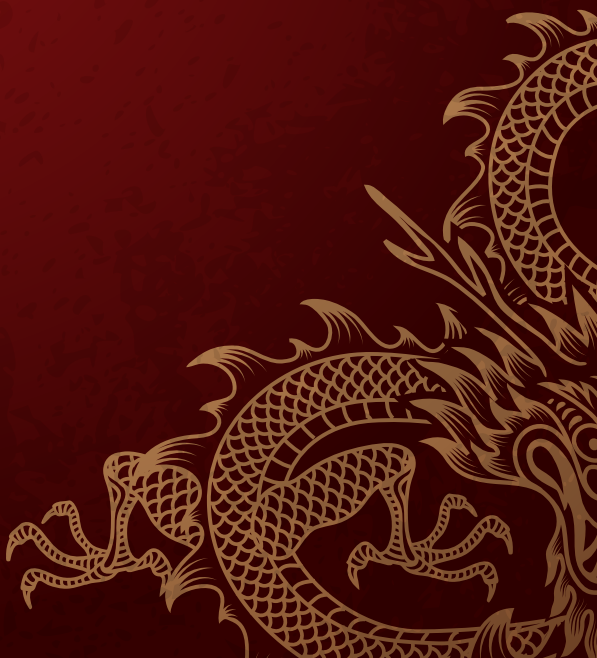




# PECHANGA PAI GOW

## PLAYER'S GUIDE

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**HOW TO PLAY**

Pai Gow Poker combines the elements of the ancient Chinese game of Pai Gow and the American game of Poker. It is played with a traditional deck of 52 playing cards plus one Joker. The joker is not wild, and may only be used as an Ace, or to complete a Straight, a Flush, or a Straight Flush. Players also have the option to bank bets against all other players. However, the house must bank alternate hands.

**RANKING THE HANDS**

Value of hands is based on the basic poker rankings. Each player is dealt seven cards which the player arranges to make two hands: a two-card hand and a five-card hand. The five-card hand must be higher-ranking poker hand than two-card hand. (If the two-card hand is a pair of eights, for example, the five-card hand must be at least a Pair of eights or higher.

**OBJECT OF THE GAME**

The object of Pai Gow Poker is for both of the player’s two hands to win. If the player wins one hand but loses the other, that is considered a “push” and neither wins nor loses. When both hands are higher than the dealer or player/banker hand that player will win even money on the amount wagered, less a 5% commission.

**PLAY OF THE GAME**

A dice cup will be shaken and the total of the dice will determine who will receive the first hand. Each hand is dealt face down. Each player then arranges their cards into a two-card low hand and a five-card high hand, as described in “Ranking The Hands”. The dealer does not display their cards until all players have set their hands face down in the designated spaces. Each player’s hand is then compared to the dealer’s hand.

**RULES TO REMEMBER**

- Once the dealer exposes their cards, players cannot touch their cards.
- Players are not permitted to expose their hands or discuss them with other players.
- Any player’s hand that is set incorrectly automatically loses. Players are responsible for arranging their own hands and should do so with care.
- Foul hands are: A) two-card hand higher than five-card hand, B) wrong numbers of cards in hands.
- Hands are ranked according to traditional Poker rankings except for Ace, 2, 3, 4, 5 – which is the second highest Straight, Flush or Straight Flush.
- 5% commission will be taken on all winning bets.

**PAI GOW POKER RANKING**

Five Aces	Full House	Two Pair
Royal Flush	Flush	One Pair
Straight Flush	Straight	High Card
Four of a Kind	Three of a Kind	

**PAI GOW HOUSE WAYS**

NO PAIR: Place highest card in back, next two highest in front.  
ONE PAIR: Place pair in back, next two highest in front.

## **TWO PAIRS**

No Ace: Split only if one pair is 7s or better.

With Ace: Split only if Jacks or better and 7s or better.

Always split Aces and any other pair.

**THREE PAIR:** Always play highest pair in front.

## **THREE OF A KIND:**

- Always keep three of a kind together, unless they are Aces, and then play a pair of Aces in back and one Ace in front.
- If the dealer has three Aces, and at the same time has a straight or flush, the straight or flush will be played.

**THREE-OF-A-KIND TWICE:** Play pair of highest in front.

## **STRAIGHT & FLUSHES:**

Keep as high hand with the following exceptions:

- 6 and 7 card: Play low straight or flush to place highest card in front.
- Play straight over flush anytime the second highest hand will be improved. This includes Straight Flushes and Royal Flushes.

## **PLAY TWO PAIR OVER A STRAIGHT OR FLUSH ONLY:**

- With any two pair, in which one of the pairs are 7s or higher.
- With any two pair, and an Ace, apply two pair rule.
- A pair of Aces and any other pair, apply two pair rule.
- Play a Straight or Flush over a Royal Flush to improve front
- All Straights, Flushes and Straight Flushes with a Full House, apply full house rules.

**FULL HOUSE:** Always split unless the pair is 2s and you have an Ace and a King to play in front.

**FULL HOUSE WITH EXTRA PAIR:** Play higher of the two pair in front.

## **FOUR-OF-A-KIND:**

2's through 6's: Always keep together

7's through 10's: Split unless the hand contains an Ace or better to play in front (use the two pair rule)

J's through K's: Split and play a pair in each hand

## **ACES:**

- Split four Aces unless with another pair.
- 6's and below: Play pair of Aces in front, two pair in back.
- 7's and above: Play Aces as four of a kind and other pair in front.

**FIVE ACES:** Split and play three in back and two in front, unless - hand also contains a pair of Kings, then play five Aces in back and Kings in front.

## **GOOD LUCK!**



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