

PAI GOW TILES

Is an ancient Chinese betting game played with Chinese dominoes also called tiles. It has been played throughout Asia for centuries.

OBJECT OF THE GAME

In order for the player to win, his/her hand must be higher in rank in the High hand as well as the Low hand. In the case of zero ties, the bank wins. If they win one and lose one it will be a push. If they lose the Low and High hand will be a loss wager.

THE TILES

Pai Gow Tiles is played with a set of 32 Chinese tiles which form 16 permissible pairs. A hand with an permissible pair is ranked higher than a hand which does not contain a pair. The highest ranking hand is the Supreme pair, followed by matched pairs and unmatched or mixed pairs. The next highest ranking hands are a special combination known as Wongs and Gongs. Hands consisting of Wongs and Gongs are ranked lower than pairs. Teen/Day with either 9 forms of Wong. Teen/Day with any 8 forms of Gong. (Please refer to the Single Tile Ranking Chart). The next highest ranking hands that do not contain pairs have numeric value. Each tile has numeric value and a symbolic ranking. To find the numeric value add the spots on each tile. The total will never be higher than 9 because only the last digit in the total number of spots is used. To find the symbolic ranking of each tile and each permissible pair refer to the Tile Ranking Charts. Two tiles will combine to form a hand. Add the total number of spots contained on the two tiles. If the numeric total of the spots is a two-digit number, the left digit is discarded and the right digit is the value of the hand. When two hands have the same numeric value, the ranking will determine the winner. To determine which is higher, find the highest ranked tile in each hand and compare them. When two hands have the numeric value and identical high tiles, it is called a "Copy" hand. The bank wins all "Copy" hands. When two hands have the numeric value of zero, they are considered equally bad regardless of the high tiles and the Bank will win all zero ties. When the two tiles that form the highest ranking hand (The Supreme pair) are used separately, the numeric value is interchangeable. The 3 can be counted as a 6 and the 6 can be counted as a 3. They lose their highest pair and become low ranking tiles (lowest ranking tiles on the Single Tile Ranking Chart).



THE
SUPREME
PAIR



MATCHED
PAIR



MIXED
PAIR



WONG



GONG

PLAY OF THE GAME

To begin the game, the players will place their wagers before the dealer announces, "No more bets". The dealer will shuffle or "wash" the tiles and stack them into eight stacks of four tiles each. Three dice, contained inside the Pai Gow Shaker, will be used to determine the starting position for dealing the tiles. The dealer or banker will Shake the Pai Gow Shaker at least three times. The dealer will uncover the dice and announce the total. The count will begin with the dealer or the banking player and continue with each betting position in a counter clockwise direction until it matches the total on the dice. That position will receive the first stack of tiles. After the tiles have been delivered, each player will "set" his/her tiles into two hands of two tiles each: a high hand and a low hand. The players will place their hands face down behind the betting area, into a T shape. Once the player has set his/her tiles face down on the layout, he/she will not be permitted to touch the tiles again.

Each player at the table is responsible for setting his/her own hands and no other person except the dealer may touch the tiles of that player. Each player is required to keep the four tiles in full view of the dealer at all times. After the players have set their hands, the dealer will arrange his/her hand by using a set of rules known as "The House Ways". A copy of these rules are available upon request.

RULES OF BETTING

All wagers at Pai Gow shall be made by placing gaming chips, or match play coupon on the appropriate betting area of the layout before the dealer has announced, "No more bets". Once the dealer has announced "No more bets," no wager may be increased or withdrawn. No verbal wagers accompanied by cash are accepted. Only players who are seated at the Pai Gow table may place a wager at the game. Once a player has placed a wager and received tiles, he/she must remain seated until the completion of the round of play. There is no communication allowed during play.

PAIR FORTUNES

How to play: Pair Fortunes is an optional bet. You win if you have at least one pair in your hand. It does not matter how your tiles are arranged against the dealer.

Gee Joon and Heaven	300 to 1
2 Pair	25 to 1
Gee Joon Pair	8 to 1
Mixed Pair	4 to 1
Identical Pair	3 to 1



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