

## Chapter 1 : Video Poker Beginner Tips - 7 of the Best Pieces of Strategy Advice

*"Beginners BEST SHOT at VIDEO POKER" is a 96 page paperback with two color poker hand illustrations. The book focuses on Jacks or Better video poker because this is the most popular of the various video poker game variations and can be found just about anywhere these machines are offered.*

Video poker makes the whole game of poker a truly relaxing and enjoyable experience. When it comes to video poker, there are many variations to choose from. The most popular being Jacks or Better machines followed by Double Joker Poker, multi-play, and jackpot games. On the surface video poker looks simple, and it can be. However, as you learn the game you might find that it can be a game rich in skill, variance, and opportunity. Your preferred video poker game will depend on different elements including your tolerance for variance, desire to learn, whether or not you want to incorporate a strategy, and your need to chase after a jackpot or settle on fixed payout games. Explore the Variety There are two primary ways free video poker games will vary from one another. Most games are based on Five Card Draw. Jacks or Better is the most popular and was the first video poker game ever to be released. Another variation is Deuces Wild where players can use the 2 card as a wild card. The second type of video poker games is how the payout schedule attached to the game is used. For instance some games have higher payouts than other video poker games. Full play games have the highest payouts, but can be difficult to find. This is because the payoff for a full house is 9 times the bet and a flush is 6 times the bet. Multi Deck Video Poker In this variation your screen will be filled with different hands. Payoffs will depend on the game being played. In general, the more you are betting the larger the payout will be. Jackpots in Video Poker Some video poker games have a jackpot or progressive jackpot attached. With standard jackpot games you will have to land a Royal Flush or make a specific hand. Other games might pay a bonus to you when you make a hand with a joker for example. Progressive jackpots work like progressive slot machines. A portion of every bet you and other players make will be added to a pot. When a player makes the specific winning hand, they will win the jackpot. The Payback Percentage Video poker machines will give players the highest payout percentage when the max number of credits is bet. Popular Types of Free Video Poker Games Jacks or Better - The most common variation, Jacks or Better players will win if their final 5 card hand holds at least a pair of jacks or better. This is the game of choice for most beginners. It pays out on minimal hands and the big payout is usually at least 4, coins for a Royal Flush on a maximum bet of 5 coins. The payout on anything above a pair of jacks or better is Deuces Wild - A popular version, the 2 cards are most important because they act as a wild card. A royal flush with at least one 2 card yields an ample payout, but a natural royal flush is still better. The full pay version of this game has a return on Bonus Poker - A common free video poker game it has some of the best paytables even when minimum bets are made. With an optimal strategy a player can expect a return of Some say Bonus Poker is the most profitable video poker game available online. Joker Poker - Jokers act as a wild card and a pair of kings or greater are required to receive a payout. With a basic strategy the return is Double Double Bonus Poker - This video poker variation offers increased payouts for four of a kind hands with specific combos. Two Other Variations to Know About Jokers Wild - Jokers Wild is a little more to keep track of because while it still uses a standard 52 card deck, you have to remember that the Jokers are wild cards and can be held at face value, or be changed to meet any other value needed in a hand. You must have at least two pair to win this game. The same is true for Deuces Wild only substituting Deuces 2s for Jokers as the wild card. Deuces Wild is the more exciting of the two because there are four wild cards as opposed to the two Jokers in a deck. King of the Decks - King of the Decks is perhaps the most complicated and because of that, the most exciting of the video poker games. It uses five full decks of 52 cards, and the grand hand is to get 5 king of clubs in your hand. In King of the Decks, the common poker hands still win, but the kings of clubs pays out an additional progressive bonus. Minimum in this game is two pair as well. How to Play Free Video Poker Games Online Video poker is a wonderful alternative to the classic poker table which requires you to sit with other players and a dealer. With free video poker, you play at your own pace. Follow these steps to start playing video poker for free: Choose Your Game Casinos you find recommended on this site offer a very large

selection of video poker games. Nearly all variations offer a free mode to play as often as you want. We suggest trying out different variations before playing with real money. You can review the pay tables, minimum betting options, and rules to help you decide. If you are not sure where to begin, start with the most popular game Jacks or Better. This is a good choice for beginners and it offers a high payout with low risk. Choose how much you want to wager on the round. You do not have to bet all your money at once and can add money to your bet. The more you bet, the more you can win. Press Deal The machine will deal you five cards. You will need to click or tap the card you want to keep. If you change your mind, click or tap the card again. Any card you do not hold will be discarded. In any given round you can press deal two times. On the second deal you will be given new cards in replace of the discarded ones. If you are lucky you will have winning hand combinations.

