

HOW TO PLAY

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About Pai Gow Poker

Pai Gow Poker blends classic American poker with the traditional Chinese game of Pai Gow that was played with domino-like tiles. American Pai Gow is played with a standard 52-card deck plus a Joker. Hand rankings are based on standard high to low poker hands with the Joker allowed to be used for a Straight or a Flush or as an Ace. Each Player competes against the Banker. There may be up to six Players plus a Banker. Usually the casino acts as the Banker but in some cases any Player can be the Banker as long as they have enough money to cover all bets. On all winning bets the casino collects a 5% commission.

How to Play

The game begins when the Players make their bets. The Dealer deals out seven stacks of seven cards each face down and then rolls three dice to see which Player is dealt cards first, or a random number generator, located at the center of the table, is used in addition to a stack beside the Dealer. Players must make two separate hands from the cards they are dealt. A five-card hand and a two-card hand. The two-card hand is placed in the Low Card (Front) section and the five-card hand is placed in the Highest card section (Back). The highest five-card hand is a Royal Flush. With a Joker the highest hand is five Aces (four Aces plus the Joker). The highest two-card hand is a pair of Aces.

The five-card hand must always be the highest ranking hand. If you place the highest ranking hand in the two-card section, it is a "foul" and you are disqualified. The Player wins if both his hands are higher than both the Dealer's hands. If the Player wins one hand

and loses the other it is a tie ("push") and no one wins (or loses). If one of the Player's hands is the same as the Banker's, it is a tie (often called a "copy") but the Banker wins. Winning hands are paid even money (\$10 bet wins \$10) but the Casino collects a 5% commission on all winning bets. So your total of \$20 will actually be \$19.50

If the casino acts as the Banker they arrange their hand in a set way called "The House Way."

Pai Gow Poker Hands (from highest to lowest)

Five Aces - A-A-A-A-Joker.

Royal Flush - 10-J-Q-K-A of the same suit.

Straight Flush - Five cards of the same suit ranked in order (for example, 6-7-8-9-10 of hearts).

Four of a kind - Four cards of the same cards (for example, 5-5-5-5). If the Dealer and Player both have Four of a kind, the highest ranked card is the winner.

Full House - Three of a kind and a pair. Ties are broken by the highest-ranking three-of-a-kind (for example, K-K-K-7-7 beats a 10-10-10-A-A).

Flush - Five cards of the same suit, regardless of ranking (for example, 5-8-9-Q-K of spades).

Straight - Five cards of different suits ranked in order.

Three of a kind - Three cards of the same ranking (for example, Q-Q-Q).

Two Pair - Two sets of pairs.

A Pair - Two cards of the same value (7-7, for example).

High Card - If no one has at least a pair, then the highest-ranking card of each Player's five-card hand decides the winning hand.