find the player in the list of players, using the vertical scroll bar if necessary.
- 2 Click the player's name in the list to highlight it.
- 3 Click OK to enter the program as this player.

Notes

You can use the Sign In dialog box to perform other functions:

- 1 You can create multiple players at one time. To do this, fill in the player's name and initial bank. Instead of clicking OK, click the Add button. This will add the player and then return you to the Sign In dialog box where you can create more players.
- 2 If one of your players is doing very poorly, you may want to reset his or her bank account. To do this, click on the player's name in the list to highlight it. Then click the Reset button. This resets the player's bankroll to \$5,000, and also clears statistical information about the player.
- 3 If you want to remove the record for a given player altogether, click on the player's name in the list to highlight it. Then click the Delete button. This removes Hoyle® Slots & Video Poker's record of the player.

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The menu bar

The Slots and Video Poker menu bar is your starting place for accessing all Hoyle® Slots and Video Poker games and options. The menu bar is located at the bottom left of the screen. It offers five menu selections, most of which pop up a menu of further choices.

The File button

The leftmost menu option is the File button. Click this button to leave the current game, or to end this session of Hoyle® Slots and Video Poker. .

The Go To button

The second button is the Go To button. Click this button to bring up a list of the games available in Slots and Video Poker. Move the mouse over the name of the desired game. For some games you must choose the machine dollar amounts from this menu before entering the game.

The Options button

The third button is the Options button. It offers three menu items that let you view and modify information about the current players and settings.

Selecting Controls brings up the controls dialog box, from which you can make changes to general settings such as animation, character speech, and many others.

Selecting Players brings up the Players dialog box, from which you can make changes to the players in the current game, including the option to sign in new players.

Selecting Statistics brings up the Statistics dialog box, where you can view statistical results for each player.

The Actions button

The fourth button is the Actions button. This button pops up a menu of actions you can take at the current time, depending on the game you are playing and whether it is your turn to bet or play. The actions menu also gives you access to the Fill Screen function.

The Help button

The fifth button is the Help button. Click this button to bring up a menu of items offering help about the current game or about Hoyle® Slots & Video Poker in general.



Shortcut keys

In all games you can select "Alt + Enter" to switch to Fill Screen mode at any time.

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Actions	Shortcut key
Bet One	B
Bet Max	M
Play Max	P
Spin	S
Cash Out	C

Video Poker

Actions	Shortcut key
Hold 1	1
Hold 2	2
Hold 3	3
Hold 4	4
Hold 5	5
Hold All	A
Discard All	R
Bet One	B
Bet Max	M
Deal	D
Cash Out	C
Hint	T

Video Slots

Actions	Shortcut key
Bet One	B
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Play Max	P
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Cash Out	C

Horse Racing

There are no hot keys for Horse Racing. However, you may use the "tab" key to move between bets placed.

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About Slot machines

The Slot machines in Hoyle® Slots & Video Poker are three-reel machines with varying numbers of symbols (or stops) on each reel.

Slots odds

The house advantage for Slot machines is generally about 16 to 20 percent. These odds are not very good compared to the odds for most other casino games. However, sometimes you can find a machine with better odds. You will find that some of the Hoyle Slots & Video Poker Slots are looser than others.

Going for a jackpot

Each reel has at least one jackpot , and to win a jackpot you must get each reel to stop on this jackpot symbol.

For a 20 stop, three-reel machine with one jackpot symbol per reel, the odds of lining up all three jackpot symbols are $20 \times 20 \times 20$, or 8000 to 1. Some machines have more than one jackpot symbol per reel, which improves the odds of hitting a jackpot, but the payout for a jackpot on these machines will usually be lower.

Progressive slots

A Progressive Slot machine is a machine with a variable jackpot. The jackpot increases every time a coin is deposited into the machine.

You can read the amount of the current jackpot in the digital readout at the top of the machine.

Choosing a Slot machine

Each Slot Machine in Hoyle® Slots & Video Poker has its own unique theme, different credit amounts required for play, and different payouts. They are all multi-coin machines.