*If you are just learning video poker including the basics this might make a nice supplement but I found it to be oversimplified and in desperate need of supplemental reading.*

**Essential Video Poker Strategy** The strategy to adopt while playing video poker will depend primarily on the kind of video poker game you are playing. Another thing to know: For instance, a game like Jacks or Better could have the house edge differ depending on the strategy you use: Simple strategy gives you a payout of Intermediate strategy gives you a payout of Optimal strategy gives you a payout of The difference is clearly apparent: Video Poker Tips for Beginners Video poker is a game that involves skill and strategy. That is why for beginners a few tips on how to go about playing this exciting game can work wonders in helping them settle down and play to win. Here are a few tips that beginners can use before playing video poker. Familiarize yourself with the hand rankings and what they pay before you play. When you play video poker you get paid out depending on the hand you are able to put together. Of course it could be difficult to know what the order of the hand rankings are, as a newcomer, and even more difficult to figure out how much you can expect to win. That is why looking up the pay schedule before playing a game is very important. Even more important Go through the pay schedules carefully. There are some machines that offer the same games but the pay schedule is different. Take for instance the game of Double Double Bonus Poker. Knowing how much each game pays can be the difference between winning and winning more. Familiarize yourself with basic video poker strategy. Strategy has a huge role to play in determining whether you win or lose when you play video poker. For instance, what strategy would you adopt if you got a hand that contained 2 pairs of close values, with the 5th card also of a very close value? Would you retain both the pairs, or drop one of the pairs and hope to get a better hand? Knowing your strategy would give you invaluable insight as it would tell you which option gave you a higher payout. The key to knowing your video poker well is not just reading up on the game or learning the theory by heart. The best option is to practice. The more you practice the more you will be exposed to different situations and that in turn will equip you with the foreknowledge of what action to take when you face the same situation in real money play. Maintain a budget and play affordable stakes. One of the most important tips that anyone can give you when playing video poker is to fix a budget for yourself before a game and stick to it no matter what. That way, anything you win above your budget is a bonus and you will lose only within the limit that you had set yourself. Associated with maintaining a budget is to play affordable stakes, stakes that are on par with your bankroll. For you that want to dig deeper into the art of playing Video Poker, make sure to read the article that talks about Ways to Win in Video Poker that outlines some crucial tips players need to know. **Myths Associated with Video Poker** There are a number of myths associated with the game of video poker. We list for you a few of the top myths related to this exciting game below. This is not quite true, because video poker games have another factor that you need to consider: If I stayed one more round I would have won that Royal Flush. That is a feeling that is very common, especially when you play for long without winning and walk away and the next player wins his first hand, on the machine you were playing. The numbers are spun out at random, so it is not just the next hand, but the timing and a number of other things that would come into play to determine the winner. There is an ebb and flow “the term used is hot and cold cycles” when it comes to video poker. There is no such thing as a hot and cold cycle. The ebb and flow of the game is not real, because the cards being dealt are at random. Check out the different kinds of video poker games before you play one. There are a large number of video poker variants. The strategy for each of them is different and so are the payouts. **Best Video Poker Variants for Beginners** There are a large number of video poker variants for you to choose from. So what would be good for a beginner? One of the safest games for a beginner to choose is Jacks or Better link to the game and review. We say safe because this is the most common form of video poker available at online casinos. The game play is standard and quite easy to get through. In terms of having better chances of winning, a player may be tempted to try out one of the video poker variants that use jokers. The use of a joker changes the dynamic of a game completely. A hand with a pair and a joker automatically becomes a three of a kind, for instance, so the probability of winning

may seem that much higher at first glance. However, you must take into account one critical factor – the probability of a joker landing in your hand in the first place given the fact that there are always lesser jokers than other cards in the deck.

