

RULES OF THE GAME

PAI GOW POKER

OBJECT OF THE GAME

Each game, the player tries to obtain a five-card hand and a two-card hand that outrank the Banker's two corresponding hands, using his seven cards.

THE CARDS

Pai Gow Poker is played with a 52-card deck and one Joker. In decreasing order, the value of the cards is Ace, King, Queen, Jack, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3 and 2. Aces may be used for a straight flush or an Ace-2-3-4-5 straight.

The Joker has the same rank as an Ace, but may replace any other card to complete a straight, a flush, a straight flush or a royal flush.

THE BETS

The maximum number of players at a Pai Gow Poker table is equal to the number of betting positions at the table.

Using value chips purchased at the casino, each player has to place an initial bet.

The bet must be placed in the designated spot before the first hand is dealt. Bets may not be placed, changed or withdrawn thereafter. When the dealer is the Banker, bets must be made in accordance with the minimum and maximum limits indicated at the table. However, there is no maximum limit to the amount a player may wager when another player is the Banker.

GAME AND PLAYER OPTIONS

The dealer deals seven cards face down to each betting position in turn, including his own. The starting point is determined at random, usually by an electronic random-number generator.

Players may not show their cards or consult with each other.

Once the cards are dealt, the dealer collects the cards dealt to playing positions where no bet was placed.

PLAYER BANKER

At the beginning of a game, the dealer offers each player, in turn, the option of being the Banker, provided the following conditions are met:

- In order to become the Banker, a player must have participated in the last game during which the dealer was the Banker and hold a sufficient number of chips to pay, if applicable, all bets placed during the current game at that table, failing which the dealer will be the Banker for that game.

The same player may not be the Banker for two consecutive games.

The Player Banker can ask the dealer to place a bet equal to or less than the one said player placed during the previous game for which the dealer was the Banker.

THE HANDS

Using the seven cards he received, the player must set a five-card hand (high hand) and a two-card hand (low hand). The five-card hand must rank equal to or higher than the two-card hand, otherwise the player loses his bet.

Once the players have set their hands and placed their cards face down on the layout, they may not touch their cards again.

The dealer then reveals his seven cards and determines his high and low hands. He reveals in turn each player's two hands and compares them against the Banker's hands.

A player may withdraw his bet before the dealer reveals that player's hands. In that event, the cards of that player are not revealed to the other players.

COMBINATIONS

Pai Gow Poker combinations are, in decreasing order of rank, as follows:

FIVE ACES:	Four Aces and a Joker
ROYAL FLUSH:	Ace, King, Queen, Jack and 10 of the same suit
STRAIGHT FLUSH:	Five consecutive cards of the same suit A straight flush made up of Ace-2-3-4-5 ranks highest, followed by a straight flush made up of King-Queen-Jack-10-9. A straight flush made up of 2-3-4-5-6 ranks lowest.
FOUR OF A KIND:	Four cards of the same rank
FULL HOUSE:	Three of a kind and one pair
FLUSH:	Five cards of the same suit
STRAIGHT:	Five consecutive cards, regardless of suit A straight made up of Ace-King-Queen-Jack-10 ranks highest, followed by a straight made up of Ace-2-3-4-5. A straight made up of 2-3-4-5-6 ranks lowest.
THREE OF A KIND:	Three cards of the same rank
TWO PAIRS:	Two sets of two cards of the same rank
PAIR:	Two cards of the same rank
HIGH CARD:	Highest ranking card

When two high hands or two low hands are composed of identical combinations, the hand between the two corresponding hands that contains the highest ranking card outside the combination will be deemed the winner. However, if all of the cards outside the combination are equal in rank, the two corresponding hands are deemed identical.

PAYOUTS

- If both the player's hands outrank the Banker's corresponding hands, the player wins and his bet is paid even money.
- If one of the player's hands outranks the Banker's corresponding hand and his other hand ranks lower or equal to the Banker's corresponding hand, it is considered a tie and the player's bet is a push.
- In all other cases, the player's bet loses.

NOTE: If indicated at the table, the house will collect a 5% commission on winning bets, including all Player Banker's net winnings. If the amount of the bet is not a multiple of 10, the commission is calculated on the next higher multiple of 10.

SIDE BETS

TOTAL OF THE LAST CARDS SIDE BET

If indicated at the table, the player may place, in addition to his initial bet, a Total of the Last Cards side bet on the total value of the four cards that remain after the cards are dealt. The Total of the Last Cards side bet must be made within the minimum and maximum limits indicated at the table and be placed in the designated spot before the first hand is dealt. A Total of the Last Cards side bet wins if:

- a) The player placed a bet on a total of 26 and the result is 26. The side bet is then paid 15 to 1.
- b) The player placed a bet on a total either below 26 or over 26, and the result matches his bet. The side bet is then paid even money.

In all other cases, the side bet loses.

RANDOM NUMBER SIDE BET

If indicated at the table and provided that an electronic random-number generator is available at the table, the player may place, in addition to his initial bet, a Random Number side bet on a number from one to seven to be selected by the random-number generator. The Random Number side bet must be made within the minimum and maximum limits indicated at the table and be placed in the designated spot before the cards are placed in the mechanical card shuffler. A Random Number side bet wins if the number selected by the random-number generator matches the number on which the player placed his bet. A winning Random Number side bet is paid 11 to 2.

In all other cases, the side bet loses.