For the majority of machines, each coin in play activates a different pay column (pay columns are shown in the lighted panel above the reels). For example, with two coins in play, the second pay column is used.

The Progressive machines use multiple paylines instead of successive pay columns. This means that you can win diagonally in addition to horizontally.

To choose from the available machines, click the Go To button on the button bar, select Slots, pick a machine, and then choose the bet level you want.

The following machines are available:

- ♦ **Alien Invasion.** Multi-coin (5 coins max, 5 pay columns).
- ♦ **All Stars.** Multi-coin (3 coins max, 3 pay columns).
- ♦ **Bug Out.** Multi-coin (3 coins max, 3 pay columns).
- ♦ **Cover the Spread.** Multi-coin (3 coins max, 3 pay columns).
- ♦ **Diamond Frenzy.** Multi-coin (2 coins max, 2 pay columns).
- ♦ **Double Diamond Jackpot.** Multi-coin (2 coins max, 2 pay columns).
- ♦ **Double Red, White & Blue.** Multi-coin (2 coins max, 2 pay columns).
- ♦ **Flying High.** Multi-coin (3 coins max, 3 pay columns).
- ♦ **Funny Money.** Multi-coin (3 coins max, 3 pay columns).
- ♦ **Gone Fishin'.** Multi-coin (3 coins max, 3 pay columns).
- ♦ **Hoyle Flush.** Multi-coin (3 coins max, 3 pay columns).
- ♦ **Jurassic.** Multi-coin (3 coins max, 3 pay columns).
- ♦ **Monsters.** Multi-coin (5 coins max, 5 pay columns).
- ♦ **Progressive.** Multi-coin (3 coins max, 1 pay columns). Diagonal paylines.
- ♦ **Red Cherry.** Multi-coin (3 coins max, 3 pay columns).
- ♦ **Red, White & Blue.** Multi-coin (2 coins max, 2 pay columns).
- ♦ **Safari.** Multi-coin (2 coins max, 2 pay columns).
- ♦ **Shoes.** Multi-coin (3 coins max, 3 pay columns).
- ♦ **Sweet Success.** Multi-coin (3 coins max, 3 pay columns).
- ♦ **Triple Diamond.** Multi-coin (2 coins max, 2 pay columns).
- ♦ **Triple Play.** Multi-coin (3 coins max, 3 pay columns).
- ♦ **Wild Peppers.** Multi-coin (3 coins max, 3 pay columns).

The following bet levels are available:

- ♦ **5¢ machine.** At this machine, you must insert at least 5¢ for each bet.
- ♦ **10¢ machine.** At this machine, you must insert at least 10¢ for each bet.
- ♦ **25¢ machine.** At this machine, you must insert at least 25¢ for each bet.
- ♦ **\$1 machine.** At this machine, you must insert at least \$1 for each bet.
- ♦ **\$5 machine.** At this machine, you must insert at least \$5 for each bet.
- ♦ **\$10 machine.** At this machine, you must insert at least \$10 for each bet.
- ♦ **\$25 machine.** At this machine, you must insert at least \$25 for each bet.
- ♦ **\$50 machine.** At this machine, you must insert at least \$50 for each bet.
- ♦ **\$100 machine.** At this machine, you must insert at least \$100 for each bet.
- ♦ **\$500 machine.** At this machine, you must insert at least \$500 for each bet.
- ♦ **\$1000 machine.** At this machine, you must insert at least \$1000 for each bet.

Using the Slot machines

To play a Slot machine

- 1 Click on the bill slot on the front of the machine. You will be asked to enter how many credits you want to put into the machine. Click OK when done.
- 2 Bet the amount you want for the current spin by clicking Bet One, Bet Max, or Play Max.
- 3 Spin the reels by clicking the arm, clicking the Spin button, pressing **S** on the keyboard, or choosing Spin from the Actions menu.

If you win, you accumulate credits. You can then bet your credit (instead of inserting more coins) for the next spin. You can bet from one coin up to the maximum number of coins available by clicking the Bet One or Bet Max buttons.

To collect your credits, click Cash Out. Your bankroll will be automatically credited.