## Chapter 3 : Jacks or Better Strategy - Strategy for Jacks or Better Video Poker

*Learn Video Poker for Beginners (Including How to Play) Video poker has long been popular among casino players because it gives you a realistic chance to beat the house. Of course, if you're just starting to learn video poker, then you need to learn both the basics and strategy before conquering the game.*

Flush 6 Flush 5 How to pick the best game and using slot clubs is also covered in two small sections. This book is currently in its second edition which added an addition pages of information about: Every level has practice sessions and examples for each hand based on your video poker knowledge. It also covers non-full pay and full pay strategies. Linda Nowell has been playing video poker since as a hobby in her spare time and more seriously starting in when she retired from her corporate job. Her book is written in a conversation style and covers not only how to win but also how to prolong your play time without stretching your wallet. The book is separated into 4 parts and has 26 chapters and a glossary of video poker terms. Revealing Answers for Casual Gamblers The main focus of this book is on Jacks or Better because it can be found in most gambling establishments and is easiest to learn. The author covers the history of poker, the difference between draw poker and video poker, and how to play Jacks or Better. Ulmer and originally published in Ulmer takes his years of experience and his over royal flush jackpots to write this instructional book full of strategies and anecdotes to help you win big. He focuses on teaching you how to use casino clubs, credit departments, and strategy to live life like a high roll, suites and benefits included. His book is written in a comedic style that allows you to relate the anecdotes to real world video poker problems and how to capitalize on them. This book focuses solely on the basics of video poker to help you build a foundation in winning. The author also includes a video poker glossary to help you learn the standard lingo and some advice for money management. The book is 50 pages long and makes for a quick read for people with no video poker experience to get a step ahead of the other beginners in the casino. This book is formatted in a question and answer layout. This book has information for both the beginner and advanced player and answers over questions. But a lot of the information given from the author is given with mathematical equations and can be hard to follow. This book is one of the first books published on video poker and is out of print. Conclusion Read these books for amusing stories, to brush up on your game, or to put yourself on the fast track to becoming an advanced video poker player.

## Chapter 4 : Best Video Poker Books in - 13 Books Every Beginner Should Read

*9 - Beginners Best Shot at Video Poker* *Beginners Best Shot at Video Poker* was written by Bob Maxwell and originally published in *The main focus of this book is on Jacks or Better because it can be found in most gambling establishments and is easiest to learn.*

We draw new cards to just about every hand that the machine deals us. Our goal is to make all our draws exactly right, for the maximum long range return. Draws to many dealt hands like these are very clear and just a matter of common sense. Naturally, you hold the three aces and draw two in the first example, and hold the queens and draw three in the second. Hold a 2 3 4 5 open end draw, draw one card and hope to get the Straight. The best choice here is to hold the Low Pair of threes and draw three cards. If the hearts were three High cards instead of three Low cards, we would hold those and draw two cards to a Royal Straight Flush. All this will be covered later in the book. Draw Hand Value Determinations In video poker, as in Blackjack where highly skilled and successful players know exactly what to do in every situation, be it hit, stand, double down or split, an expert video poker player also knows exactly how to play every hand. All of the possible draw hands have been given a power rating based on its long term expectation of either the highest amount of positive return or the least amount of loss. The power ratings of all the possible draw options are the basic information used to compile the "Best Shot" playing strategy at the end of the book. How the Power Ratings Are Compiled And Used In my paperback book, "Beginners Best Shot at Video Poker", I devoted about twenty pages to this subject showing how the power ratings for all the different types of draw options were mathematically determined. I thought that most readers would be interested in this. In hindsight, I think I was wrong about that, so I will skip over it here. I guess I could have saved myself a lot of work. Card Order Display Card order has nothing to do with any final hand values and all the hands are presented on the video poker screen in random order. Draw hands are also. A four card Jack high open end Straight might show on the screen as: But for illustration purposes, all the Hold cards are shown in an orderly way and in blocks like this: When playing the machines, there is always some sorting out to do, but you are never rushed and will have plenty of time to do it. The Final Strategy Format In the next chapter, all of your draw hand possibilities, with their abbreviations, are explained and shown in strategy order. This is the most important part of the book. You will notice that several of the hand abbreviations are shown in red. These are all the hands that have either three or four cards of the same suit. This will speed up your play when you need to refer to your "Best Shot" Strategy. The draw hands are divided into several groups. These groups serve only to make referencing a little easier and have been given names that are sort of consistent with the "Best Shot" theme. The groups as well as the hands within the groups are in strategy order with the strongest plays shown highest on the list and the weaker plays shown underneath.

