FREE FIELD REFERENCE

Slots Calculated

AP Slot Scouting Checklist

Observe first. Verify the state. Decide before you play.

Use this checklist to document what the machine actually shows. It is an educational framework, not a promise of profit and not a substitute for machine-specific research.

1 Identify the exact game

Record the title, cabinet or version, casino, bank location and time. Similar-looking games can use different mechanics or configurations.

2 Read the state before wagering

Write down every visible meter, collector, pot, jackpot value and posted upper limit. Use the displayed numbers instead of relying on appearance.

3 Separate state from animation

Ask what remains after a player leaves, what resets and whether a later player inherits the progress. A dramatic display can still be cosmetic.

4 Confirm the wager structure

Check denomination, bet level, qualifying wager and whether the visible feature changes with the bet. Know the real cost of each attempt.

5 Check shared versus local progress

Determine whether the state belongs to one machine or a linked bank, whether another player can win it and what event resets it.

6 Estimate value, cost and uncertainty

Compare the observable state with expected play cost, likely feature value and variance. Do not invent precision when information is missing.

7 Make the decision before play

Define the state you require, a stop condition and what would make you pass. If the setup is unclear or no longer meets your criteria, walk away.

8 Record the result - do not chase

Track starting and ending state, time, coin-in, coin-out and notes. A losing session does not prove the decision was wrong, and a win does not prove it was right.

FINAL PLAY / PASS CHECK

- ☐ Can I explain why this visible state may affect future value?
- ☐ Did I confirm the qualifying bet and realistic cost?
- ☐ Does the opportunity still meet my predefined criteria?

If an answer is no or uncertain: PASS AND RESEARCH.

Educational information only. Gambling involves financial risk. No strategy, machine state or calculator can guarantee a win.

Machine-specific thresholds and deeper research remain available to Slots Calculated members.