Summary of Slots buttons

Bet One

Bets one coin from credit to play a single row. On a multi-coin machine, use this option to specify the exact number of coin plays you want, without making a maximum coin bet. You can only use this option if you have credits on the machine.

You can bet one coin from credit during play by:

- ✦ Clicking Bet One (when it is lit).
- ✦ Pressing the letter **B** on the keyboard.
- ✦ Choosing Bet One from the Actions menu.

Bet Max

Bets the maximum number of coins from credit to play all available rows (and bets) on a multi-coin machine. You can only use this option if you have enough money in your bankroll to cover the maximum bet amount.

You can make a maximum coin bet during play by:

- ✦ Clicking Bet Max (when it is lit).
- ✦ Pressing the letter **M** on the keyboard.
- ✦ Choosing Bet Max from the Actions menu.

Play Max

Bets the maximum number of coins from credit to play all available rows (and bets) on a multi-coin machine and automatically starts the spin for play. You can only use this option if you have enough credits on the machine.

You can play the maximum bet by:

- ✦ Clicking Play Max (when it is lit).
- ✦ Pressing the letter **P** on the keyboard.
- ✦ Choosing Play Max from the Actions menu.

Spin

Spins the reels to play.

You can spin by:

- ✦ Clicking the arm on the Slot machine.
- ✦ Clicking Spin (when it is lit).
- ✦ Pressing the letter **S** on the keyboard.
- ✦ Choosing Spin from the Actions menu.

Cash Out

Pays out all credits and coins bet in the machine. When you cash out, the coins fall out the bottom of the machine or are immediately credited to your bankroll.

You can cash out by:

- ◆ Clicking Cash Out (when it is lit).
- ◆ Pressing the letter **C** on the keyboard.
- ◆ Choosing Cash Out from the Actions menu.

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About Video Poker

One of the most recent additions to the casino environment is Video Poker, a man-against-machine electronic version of the traditional favorite, Poker. A new generation of gamblers is comfortable with the technology of electronic or computerized games, and enjoys this form of entertainment.

Some people enjoy the solitude that Video Poker provides. It can be easier to concentrate on winning without distractions that inevitably occur where a human dealer and other human players are involved. In Video Poker, you don't have to think about bluffing, betting, and whether you're giving out too much information; you just think about the cards, and play. You also don't have to wait for shuffling and dealing. The machine makes these things happen instantaneously. Many compulsive Video Poker enthusiasts are blazingly fast players, but this is a matter of choice. You can set your own pace in this game.

The alternative explanation for the game's great popularity is that some Video Poker machines offer an opportunity to win money from the casino. A few machines pay out a 102 percent return on your money if you adhere to an optimal strategy. Now those are worthwhile odds!

See also

Jacks of Better machines
Joker Poker machines
Deuces Wild machines
10s or Better machines



Choosing a Video Poker machine

When you join a Video Poker game, you must choose the game based on the bet level. You must observe the minimum bet amounts during play.

To choose from the available machines, click the Games button on the Hoyle Slots & Video Poker toolbar, select Video Poker, pick a machine, and then choose the bet level.

The following types of machines are available:

- Jacks or Better machines
- Joker Poker machines
- Deuces Wild machines
- 10s or Better machines

The following bet levels are available:

- ♦ **\$1 machine.** At this machine, you must insert at least \$1 for each bet.
- ♦ **\$5 machine.** At this machine, you must insert at least \$5 for each bet.
- ♦ **\$25 machine.** At this machine, you must insert at least \$25 for each bet.
- ♦ **\$100 machine.** At this machine, you must insert at least \$100 for each bet.



Jacks or Better machines

The Jacks or Better machines pay out 98 percent to 100 percent at the top end. Expect an even game when playing the Jacks or Better machines, with not as many extremes of winning and losing streaks as you get with the Jokers and Deuces Wild machines.

♦ **Easy Money. Payoff: 100%.**

This machine is called a 9/6 Jacks or Better machine. The 9/6 refers to the payoff for the Full House (9 to 1) and the Flush (6 to 1).