### Chapter 5 : Top 12 Best Poker Tips for Beginners - Improve Your Game and Start Winning!

*Beginners to video poker have an advantage over people trying to learn other games in the casino - video poker is the only game on the floor where the house tells you the theoretical payback. You have to learn to read paytables to be successful at video poker.*

Many beginners are playing poker on a short roll, or without a roll altogether. Because of this, these players are playing under the knowledge that they simply cannot afford to lose the money they have in play. This is known as playing on scared money. To play poker successfully, you have to disassociate the money in play with the money in your checking account. Losing a full buy-in at a No-Limit table should be no more difficult to you than buying a hamburger. Obviously you would have preferred not to have spent the money, but you got to do what you got to do. Play games within your roll, and go into the game with the correct mind-set to play proper poker. Remember, making money is a byproduct of winning at the game. You do not go to a poker table with the intent of making money; you go with the intent of playing a high-quality game. Money is just the way players keep score. How Not to Suck at Poker: Lots of beginners will think of only one aspect of betting, ignoring all the others. As a result, their bet sizing becomes a detriment rather than an asset. Imagine if you have a decent hand, such as two pair on the flop. Lots of beginners will only think of the first aspect of bet sizing. In reality your bet size has to be small enough to get a call yet large enough that you cut down the pot odds to anyone drawing to a hand better than yours. Another example of this is a beginner with a strong hand will make a bet to protect that hand, but size it so irrationally large that they will never make any money on the hand. It is almost never a good idea to raise over 9. Yes, he protected his hand and won the pot, but he extracted the absolute minimum amount of value from it. Anytime you play a hand in a way that extracts less value than possible, you make a mistake and lose money. With pocket aces your opponent is a serious dog to your hand. You could possibly be ahead by a margin of as large as This means you want your opponent to call your re-raise. You want to make a raise small enough for them to call, yet large enough to maximize their mistake. If you move all-in first, chances are that will never happen. You need to size your bets in a way that maximizes the mistakes of your opponents.

## Chapter 6 : Bob Maxwell (Author of Beginners Best Shot at Video Poker)

*I went through all the stages from being a complete beginner to playing poker professionally for a living and in this article, I will give you the best poker tips for beginners. 1. Learn the rules, positions and poker hands ranking.*

