

42 in which a specific range of the random numbers sampled through the random number sampling circuit 56 corresponds to one code No.

[0209] As mentioned, the present invention can be adopted for a gaming machine in which the video slot game is executed by changing the hypothetical reels used in the bonus game so as to become different from the hypothetical reels used in the base game.

What is claimed is:

1. A gaming machine having a plurality of first reel strips used in a base game, a display device on which the first reel strips are variably displayed and stopped, and a game controller for executing a video slot game including the base game and a bonus game on the display device,

the gaming machine comprising:

a plurality of second reel strips selectively used in the bonus game; and

a lottery device for determining at least one of the second reel strips used in the bonus game by a lottery;

wherein the game controller replaces at least one of the first reel strips with the second reel strip determined by the lottery device, and

wherein the game controller executes the bonus game to variably display and stop both the first reel strips remained after at least one thereof is replaced and the second reel strip determined by the lottery device on the display device.

2. The gaming machine according to claim 1, wherein each of the first reel strips has a plurality of symbols and each of the second reel strips has a plurality of symbols, and

wherein a game result in the bonus game is determined corresponding to a symbol combination comprising

both the symbols of the first reel strips remained and the symbol of the second reel strip determined by the lottery device.

3. The gaming machine according to claim 2, wherein one of the second reel strips has a characteristic that provides more payouts in the bonus game than in the base game, in cooperation with the first reel strips.

4. The gaming machine according to claim 2, wherein one of the second reel strips has a characteristic that it is easier to continuously obtain the bonus game in the bonus game than in the base game, in cooperation with the first reel strips.

5. A gaming machine having a predetermined number of first reel strips used in a base game, a display device on which the first reel strips are variably displayed and stopped, and a game controller for executing a video slot game including the base game and a bonus game on the display device,

the gaming machine comprising:

second reel strips one of which is selectively used in the bonus game; and

a lottery device for determining the one second reel strip used in the bonus game by a lottery;

wherein the game controller prepares a plurality of strip combinations being comprised of a number of the first reel strips, the number being obtained by subtracting one from the predetermined number, and the one second reel strip determined by the lottery device, and

wherein the game controller selects one of the strip combinations and executes the bonus game to variably display and stop both the first reel strips and the one second reel strip included in the one strip combination on the display device.

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