♦ **Jacks Back. Payoff: 95.5%.**

This machine is called a 6/5 Jacks or Better machine. The 6/5 means the Full House pays 6 to 1 and the Flush pays 5 to 1.

♦ **Crawdad. Payoff: below 93%.**

This machine pays out big credits for Four of a Kinds formed with face cards and Aces, but the overall payoff is low (below 93 percent).

Joker Poker machines

A few Joker Poker machines offer returns as high as 102 percent, and so are very popular. Because the inclusion of a wild card means that bigger hands (in the traditional sense) will be more frequent, the minimum hand required to win a Joker Poker machine is a Pair of Kings or Two Pair. The Four of a Kind tends to be the make-or-break hand in Joker Poker (unless you hit the jackpot). Whether or not you achieve this hand will often determine whether you have a winning or losing session in Joker Poker.

♦ **Joker Poker. Payoff: 98.5%.**

This is a Kings-or-better machine that offers a very high return. It includes a Joker and only requires Kings to score.

♦ **Joker's Wild. Payoff: below 92%.**

This is a Two-Pair-or-better machine that offers a very low return on your investment (below 92 percent).



Deuces Wild machines

Some Deuces Wild machines offer great potential for winning money. Like the Joker Poker machines, a few of these machines offer returns up to 102 percent. Naturally, with four wild cards the minimum winning hand is going to change; expect Deuces Wild machines to display Three of a Kind as a minimum hand. Expect a roller coaster ride of great winning streaks sandwiched between losing streaks.

When playing Deuces Wild machines, make sure you never discard your 2s; it's easy to forget how valuable they are.

- ♦ **Wild Country. Payoff: below 94%.**
- ♦ **Born 2 Be Wild. Payoff: below 95%.**
- ♦ **Wild Thing. Payoff: below 96%.**
- ♦ **Wild Party. Payoff: 99%.**

In addition to the four Deuces, a wild Joker is also included with Wild Party. This game has a very high return rate (99 percent).



10s or Better machines

Some of the earliest Video Poker machines are 10s or Better machines. It's usually difficult to find a 10s or Better machine that offers a high return, although it's possible to find some wheat among the chaff. A few machines may offer close to a 100 percent return, but most are in the 90-95 percent range.

- ♦ **A-10 Shun. Payoff: 99.1%.**

You can expect the payoffs for a 10s or Better machine to be lower than the Jacks or Better machine. This is natural, since a lower hand (a Pair of 10s) brings a win in the 10s or Better machines.

- ♦ **Hang 10. Payoff: below 95%.**

This machine offers nice payoffs for the Full House and Straight, but low payoffs for Two Pair.



How to play Video Poker

To play a Video Poker machine, insert your coin or bill into the machine. The payoff scale for the machine is shown in the lighted panel above the buttons, and tells you how many coins (credits) you receive for all possible winning hands. Typically, the winning hands in Video Poker are the same type of hands you will find in a traditional Poker game, such as a Straight Flush or Four of a Kind (see the section on Poker for more information about winning hands).

You can bet anywhere from one to five credits at a time. You have two options in betting:

- ◆ Click the Bet One button once for each credit you wish to bet.
- ◆ Click the Bet Max button to bet five credits.

When you bet five credits, the machine automatically deals you five cards. When you bet less than five credits, you must click the Deal button to receive your first five cards.

Five cards appear on the screen after you click the Deal button. At this point you must choose the cards you want to keep. You are allowed one re-deal, and can draw anywhere from zero to five new cards. Each card must be individually selected if you wish to keep it. You can keep a card by selecting it, at which point the word Held shows up on the screen above the card. Cards marked by the word Held will not be replaced when you draw new cards. You can easily change your mind about keeping a card by selecting it a second time. Make sure the Held notation disappears when you do so.

If you have a pat hand (five good cards), you can click the Hold All button to quickly mark each card with Hold. Conversely, the Discard All button will unmark each card.

When you're ready to draw new cards, click the Deal button. The cards not marked by the word Held will be replaced, resulting in your final hand.