Here are the steps for playing video poker: As you can see, playing video poker is easy. And once you nail down the video poker basics, the next step is executing proper strategy. Video Poker Games When you first begin to learn video poker, you may be shocked at how many different games are available. In fact, there are well over variations, with each game featuring multiple paytables. This is overwhelming for new players, which is why you should stick to the following games in the beginning: Jacks or Better Double Bonus Joker Poker Of these, Jacks or Better is the best introduction to video poker because it has a simpler paytable than other games. Furthermore, most video poker variants are based on Jacks or Better, which makes it easier to learn other games in the future. The other three variations on this list have more-complex paytables than Jacks or Better. As a beginner, you want a paytable with as few payouts as possible for two reasons: After all, you should learn the fundamentals first before you worry about the more-advanced games. But once you become an experienced player, video poker tournaments, are definitely fun to play. Video Poker Tournaments These events can be set up in one of two ways: A hand limit sees the tournament last a specific amount of hands i. In either case, the winner is determined by who has the most credits points at the end. Challenges You can invite other players to a video poker challenge, where you face off one-on-one or against a group. You, or whoever issues the challenge, determines the hand or time limit. Oftentimes, challenges have fun achievements that you can unlock too. Contests A video poker contest works like a tournament, where the top point earners share in a prize pool. But the difference is that the top score is based on who has the best score in a single session. Video poker contests cap the number of sessions you can play in a single day i. When it comes to video poker versus slot machines, the key distinction is that video poker features intricate strategy that influences the long-term outcome. Every decision you make will either improve or lessen your chances of winning Compare this to slots, where you spin the reels over and over while hoping that luck goes your way. But slots also have an advantage in that they offer fun themes, bonuses, and more features than video poker games. This is an alluring prospect for players who are looking to be entertained, rather than use stimulating strategy. The same comparison can be made between video poker and some of the new electronic pull tab games that are being released. As you may know, pull tab games are like a hybrid between the lottery and slots, where you insert money into a slot-like machine, then receive tickets. But modern pull tab games are more colorful and include some of the same entertainment features as slots. You can consult this video poker glossary for the full range of terms, but here are the most important ones: Aces and Eights Game where four aces or 8s earns you a bonus payout. Credits How many coins you have in the machine. Also refers to how many coins you bet. Cycle Average number of hands that must be played before you get a certain winning hand. Deuces Wild Game where 2s are wild. Discards Cards that you elect not to keep during the draw round. Draw When you draw for replacements cards after deciding what cards to hold. Hold The cards you keep during the draw round. Jackpot Often refers to a royal flush payout, although it can also indicate a progressive jackpot. Jacks or Better Game where payouts start at a pair of jacks or better. Random Number Generator Program that determines random video poker results through number combinations. Royal Flush Top hand in video poker, featuring 10, jack, queen, king, and ace of the same suit. Strategy Chart Shows what hands to keep in order of importance. Triple Play Game that lets you play three hands per turn. The closer you are to using optimal strategy, the better your chances are of beating casinos. These charts rank what hands to keep in terms of importance. Learning from Video Poker Experts If you want to rapidly go from the video poker for beginners stage to playing like a pro, then you need to consult the experts. And the good news is that there are more than enough gurus to learn from. Bob Dancer As the author of the most-catchy video poker book ever, Million Dollar Video Poker, Bob Dancer has shot to the top of the authority rankings. But he has more-sustainable advice too, especially when it comes to taking advantage of promotions and finding the best games. Jean Scott Creator of theFrugal Video Poker program, Jean Scott is an excellent resource to consult for the best bankroll management strategies.

Frugal Video Poker lets you create customizable strategy for 54 different games, and figure out what size of bankroll you need. John Grochowski has been around the gaming world for a long time, dispensing knowledge on both slots and video poker. And one of the easiest ways to do this is through free video poker. The obvious advantage to playing for free is that you can make mistakes without hurting your bankroll. Every online casino lets you play for free as long as you have an account. You can also find free video poker at various websites. Many of these programs are rudimentary and only feature a handful of popular games like Jacks or Better. This is where training software becomes useful because it alerts you to mistakes so you can avoid them in the future. Basically, video poker training is like an unseen virtual teacher who offers you a free education on the game. The idea behind using trainers is to train yourself to make the correct decisions in every situation. Once you see enough situations and learn how to play them, using the right strategy will eventually become automatic. You can either use free video poker trainers, which are found across the internet, or you can purchase a program. Ideally, the free trainers will cover your desired video poker game. One example is WinPoker, which offers the following features: Hard Hand feature, where the program only deals difficult hands. Alerts you when mistakes are made. Choose from 23 different games. Error Log Mode, where you continually practice hands you got wrong. Play up to 10 hands per turn. But the upside is that this one-time cost can save you lots of money in the long run. Here are some theoretical examples: And while this is just a made-up example, it shows how training programs can quickly pay for themselves. Common Video Poker Errors Given how in depth video poker strategy is, new players can make a lot of mistakes in the beginning. That said, here are common errors you want to avoid: Playing Low-paying Games - The video poker world is filled with different games and paytables. Not Making Max Bets 5 Coins - If you want to achieve top payback in any video poker game, you need to bet the 5-coin maximum on each hand. The reason why is because you can only win the top royal flush payout 4, coins on a max bet. Using the Wrong Strategy on a Game- Every video poker game features slightly different strategy from the next due to payable differences. That said, you need the correct strategy for each game to succeed. Playing Too Long without Breaks- Even skilled players make mistakes when they play too long without taking a breather. Underestimating Bankroll Needs- Given the top-heavy payouts in video poker, this game has a lot of variance. And you need a large bankroll to survive the downswings until you hit big payouts. Not Signing up for the Slots Club - If you want to get video poker rewards in brick-and-mortar casinos, then you need to sign up for the slots club. You can do so online or in the casino. Full-pay Deuces Wild - But these games do represent your most-realistic chance for beating video poker in land-based and online casinos. This site lets you search casinos in different areas of Canada and the United States to find the best games. But you can still find solid games in other parts of the US and Canada. Search for Reviews of Software Providers Online Casinos A good method for finding high-paying online video poker games is to search by individual software providers. Many reviews discuss what kind of video poker payback each software provider offers. We found that All Aces listed above offers Once you know payback for an individual provider, you can look up what casinos they serve. But part of the fun is the process when you learn video poker. Once you get the basics of video poker down i. This might seem like a lot of work, but the game is a breeze once you learn the strategy.

