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glitchgxd - January 22, 2016, 3:04 am

How to Maintain Gambling as a Hobby

A guide for those who want to gamble or already gamble, and how to enjoy it without losing everything.

Before I start this guide, please read the following message:

Gambling is not for everyone. It can turn into a serious mental addiction and drive some people to the point of self destruction.

If you have or know someone who might have a gambling addiction, please contact any of the following to get serious help.

There is hope.

GA Website: <http://www.gamblersanonymous.org>

NCP Website: <http://www.ncpgambling.org>

Alternative GA Website: <http://www.gamblinghelp.org>

GA National Hotline: 1 (800) 522-4700

GA Alternative Hotline: 1 (800) GAMBLER / 1 (800) 426-2537

Hello everyone!

Given my experience and success in gambling, I've decided to make a guide on how to maintain a gambling hobby without messing up your life. Gambling addictions run heavily in my family, and I've had my own downfalls already in the gambling world. I've been to the point where I called the gambling hotline and attended GA meetings with other problem gamblers and heard many stories of people losing houses, ending up millions in debt and declaring bankruptcy, the whole nine yards. The thing is, I didn't want to give up gambling because it is something I enjoy. I never got to the point those people were at, but I still went to those meetings to make sure I never did. There are a lot of people in that group that still gamble, but they don't do it like they used to. There are some very important lessons that were taught to me, and I thought I'd take some time out to spread those lessons with other people so that they can enjoy gambling without risking everything. There are many things to cover, so I'll only be going over the basics and then leaving a bunch of resources for those that wish to research further.

For starters, the first and most important rule of gambling is to know what you can afford to lose. What I mean by this is, what amount of money can you take away and still be content if you spent it on a night out or something similar. This may seem like a stupid question to some, since they don't want to lose any money, but the point with gambling is to think of it like going to the movies or

bowling--because that is what it should be. Gambling is an adrenaline rush, a form of excitement, and with all excitement comes quick decisions that we don't necessarily think about (since we're in the heat of the moment). So, the first rule should always be to set aside an amount that you know you might lose, and be okay with that amount. What I started out doing was to take a certain amount and put it aside for a week. If I find myself looking for that extra money within that week, then I knew I took out too much. If I was able to hold onto that money and not sacrifice parts of my lifestyle that I enjoyed, then I knew that was a comfortable amount for me to gamble with. When you have an amount set aside before you go into the casino or buy lottery tickets or gamble in any way, then you maintain control of your money instead of letting those places run you. They can only take what you bring with, so when you're caught up saying "this next spin has to be even", you don't spend more on that chance than you can afford. In addition to this, make sure you either leave the rest of your access to cash at home or you maintain your self control and don't go near the ATMs. If you can't control your money, then you should not be gambling at all, and you need to check those resources I provided in the beginning. Self control is CRITICAL to success in maintaining gambling as a hobby.

There are ways to keep yourself in check as well. A big thing that I learned is that you should never go in alone. A great way to have a good time gambling is to gamble with friends. This allows you and your friends to keep each other in check. They will stick with you to make sure you're not hitting up the ATMs or spending more than you gave yourself. When you're having bad luck at the table, they will be the ones to get you up and step outside with you to get your mind off of it and move on. I really enjoy going to casinos for this reason. We can all have a good dinner, hit up the tables, spend some money and maybe win or lose, and afterwards sit at the bar and have some drinks. It's a good time in the end, because even if we didn't win, we had a good time and we're all hanging out. It takes the pressure off of losses, too, because they'll help you move on from it (and hey, they might even win themselves and buy the drinks!). Either way, your friends are your best resources when trying to gamble for fun.