If you win, you then accumulate credits. To collect your credit(s), click the Cash Out button.

See also

Deal
Hold 1
Hold 2
Hold 3
Hold 4
Hold 5
Hold All
Discard All
Bet One
Bet Max
Cash Out

Deal

Starts game play by dealing the first set of cards. Also deals the next set of cards after the discard.

You start or continue the deal by:

- ✦ Clicking Deal.
- ✦ Pressing the letter **D** on the keyboard.
- ✦ Choosing Deal from the Actions menu.

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Hold 1

Holds the first card (on the far left) for your current hand.

You hold the first card by:

- ◆ Clicking on the first card.
- ◆ Pressing the number **1** on the keyboard.
- ◆ Choosing Hold 1 from the Actions menu.

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Hold 2

Holds the second card (second from the left) for your current hand.

You hold the second card by:

- ♦ Clicking on the second card.
- ♦ Pressing the number **2** on the keyboard.
- ♦ Choosing Hold 2 from the Actions menu.

See also

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Hold 3

Holds the third card (third from the left) for your current hand.

You hold the third card by:

- ♦ Clicking on the third card.
- ♦ Pressing the number **3** on the keyboard.
- ♦ Choosing Hold 3 from the Actions menu.

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Hold 4

Holds the fourth card (fourth from the left) for your current hand.

You hold the fourth card by:

- ♦ Clicking on the fourth card.
- ♦ Pressing the number **4** on the keyboard.
- ♦ Choosing Hold 4 from the Actions menu.

See also

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Hold 5

Holds the fifth card (fifth from the left) for your current hand.

You hold the fifth card by:

- ♦ Clicking on the fifth card.
- ♦ Pressing the number **5** on the keyboard.
- ♦ Choosing Hold 5 from the Actions menu.

See also

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Hold All

Holds all the cards for your current hand.

You hold all cards by:

- ✦ Clicking Hold All (when it is lit).
- ✦ Pressing the letter **A** on the keyboard.
- ✦ Choosing Hold All from the Actions menu.

See also

How to play Video Poker



Discard All

Discards all the cards for your current hand.

You discard all cards by:

- ◆ Clicking Discard All.
- ◆ Pressing the letter R on the keyboard.
- ◆ Choosing Discard All from the Actions menu.

See also

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Bet One

Bets one credit. Use this option to specify the exact number of credits, without making a maximum bet. To quickly make the maximum bet, click Bet Max. You can only use this option if you have credits on the machine.

You can bet one from credit during play by:

- ✦ Clicking Bet One (when it is lit).
- ✦ Pressing the letter **B** on the keyboard.
- ✦ Choosing Bet One from the Actions menu.

See also

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Bet Max

Bets the maximum number of credits. To specify the exact number of credits, without making a maximum bet, click Bet One for each play. You can only use this option if you have enough credits on the machine.

You can make a maximum coin bet during play by:

- ◆ Clicking Bet Max (when it is lit).
- ◆ Pressing the letter **M** on the keyboard.
- ◆ Choosing Max Bet from the Actions menu.

See also

How to play Video Poker



Cash Out

Pays out all credits bet for the Video Poker machine. The credits include any winnings on the machine to that point.

You can cash out during play by:

- ♦ Clicking Cash Out (when it is lit).
- ♦ Pressing the letter **C** on the keyboard.
- ♦ Choosing Cash Out from the Actions menu.

Your bank account will be credited automatically.

See also

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About Video Slots

Video Slot machines have just recently made their appearance in various casinos. These machines are the latest wave of new “hi-tech” slot machines. Giant machines with incredible imagery and animation entice slot players from all corners of the casino, while making the experience seem more like a game than a gamble. Each machine comes complete with a unique theme creating a new and exciting slot experience, far more elaborate than the original slot machine. The Video Slot machines in Hoyle Slots & Video Poker have varying numbers of reels and symbols, as well as differing themes.

Slots odds

The house advantage for Slot machines is generally about 16 to 20 percent. These odds are not very good compared to the odds for most other casino games. However, sometimes you can find a machine with better odds. You will find that some of the Hoyle Slots & Video Poker Video Slots are looser than others.