## Chapter 7 : The 5 Most Common Beginner Mistakes in Poker | Poker Strategy Tips

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Notice that the payouts increase the more coins you play - betting max produces a result five times larger than betting a single coin, across the board. Also notice the huge jump between the payout for a full house and the payout for a 4-of-a-kind. Read the paytable a few times, and learn its patterns. An experienced video poker player can look at this chart and tell you if the game is worth your time or not. They look at the payouts at the one coin bet level, and take note that a full house pays 9 and a flush pays 6. That, and the name of the game, tells them everything they need to know. That gives the casino an edge of just 0. Gone are the days when a gambler with a good eye could find his way to a machine that offered him a slight positive return over time. Any casino video poker section includes both "good" and "bad" games. That means some games give the casino a bigger edge than others. Game designers and in some cases, casinos that host the games can alter the overall return of a video poker game by making slight changes to the payouts. Most of the time, all a designer does is change the payout for full house, flush, and four-of-a-kind. Playing the games that give you the best returns means longer play and potentially more cash and comps from the house. He unwittingly chooses a version of Jacks or Better with a different pay table, one with a payback percentage of Math and the payout settings of the game he chose turned his cheap night out into an electric bill payment. Learn About Gambling Math. The Internet is stuffed to the brim with articles that purport to teach you everything you need to know about gambling math in 1, words. If any of the math in the first tip confused you, this tip is aimed especially at you. Rather than send you to a poorly-written and potentially uninformed online guide to gambling math, we suggest that you do a little reading in your spare time. Below are three books on the subject that any serious student of video poker should read: If you want a more general guide to gambling, this is where you should start. Includes notes on game history and rules, hits gambling math a bit hard in the middle, and diverges a bit too often to talk about gambling cheats. Video Poker for the Intelligent Beginner by Bob Dancer Bob Dancer wrote a lot of good books about gambling, though we like this book for our beginner video poker players, since it focuses mainly on techniques for finding games with high returns. Play According to Basic Game Strategy. As with other gambling games, over the years video poker enthusiasts and math nerds have created strategy sheets that give players the right play for any game situation. This is called basic strategy. This information has been encoded over the years in charts. You can use these charts while you play in the casino. In fact, most casinos sell video poker strategy charts in their gift shops. Before you get intimidated by the idea of reading a strategy chart, know that video poker strategy charts are incredibly easy to read and use while playing. According to the standard strategy chart, you should push for a low pair and accept that lower pay rather than gamble for a less-likely outside straight. All this is written in plain language on the chart. Take Lots of Breaks. One mistake we see beginners to any gambling game make over and over is that they lash themselves to a game and play it for hours. This is poor form. Breaks prevent us from getting bored. Our brains are programmed to remain vigilant and notice small differences that might indicate danger. Breaks help us retain knowledge and form new connections. The human brain has two basic modes - focused mode and diffuse mode. Breaks help us re-evaluate our goals - and give us time to do it. New video poker players need to evaluate their spending, their play, and their choice to be in the casino at all, and they need to do it more often than veteran players. Stopping, taking a deep breath, and starting over forces us to think about our greater goal than our short-term objective of winning at poker. These club cards reward you for gambling, plain and simple. You can cash these rewards in for things like free food, tournament entries, merchandise, or even cash prizes. Signing up for a club card is simple - you find the loyalty desk at the casino, give them your name, address, phone number, and email. The exchange rate will be a bit different depending on what casino you choose, but you earn points based on how many dollars you bet. And obviously, the more you play, the greater your reward. But even low-rollers and those playing for just an hour or two should join the club so that the casino can track your play and offer you comps. Always Bet the Maximum Number of Coins. In our

