

# FACT SHEET

## THE POKIES: THE ODDS

**What are the odds? Odds are they are against you**

If you gamble for the chance to win money, do you know what the odds are of actually winning?

Every form of gambling has an element of chance that helps determine the outcome. How much a person will win or lose is determined by the odds of the game and how much money is staked. It is important to remember that the 'house' (eg the casino, hotel or club) always has the advantage and that the odds are against the gambler.

**THE ODDS ARE CLEARLY STACKED AGAINST THE GAMBLER - MEANING YOU SHOULD ALWAYS EXPECT TO LOSE.**

**THIS TABLE SHOWS THE ODDS OF WINNING ON SOME FORMS OF GAMBLING IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

Bet	Odds of Winning
Poker Machines - Getting 5 Black Rhinos on Black Rhinos Machine (Top Prize) (\$1 Bet per line)	1 in 9,765,625
Lotto - Winning First Division (playing 1 game)	1 in 8,145,060
Oz Lotto - Winning First Division (playing 1 game)	1 in 45,379,620
Powerball - Winning First Division (playing 1 game)	1 in 54,979,155
Keno - Winning First Division (Spot 10, playing 1 game)	1 in 8,911,711
Keno - Winning First Division (Spot 9, playing 1 game)	1 in 1,380,687
Super 66 - Winning First Division (playing 1 game)	1 in 1,000,000
The Pools - Winning First Division (playing 1 game)	1 in 2,760,681
Instant Scratchies - Winning First Division with \$1 High Tier (playing 1 game)	1 in 1,500,000
Trackside - picking, at random, a trifecta in a 13 horse race	1 in 1,715

**NOW SEE HOW YOUR ODDS OF WINNING COMPARE WITH NON-GAMBLING RELATED ACTIVITIES**

Odds of non-gambling activities	Odds of Occurrence
Marriage ending in divorce	1 in 2.3 marriages
Chances of going bald - if you're a man	3 in 4 men
Dying from heart disease	1 in 4 people
Having your car stolen	1 in 142 cars
Dying from a venomous bite or sting	1 in 1,000,000 people
Being killed by lightning	1 in 1,603,250 people



**IN EVERY BETTING GAME, THE ODDS ARE AGAINST THE PLAYER.**

**SOME PEOPLE MAY NOT REALISE THE TRUE STATISTICAL PROBABILITIES THAT ENSURE THAT, OVER TIME, THEY WILL LOSE MONEY.**

## REMEMBER:

- Odds are always against the better
- The 'house' always has the edge
- The longer you gamble, the more likely you will lose more often than you will win

## GETTING HELP

The Gambling Helpline can help you deal with any of your gambling related problems: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

**1800 858 858**

There is a Gambling Help Service in your local area, to help you. However, you can access any Gambling Help Service across the state if you do not wish to seek help in your own area.

Gambling Help Services offer:

- Free, confidential and professional help in a non-judgmental environment
- Counselling and therapy for individuals, couples, family and friends
- Financial counselling to help sort out your financial problems
- Information and support
- Support groups (where available)

Visit [www.problemgambling.sa.gov.au](http://www.problemgambling.sa.gov.au) for more information.

## GAMBLING HELP ONLINE

Gambling Help Online provides 24/7 live and email counselling and support services (via chat or email). It's free, easy, convenient and available to anyone affected by gambling.

Visit [www.gamblinghelponline.org.au](http://www.gamblinghelponline.org.au) for immediate and anonymous help.

## GAMBLING HELP SERVICES

Gambling Help Services provide **FREE** and confidential counselling and assistance

### METROPOLITAN SERVICES

#### Eastern

- Relationships Australia SA Tel: 08 8223 4566 (Adelaide)

#### Northern

- Relationships Australia SA Tel: 08 8250 6600 (Salisbury, Elizabeth and Ridgehaven)

#### Southern

- Relationships Australia SA Tel: 08 8377 5400 (Oaklands Park including Noarlunga and Aldinga outreach)

#### Western

- Relationships Australia SA Tel: 08 8340 2022 (Port Adelaide)  
Tel: 08 8245 8100 (Hindmarsh)

### COUNTRY SERVICES

#### Adelaide Hills

- Relationships Australia SA Tel: 08 8223 4566 (Mount Barker outreach)

#### Barossa

- Relationships Australia SA Tel: 08 8250 6600 (Gawler and Nuriootpa outreach)  
Tel: 1800 182 325 (Country Free Call)

#### Eyre and Western

- UnitingCare Wesley Country SA Tel: 1300 456 946 (Whyalla and Port Lincoln)

#### Far North

- UnitingCare Wesley Country SA Tel: 1300 456 946 (Port Augusta)

#### Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island

- Relationships Australia SA Tel: 08 8377 5400 (Victor Harbor and Kingscote outreach)  
Tel: 1800 182 325 (Country Free Call)

#### Limestone Coast

- Lifeline South East (SA) Tel: 08 8723 2299 (Mount Gambier)

#### Murray Mallee

- Relationships Australia SA Tel: 08 8582 4122 (Berri, including Waikerie, Loxton and Renmark outreach)  
Tel: 08 8223 4566 (Murray Bridge outreach)  
Tel: 1800 182 325 (Country Free Call)

#### Yorke and Mid North

- UnitingCare Wesley Country SA Tel: 1300 456 946 (Port Pirie and Kadina)

### TARGETED SERVICES

#### Aboriginal Gambling Help Services

- Flinders University Tel: 08 8182 4911 (North/West Metro)  
Tel: 08 8204 6982 (Southern Metro)  
- Aboriginal Family Support Services Tel: 08 8641 0907 (Port Augusta)  
Tel: 08 8582 3192 (Berri)  
Tel: 0418 499 649 (Murray Bridge)  
Tel: 08 8683 1909 (Port Lincoln)  
- Ceduna Koonibba Aboriginal Health Service Tel: 08 8626 2600 (Ceduna)

#### Aboriginal Gambling Therapy Service

- Southern Adelaide Local Health Network Tel: 08 8204 6982 (Adelaide)

#### Cambodian Gambling Help Service

- Relationships Australia SA Tel: 08 8245 8100 (Hindmarsh)

#### Chinese Gambling Help Service

- Overseas Chinese Association Tel: 08 8445 1677 (Findon)

#### Vietnamese Gambling Help Service

- Community Access and Services SA Tel: 08 8447 8821 (Athol Park)

#### Multicultural Gambling Help Service

- Relationships Australia SA Tel: 08 8245 8100 (Hindmarsh)

#### Criminal Justice Gambling Help Service

- Offenders Aid and Rehabilitation Service Tel: 08 8218 0700 (Adelaide)

#### Intensive Therapy Gambling Help Service

- SA State Intensive Gambling Help Service Tel: 08 8232 3333 (Metro/Country)

#### Lived Experience in Gambling Program

- Relationships Australia SA Tel: 08 8245 8100 (Hindmarsh)

#### Gambling Helpline

- For immediate help 24/7 free and confidential Tel: 1800 858 858

#### Gambling Help Online

- For 24/7 free online counselling [www.gamblinghelponline.org.au](http://www.gamblinghelponline.org.au)

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