Going for a jackpot

Each reel has at least one jackpot symbol, and to win a jackpot you must get each reel to stop on this jackpot symbol.

For a 20 stop, three-reel machine with one jackpot symbol per reel, the odds of lining up all three jackpot symbols are $20 \times 20 \times 20$, or 8000 to 1. Some machines have more than one jackpot symbol per reel, which improves the odds of hitting a jackpot, but the payout for a jackpot on these machines will usually be lower.

Choosing a Video Slot Machine

Each Video Slot machine in Hoyle Slots & Video Poker has its own unique theme, different credit amounts required for play, and different payouts. They are all multi-coin machines.

For all of the Video Slot machines, each coin in play activates a different pay column (pay columns are shown in the lighted panel to the side or below the reels). For example, with two coins in play, the second pay column is used.

To choose from the available machines, click the Go To button on the button bar, select Video Slots, pick a machine, and then choose the bet level you want.

The following machines are available:

- ♦ **Break the Bank.** Multi-coin (3 coins max, 3 pay columns).
- ♦ **Road Pizza.** Multi-coin (2 coins max, 1 pay column, 2nd coin doubles payout amount).
- ♦ **Three Wishes.** Multi-coin (3 coins max, 3 pay columns).

The following bet levels are available:

- ♦ **5¢ machine.** At this machine, you must insert at least 5¢ for each bet.
- ♦ **10¢ machine.** At this machine, you must insert at least 10¢ for each bet.
- ♦ **25¢ machine.** At this machine, you must insert at least 25¢ for each bet.
- ♦ **\$1 machine.** At this machine, you must insert at least \$1 for each bet.
- ♦ **\$5 machine.** At this machine, you must insert at least \$5 for each bet.
- ♦ **\$10 machine.** At this machine, you must insert at least \$10 for each bet.
- ♦ **\$25 machine.** At this machine, you must insert at least \$25 for each bet.
- ♦ **\$50 machine.** At this machine, you must insert at least \$50 for each bet.
- ♦ **\$100 machine.** At this machine, you must insert at least \$100 for each bet.
- ♦ **\$500 machine.** At this machine, you must insert at least \$500 for each bet.
- ♦ **\$1000 machine.** At this machine, you must insert at least \$1000 for each bet.

Both **Break the Bank** and **Three Wishes** feature a multiplier. If you hit the correct jackpot symbol, the multiplier will appear with a certain number. If the next spin is a jackpot, it will multiply the payout by that number, resulting in a larger win. The multiplier is only functional for the spin immediately following its activation. **Break the Bank** features a multiplier up to 10 times the amount; **Three Wishes** features a multiplier up to 25 times the amount.

Road Pizza features a different type of bonus jackpot strategy. If all four reels display the pizza slice, a two-minute timer will start. For every unique winning combination that you hit in those two minutes, a "topping" will be put on the pizza above the reels (but only once for each jackpot; two "frog" jackpots within the two minutes will only result in one "topping" on the pizza). The more "toppings" you get, the bigger the bonus payout will be at the end of the two minutes. But watch out for the carrot symbol! If the reels display four carrot symbols during the two minutes, all pizza "toppings" will be cleared.



Using the Video Slot Machines

To play a Video Slot machine

- 1 Click on the dollar slot to insert the number of credits you want to play with into the machine
- 2 Bet the amount you want for the current spin by clicking Bet One, Bet Max, or Play Max.
- 3 Spin the reels by click the Spin button, pressing **S** on the keyboard, or choosing Spin from the Actions menu.

If you win, you accumulate credits. You can then bet your credit (instead of inserting more coins) for the next spin. You can bet from one coin up to the maximum number of coins available by clicking the Bet One or Bet Max buttons.

To collect your credits, click Cash Out.

Summary of Video Slots buttons

Bet One

Bets one coin from credit to play a single row. On a multi-coin machine, use this option to specify the exact number of coin plays you want, without making a maximum coin bet. You can only use this option if you have credits on the machine.