example payable, a player who lands a royal flush with a four-coin bet wins 1, credits. We call that a windfall. Are we suggesting that the only reason to bet max is because of the payout for a royal flush? That might seem strange, considering that royals are so rare. With perfect strategic play, our example Jacks or Better game gives the house an edge of 0. In video poker, the casino makes its money on coins one through four. By activating the fifth coin, the player has his best shot at gaining an edge against the casino, though all too often these days the games are designed to avoid that proposition entirely. Video poker would be such an easy game if you could skip the first four coins altogether and just play the fifth coin right from the start. The next time you visit a casino, suggest that to the manager. Everything bad about gambling stems from a misunderstanding of that fact. Conclusion Video poker is a fun way to spend an hour or two. It also gives you a slight chance of putting a little extra money in your pocket. However, no amount of reading strategy tips will turn video poker from a losing proposition into a sure thing. Video poker games are designed to produce a win for the house over the long-run.

## Chapter 8 : Play Free Video Poker Games in - (No Download / Registration)

*On this page I've devised what I believe to be the perfect strategy for playing Jacks or Better video poker. By using the charts on this page you can achieve a payout percentage of % at full pay video poker, which is the highest mathematical return I've been able to achieve.*

Share by Mail We can find many poker tips saying what is good and what is not, but in order to actually learn poker strategy and make this game profitable you need to distinguish what you should be learning at the start of your journey. If you are an experienced player, this article is not going to help you much, but if you are just starting out, it will save you a lot of time and money on the way. Learn the rules, positions and poker hands ranking. Naturally, this is the first step you want to take and most players understand that. While learning general Texas Holdem poker rules can be easy, you should really spend some time understanding what poker hand ranking is. You should not be in the spot where you are in the middle of the hand and have to think are you beating a straight with your flush or not and be wasting your valuable decision time on that. This is how poker hand ranking looks: Learning positions is invaluable and you should not start playing before doing that. You probably have heard already, even if you did not play before, that position is very important in poker. I would say, even more, it is one of the most important poker tips you need to learn when starting out! So do not overlook it! This is a huge chunk of information, which you can take into consideration. You will know if they bet or check, how long they take to make a decision and what sizing they are using. For example, seeing that your opponent checks quickly could be a good indication of him having a weak hand and you can decide to bluff knowing that. There are many examples like this one, but one thing is clear " it is better to see that information than to give it to your opponent. The hands you decide to play are largely affected by the position you are in. The later position you have the more hands you can be opening and putting much more pressure on your opponents. One of the first things we cover in poker coaching sessions is preflop ranges and you can take a look at my opening hands from different positions here. Get my preflop poker cheat sheet now and improve your strategy at once! Start at low stakes Always take this poker tip into consideration before jumping into your games. Many players find no interest in playing low games, but you need to see that your goal is to learn poker strategy and not to waste money while doing that. Therefore, you have few reasons for starting at low stakes: Firstly, you will feel more comfortable knowing that you are not risking much money and even if you lose some at the beginning it will not hurt you. You will be able to learn the game and will not be spending a lot of money in the process so that is a good idea. Starting at the lowest limits lets you play versus weakest players and learn the game instead of donating money to ones who are much better right now. Lastly, it enables you to see the whole picture and get a feel the whole game looks. You will understand positions, what poker hands you should play and can take everything in practice. Before moving up you need to learn poker strategy and make sure that you feel comfortable in any game that you play. Play tight but aggressive Many amateur players make a huge mistake of playing too wide and opening too many Texas Holdem hands. The key when you are starting out is to play only your strongest hands and avoid many tough decisions post flop. This will let you play less, but more aggressively when you decide to take your hand into action. Most of your opponents in low games going to be playing random hands a lot of the time and taking this poker tip alone will let you start ahead of them. Using this you will be able to learn poker strategy without losing money and in a much more effective way. So be raising and betting yourself when you play instead of just calling and put maximum pressure on your opponents. Knowing that you have an advantage of holding better hands pre-flop you will be just winning against their range of cards in the long run. Use position When deciding which hands to play and which not position going to be one of the most important factors to consider. You win more money from later positions so try to play more hands from there. Play very tight from early positions, widen up going closer to the BTN and try to steal more pots there. By far the most profitable position in poker is Button BTN and sitting there you can be playing much more hands than from any other position. It is going to take some time to get used to this, but always take your position in consideration when deciding which hands to play. Start playing one table I cannot sweat it enough how important this poker tip is! Your goal is to learn poker