The next really important tip applies to winning and losing, and that is to know when to stop. Personally, when I win a good amount of money, I have a method of getting myself out when I need to. For example, back in November, a few of my friends got a room at a casino/hotel resort. I went in with \$500. We started by having some dinner, then had some drinks, and from there it was the roulette table. We split off into groups of two, so I was sitting with my friend and we were playing, and I managed to get up to \$2,000. When I'm at this amount of money, I figure out what I would like to keep. At the time, this was \$1,500 (my winnings minus what I started with). So, I put a \$500 bet on a set of three I believe, and the deal was that I would keep doing this \$500 bet until I lost. I won twice with it, and lost the third time. I ended up walking out with \$3,500. I decided at that moment that I was done gambling for roulette, and that if I wanted to, we would play cards later with a few hundred, but the point is I knew what I wanted to keep, and I kept that (double, actually). The problem a lot of people have is that they consider their winnings their "winning" money and don't place value on it. What you have to realize is that the moment that money enters your hand, it is your money that you are now spending. Think about it. If you got a couple thousand dollars from work as a bonus, would you go and spend all of that at a casino? If you would, check the numbers I listed at the top. I knew what I walked in with and what I was comfortable with spending. Just because I won a lot of money doesn't mean I was comfortable putting all of my winning money on chance, because that money was mine, and I wanted to make sure I walked out with it. I see too many people take that winning money and immediately spend it, and when they lose they say "oh well I didn't lose" and have a kind of distant, saddened, expression. Don't think like that. Keep the money you won and be happy with it. Buy a round of drinks for your friends and buy breakfast in the morning, or save it for something nice.

Last, but definitely not least, remember to have fun! Casinos are a great place to go for this because a lot will offer you free drinks as you're playing on the machines or tables. Take up all the freebies you can and have a great time. Gambling should only be treated as a recreational hobby

and nothing more. Even if you're playing cards, where you can calculate odds, it is still a game of chance, and you should never walk into it certain that you'll win. The only people that really win in the end are the casinos, and that's something that should be remembered. I hear too many people say that they have a "method" and are serious about that. I've said it a couple times, but it's all in jokes. Anyone that I respond to seriously has always received the same answer--it's all luck. Unless you have some sort of time machine or fix in the game (which you might, you blackhats out there!), then there is no way for you to know with absolute certainty the outcome. So, as such, appreciate the game for the rush it provides and have a good time with it.

So to wrap up the points provided:
Only gamble with what you can afford

Gamble with friends

Take all the free stuff you can

Stay away from ATMs

Have fun, and treat it as a hobby

Most of this is probably self explanatory to some of you out there, but I thought this might be a good guide for those that are new to the gambling world or that are already experienced and trying to stay in control of their hobby.

I hope you all enjoyed the read, and good luck gambling!

big dick rick - January 22, 2016, 3:05 am
what site do you use to gamble?

Yurt - January 22, 2016, 3:06 am
Pretty solid guide, kinda common sense, but still nice post op! :)

B FOR BADASS - January 22, 2016, 3:06 am
This should be stickied somewhere I guess.

Kuso - January 22, 2016, 3:07 am
(Jan 22, 2016 04:06 AM)ThaFlump Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Pretty solid guide, kinda common sense, but still nice post op! :)
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glitchgxd - January 22, 2016, 3:56 am

(Jan 22, 2016 04:07 AM)Bender™ Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) There's no way you read it that fast lol
My thoughts exactly.

(Jan 22, 2016 04:12 AM)big dick rick Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) will check out mbit casino, thanks.
Not a problem, if you have any questions let me know.

?Alexander - January 22, 2016, 3:58 am

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Sw?er?ve - January 22, 2016, 7:38 am

Good read OP

I too like gambling and will keep this in mind

Falooop - January 22, 2016, 8:39 am

Pretty nice guide, Will use it for myself.

Thanks!

designedencode - January 22, 2016, 10:25 am

Bustabit and Rollin, man I made a fucking lot on those games! Too bad I blew it all a week later because I got so greedy and thought I was some kind of gambling genius.

glitchgxd - January 22, 2016, 11:31 am

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Well I'm not selling anything so not sure what glws was for.