You can bet one coin from credit during play by:

- ✦ Clicking Bet One (when it is lit).
- ✦ Pressing the letter **B** on the keyboard.
- ✦ Choosing Bet One from the Actions menu.

Bet Max

Bets the maximum number of coins from credit to play all available rows (and bets) on a multi-coin machine. You can only use this option if you have enough credits on the machine.

You can make a maximum coin bet during play by:

- ✦ Clicking Bet Max (when it is lit).
- ✦ Pressing the letter **M** on the keyboard.
- ✦ Choosing Bet Max from the Actions menu.

Play Max

Bets the maximum number of coins from credit to play all available rows (and bets) on a multi-coin machine and automatically starts the spin for play. You can only use this option if you have enough credits on the machine.

You can play the maximum bet by:

- ✦ Clicking Play Max (when it is lit).
- ✦ Pressing the letter **P** on the keyboard.
- ✦ Choosing Play Max from the Actions menu.

Spin

Spins the reels to play.

You can spin by:

- ✦ Clicking Spin (when it is lit).
- ✦ Pressing the letter **S** on the keyboard.
- ✦ Choosing Spin from the Actions menu.

Cash Out

Pays out all credits and coins bet in the machine. When you cash out, your bankroll is automatically credited with your winnings.

You can cash out by:

- ◆ Clicking Cash Out (when it is lit).
- ◆ Pressing the letter **C** on the keyboard.
- ◆ Choosing Cash Out from the Actions menu.

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About Horse Racing

Racing in general has been a popular sport for many hundreds of years. In ancient Rome, chariot races were the entertainment of the day. In today's culture, we have everything from camel racing to greyhound racing. Racing can be found on nearly every continent in some form or another. As long as racing has been around, it is likely that betting on the members of the race has been around as well.

Horse racing is particularly popular in the United States and Australia. The rules are fairly simple: pick a horse that you like and place a bet that will pay depending on what place the horse comes in at. The player has three choices: bet that the horse will come in at **win**, **place**, or **show**.

- ♦ **Win** simply means that you are betting that your horse will come in first. You will see the longest odds and the biggest payouts for **win** bets.
- ♦ **Place** means that you are betting that your horse will come in either first or second. The odds are slightly better here than for **win** bets.
- ♦ **Show** means that you are betting that your horse will come in either first, second, or third. The odds tend to be much better for **show** bets.

Odds

Odds are paid out as follows:

On the main screen (where you make your bets), you will see a list of the horses. To the right of each horse is a list of odds for win, show, and place. Odds will usually say something like "7 – 1" or "3 – 2". For a 7 – 1 bet, if the horse wins, for every dollar you put down, you will get seven dollars back. For example, if you place \$1000 place bet on Bye Bye Blue and his place odds are 7 – 1 and he comes in either first or second, you will get back \$7000. The higher the odds, the less likely it is that the horse will come in first, second, or third.

How to play Hoyle[®] Horse Derby 2000

Placing a bet

When you first go into Hoyle[®] Horse Derby 2000, you will be taken to a main screen that shows each of the five horses and the odds associated with each of them for win, show, and place bets. About halfway down the screen, you will be able to place bets. To bet on a horse, do the following:

- ♦ A cursor will be flashing where you can place a bet. The minimum bet is two dollars and the maximum bet is 1000 dollars. Enter the amount that you would like to bet on the horse.
- ♦ Now, click on one of the colored buttons to the right of the bet amount. To make a "win" bet, click on the blue button; "place" is the red button; "show" is the yellow button.
- ♦ Using either the mouse pointer or the Tab key, move your cursor to the next horse that you want to bet on and repeat the above steps. Continue doing the above steps until all bets that you want have been placed.
- ♦ To clear a bet, simply move the cursor to the bet to be erased and hit the "Backspace" key. To change the place that you believe the horse will come in, simply click on the lit button and select a new one (if you are removing the bet, you can leave the button unselected).
- ♦ To remove all bets, select the Clear button from the lower right corner.

On the right of the screen, you will see what the odds are for each horse that you bet on, and what position you bet on. You will also see the amount that will be paid out to you should you win.