strategy and concentrate on seeing all the information. So leave multi-tabling for the future, stick with one table and try to absorb all the information you can get. Look how your opponents are playing and what hands they have at showdown. As we said, concentrate on using your position and playing tight-aggressive approach and it can take you quite far. Only play when you feel good Emotions are your enemy at the poker table. We are doing stupid things when we are tired, angry or even drunk and it can cost us a lot of money. Avoid starting your games when you feel bad and it will be the first, but a very big step in becoming a better poker player. When you will be able to deal with these emotions, you can take it one-step further and take few minutes to prepare for your sessions before starting playing. Learn poker odds You need to know poker odds you have to hit the winning hand and what pot odds you are getting. All you have to do then is make your decisions based on it and not your emotions. What is pot odds? It is a concept that lets you understand are you getting the right price to continue with your hand and help you to make the right decision. This is a big concept and one that we will not be addressing deeply, but I am going to give you a quick list most common Texas Holdem hands and how many outs you have to improve a specific hand until next street: These are not exact numbers but are very close to accurate ones and by far it is the best and easiest way to learn poker strategy. Moreover, you can find much more information in my full article about poker odds so I highly recommend reading it. Think about it when making a decision with a draw and take this poker tip seriously. Think about your opponent cards When you know how likely, you are to improve your poker hand when you have a draw you have to learn to put your opponent on a range. This will let you understand how many outs you actually have and then make a more educated decision. Many factors can suggest what hands your opponent could be playing. It is quite tough and advanced topic, but you can start with a simple version of it. Think about his position, what hands he could be opening and playing from there; His post flop action can suggest what he could have. Betting or checking can indicate his strength or weakness and you should be looking for that information; Board texture is an important factor to take into consideration as well. People are less likely to have many strong hands on dry boards compared to connected ones; A time he takes to make a decision and sizing he is using can give us additional information as well. There are many things to consider and you need a lot of practice to be able to think about that. Do not blame yourself if you struggle with it at the beginning. As we said this is a complex topic, that has books written just about it so do not expect to master it in a day or a week. Take your time Do not fall into a habit of making decisions automatically. It is a huge mistake that even advanced players are making a lot of the time and killing all their chances to win money. Take your time and think about all the stuff we already discussed. That is why you should stick to that poker tip of playing just one table and take all the time you need to make your decisions. I think this is one of the best advice you can get when just starting playing and learning. Of course, when you move up stakes and start playing bigger games this will not be an option because many players tend to play much more aggressive there and bluff more, so you need to learn how to play against them. But in the beginning sticking to this strategy is your best bet. You can take your game to the next level by crushing your opponents in the way you did not think was possible! Learn to fold You need to take this poker tip into serious consideration. Most of the time one pair hands even as good as a top pair or an overpair should go into a muck. When just starting playing you will have some problems letting go of these hands, but it is one thing that you need to learn if you want to be successful. Players in lowest games are not bluffing so much and in the long run, you will be doing yourself a huge favor by folding one pair hands to aggression in these spots. Not all opponents are passive ones and if you are playing against maniac or someone who is very aggressive and raising constantly you should not be folding these hands. You need to understand that there is a different type of players and you really need to play differently against them. Last part in my poker tips list will help you to deal with this. Use a software If you want to be able to compete with players even on lower stakes, you should get some help. I am not talking about advanced programs that can help you learn GTO poker strategy, but a simple one that every player should have. A tracking software is essential because you can see stats on your opponents and know how they are playing. It lets you quickly spot the different type of opponents that you will be facing and to change your poker strategy and decisions based on that. Summing up best poker tips for beginners I think these are by far the most important poker tips that you should take seriously when starting out. It will help you to learn poker

strategy faster and protect you from many common mistakes that players do. So do not miss a chance to fix your mistakes, improve your game and start winning more!

**Chapter 9 : Best Poker Tips: learn poker strategy, improve your game and win more!**

*Video poker offers some of the best odds in the casino. It's a good alternative to slot machines since you still have the chance of hitting a big jackpot, but you're about five times more likely to actually get it.*