



California Problem Gambling Treatment Services Program Gambling Terms and Definitions



- **All-In:** When a player puts all their remaining chips in the pot during in a poker game.
- **Bailout:** Paying off debts created by compulsive gambler; not recommended.
- **Bookie:** A person that takes bets from sports or horse bettors for a fee (vig, juice). The fee is usually paid only on losing bets.
- **Comp:** incentives offered by casinos to keep the guests coming back. Usually based on the amount the gambler wagers. It can be monetary or gifts such as meals, show tickets, merchandise, hotel rooms, etc.
- **Face the Music:** When the gambler faces the consequences of their gambling problem.
- **Financial Assessment:** Complete inventory of one's debts.
- **Jammed Up:** When the gambler has overwhelming problems from multiple sources.
- **Juice:** Interest charged by a Loanshark. Sometimes it also can be the fee paid to a casino/bookie for placing a bet.
- **Large Win:** Happens early on in a compulsive gamblers' career; usually equal to one month's salary.
- **Line:** A listing of the point spread or the over/under total.
- **Loanshark:** A representative from organized crime who lends money at exorbitant rates of interest.
- **Over/Under Line:** The total points scored by both teams as determined by a sports book/bookie to create a betting opportunity. Example: In the game Team A vs. Team B the over/under line is 40. If the final score is 21-20 - then over wins. If the score is 20-19 - then under wins.
- **Parlay:** A group of bets made by a gambler where the payoff can be large with a small bet. All the bets must win in order to collect.
- **Players Club Card:** Plastic credit card type card that can be placed into a slot machine to keep track of the amount of a guest's play. Guests receive comps based on the data.

- **Point Spread:** The amount of points the better team (favorite) needs to win by in order to collect the bet. Example: The point spread in the game on Team A vs. Team B is 7. Team A is the favorite. If you bet on Team A they must win by more than 7 points in order to collect. If Team A wins by exactly 7 points it is a “**push**” (tie) and no one wins. If Team A wins by less than 7 points and you bet on team A – you lose your bet - even if Team A wins the game.
- **Pressure Relief Group:** Gamblers Anonymous family meeting to deal with finances, creditors, debts.
- **Restitution:** Payment/reimbursement for a wrong; in recovery, restitution is important.
- **Self-Exclusion/Restriction/Limitation:** Whereby a guest can voluntarily ban themselves from a gambling venue.
- **Tell:** Signals such as tics, eye or hand movement that gives other players knowledge of a players’ hidden cards.
- **Ten Percenter:** It is a person who illegally cashes gambling tickets for a 10% profit. It is used to avoid paying taxes.
- **Tilt:** When a player loses control after a bad loss.
- **Tip:** Inside or informed information given to a sports or horse bettor usually for a fee.
- **Tout:** Person giving tips to various racetrack customers or sports bettors to earn a gratuity.
- **VIG/Vigorish:** Fee paid to a casino/bookie for placing a bet.