But most of these tips can be applied to online as well, minus the drinks. You can have your friends watching you play and offering advice on what to play and they'll make sure you cash out at the right times. Also you definitely need some self control and know exactly what you want to spend. BTC is way too easy to send out.

glitchgxd - January 25, 2016, 1:46 am

Bumping this thread since it got closed with the whole Morchid thing.

Another tip when gambling with money--if an HF member asks for loans, regardless of the status of that member, always wait a couple days before giving the loan and check their BTC address first to see how much they've received already if it exceeds the amount they've asked for. That could lead you to figuring out if they're planning exit scams.

Also, if they're a staff member, PMing Omniscient about these requests may be a good idea so that he can pursue further investigation and confirm if they are compromised or not!

Kenny Schrub™ - February 6, 2016, 8:43 pm

Amazing guide, read all. The best point was "don't think of winning money as winning money" i used to think the winning money as bonus and immediately bet on all i got :p

Thanks for this big guide ;)

T r i p p y - February 6, 2016, 8:45 pm

Pretty good guide will bookmark this

Thanks for the share.

w?????illiam???? - February 13, 2016, 4:25 am

Wow, this deserves a sticky. Nice guide man.

Jerry Smith - February 13, 2016, 4:27 am

You have no life if you have the time to write all of this

God of Thunder - February 13, 2016, 4:41 am

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glitchgxd - February 13, 2016, 6:05 am

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Well I don't really see how it'd be possible to lose \$100k+ if I don't have it. 1/3 I could see if you don't have control. But I've lost a few hundred since then. Haven't really been playing much at all though.

My whole guide is for those that want to enjoy it. Bringing friends and actually going to casinos is one of the best ways imo. They keep you in check and you can have drinks and great food.

Vitani's Mate - February 13, 2016, 6:12 am

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If I reach it then there is no more gambling for me.

?Meda - February 13, 2016, 6:53 am

I enjoyed reading this. Some of my close friends and family members have been addicted to gambling (some still are) and let me tell you, it's the worst thing to be addicted to. Glitch, I couldn't agree more on the tips you gave, I've been playing poker as a hobby for 5 years now, and I've taken bigger losses than I probably should have. I only learned the meaning of gambling like a year ago, and actually started profiting from it. Your tips are so true. I used to go to casinos with my friends, and I never really got "addicted" since I never went alone. Having friends with you is the best thing. A short story: Me and my friend went to a casino, played some Lucky 7's, he was out of money and asked me for a couple of euros, I refused to give it to him because I knew he was going to lose it, but he didn't stop asking, so I decided I would give him a couple. He ended up winning 200 euros and at that point he stopped. We went out and he bought me a dinner, since it was my money he profited from haha. Anyways, just wanted to share this and give my thanks to you for this thread. Cheers mate! ?

glitchgxd - May 9, 2016, 11:20 pm

(Feb 13, 2016 07:12 AM)Vitanis Mate. Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I always set myself a limit.

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Unfortunately a lot of people don't have that self control which is why keeping friends around is important if you don't have that control.

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Agreed going with friends is a really important part of this.

Lorenzo Gucci - May 9, 2016, 11:33 pm

Incredible guide OP! Thanks for sharing this. I hope it helps some people out. Keep it up.

Usplany - May 9, 2016, 11:55 pm

Common sense but very informative I am sure for some, will bookmark this thank you!

Zeke - May 10, 2016, 12:01 am

Gambling is for those who don't have any talent or skill and want to earn money the easy way. No wonder most gamblers suicide or get depressed.

I stopped reading after the undertitle "if you want to get into gambling" because pro tip: don't get into gambling. You wanna earn money? Get your asses up and do some real work and earn money the way it won't end you up real fucked up and addicted. (Unless you are 40 something with no family and real tired with life being a bitch to you)

Nice thread, nonetheless.

Forsen - May 10, 2016, 12:38 am

Amen, I've you kind of an addiction I guess..

glitchgxd - May 10, 2016, 1:39 am

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Life is the biggest gamble, and we all live it.