When you are done placing bets, click on the Submit button in the lower right corner. This will take you to the main racing screen.

Watching a race

In the upper left corner of the main racing screen, you will see a shaded box. During the race, the box will show the placement of each horse in the race. The horse(s) that you bet on will be highlighted so that you can track how they are doing in the race. The horse racing announcer will also keep you updated on where each horse is in the race. (Note: You can turn off the horse racing announcer's voice by going to the Controls panel.)

Race Results

When the race is over you will be taken to the Race Results screen. On this screen you will see how each horse fared. It will also show you how much money you won and on which horse(s). Winnings are automatically credited to the player's bank account.

Occasionally the race is very close and you will first see a "Photo Finish" screen. When done viewing the Photo Finish screen, click on the Results button in the lower right corner of the screen and it will take you to the Race Results screen.

When done viewing Race Results, you can either bet on another race by clicking on the Next Race button, or you can exit to the main screen by selecting the Exit button, both in the lower right corner.

General controls

The Controls dialog box is where you change a number of settings that affect your overall game experience.

Access the Controls dialog box by clicking the Options button on the button bar and selecting Controls.

The following settings can be changed using the Controls dialog box:

- 1 **General:** Choose whether background noise is played, whether sound effects are used, and whether you want to hear the horse racing announcer. (If your computer is on the slower side, you may want to turn animations off to speed up game play.)
- 2 **Speed:** Choose how fast the game play proceeds.
- 3 **Brightness:** Choose a brightness that makes the game graphics look good on your monitor.

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Playing without the game CD

With Hoyle[®] Slots & Video Poker, you have the option of playing with or without the game CD inserted in your CD ROM drive. When you play without the game CD, some features of the game are disabled. These include the horse racing announcer's speech and several of the animations in the various games. If you start Slots & Video Poker without the CD inserted, and then decide that you would prefer to play with the CD, you must exit out of Slots & Video Poker completely, insert the CD, and then restart the game; inserting the CD in the middle of a gaming session has no effect.

Graphics modes: Fill Screen and DirectX

If you have DirectX installed on your system (Windows 95/98 users only), you can take advantage of it using the Fill Screen item in the Actions menu. When this menu item is checked, Hoyle[®] Slots & Video Poker attempts to use DirectX to display itself in 640x480 resolution with high color quality. This may be desired by users who normally use a higher screen resolution but want the Hoyle[®] Slots & Video Poker graphics to fill the screen. Because the DirectX graphics modes are not completely compatible with the normal Windows graphics modes, the 640x480 display will be turned off when you access the on-line help window.

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Changing players

When you enter Hoyle® Slots & Video Poker, you sign in as a particular player. You have the option of signing in other players so that statistics can be kept for more than one person. When you are playing a particular game, you will not be able to see your character, but you can see who is playing by looking at the name next to the bankroll on the bottom of the screen (to the right of the button bar).

Accessing the Players dialog box

You can access the Players dialog box by choosing Players from the Options button on the button bar. The Players dialog box shows the player currently signed in.

Removing and replacing players

To replace a player with a different player, go to the Options button on the button bar and select Players. The Players box will show who is currently signed in. To the right of the picture is a pulldown menu with the word "Replace". Clicking on this will bring up a Change Player dialog box. This is very much like the Sign In dialog box, and offers the same options for creating, resetting, and deleting players.

The Players dialog box during a game

You cannot make changes to the players in a game while a hand or round is in progress. For instance, in a Video Poker, you need to cash out before changing players.

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As you win or lose money in the various games, Hoyle® Slots & Video Poker keeps track of how you are doing. You can review long-term statistics by doing the following:

- 1 Click the Options button on the button bar and select Statistics.
- 2 Choose a player from the list on the left. The top-right area shows the player's overall statistics.
- 3 In the lower-right area, click the popup menu to choose a specific game, and view the player's statistics for that game.

Also on the Statistics dialog box is a Winners button. Click this button to see the players who have "beaten the odds" by winning one billion dollars or more.

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