

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.