

PLAYING PAI GOW POKER



EMPEROR'S CHALLENGE PAI GOW POKER

Emperor's Pai Gow considers the best hand possible among the Player's seven cards. All Standard Pai Gow rules apply with the addition of two side wagers and an "Envy" bonus.

To play, Players make a standard Pai Gow wager and have the option of betting the following:

EMPEROR'S TREASURE – An optional independent wager which will win to a pay table for a hand of a straight or better.

PAI POW INSURANCE – An optional independent wager which will win odds listed on a pay table for a hand of Ace High or less.

ENVY BONUS – If a Player has wagered at least \$5 on the Emperor's Challenge, the Dealer will place an "Envy" Lammer button next to their wager. The Dealer will pay to the posted pay table when any Player's hand contains a four-of-a-kind or better. A Player cannot win Envy Bonuses for his own hand or the Dealer's hand.

FORTUNE PAI GOW POKER

Fortune Pai Gow considers the best hand possible among the Player's seven cards. All Standard Pai Gow rules apply with the addition of a side wager and an "Envy" Bonus.

To play, Players make a standard Pai Gow wager and have the option of betting the following:

FORTUNE BONUS – is an optional independent wager which will win to a pay table for a hand of a straight or better.

ENVY BONUS – If a Player has wagered at least \$5 on the Fortune Bonus, the Dealer will place an "Envy" Lammer button next to their wager. The Dealer will pay to the posted pay table when any Player's hand contains a four-of-a-kind or better. A Player cannot win Envy Bonuses for his own hand or the Dealer's hand.

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PAI GOW POKER

Pai Gow Poker is a combination of elements from the ancient Chinese game of Pai Gow and the American game of Poker. A traditional deck of 52 playing cards is used, plus one joker. **The joker is used as an Ace** or to complete a straight, flush, straight flush or royal flush.

The game begins with a random generated number, or a **roll of the dice**, the total of which determines which Player receives the first hand. Each Player places their bets and then receives seven cards, in which two hands are created; a **high hand** and a **second high hand** (also called "low hand"). The high hand is made up of five cards and the second high hand consists of two cards. Both the high hand and the second high hand must be higher than the Banker's hands to win. As well, the second high hand must be ranked lower than the high hand. If only one of the hands is higher, it is a tie. If both hands are lower, the Player loses. In Pai Gow, the Dealer must set their hand according to strict rules known as "**House Ways**". If you request, the Dealer can set your hand according to House Ways, but is not responsible for wins or losses.

All winning wagers are paid even-money and subject to a **5% commission** that the house collects.

Pai Gow offers two other betting options: **Banker** and **Co-Banker**. With the Banker option, the Player becomes the "house" and Players play against your hand. All winning wagers are paid from your bankroll, but all losing wagers are directed to you! Co-Banker yields the same idea as Banker, but the house splits all winnings/losses with you.

HOUSE WAYS

The following is a list of Niagara Fallsview Casino Resort's Pai Gow Poker House Ways. If you have any questions, a Supervisor will be glad to answer them for you. GOOD LUCK!

PLEASE NOTE:

- The Dealer must set their hand according to the House Ways.
- If the Dealer does not set their hand according to the House Ways, the hand will be reset.
- If requested, the Dealer will set a Player's hand according to the House Ways.
- A Co-Banker must set their hand according to the House Ways.

e) If the Banker sets a foul hand, the hand will be reset according to House Ways.

f) The second highest straight or straight flush is Ace, 2, 3, 4, 5.

- NO PAIR** – Use the second and third highest ranked cards for the low hand.
- ONE PAIR** – Always use the pair as the high hand and use the highest ranking cards for the low hand.
- TWO PAIRS** – Pairs will be grouped into three categories:
 - 2's – 6's (low pair).
 - 7's – 10's (medium pair).
 - Face cards (high pair).

TWO PAIR RULE

Low Pair With Low Pair or Medium Pair – Split unless holding an Ace, King, or Joker.

Low Pair With High Pair – Split unless holding an Ace or Joker.

Medium Pair With Medium Pair – Split unless holding an Ace or Joker.

Split All Other Situations – Example: high pair with high pair or any pair with a pair of Aces.

- THREE PAIRS** – Always play the highest pair in the low hand.
- THREE-OF-A-KIND** – Play the three-of-a-kind in the high hand except for the following:
 - Three Aces* – Play one of the Aces in the low hand with the next highest ranking card.
 - Two Aces And A Joker* – If possible, always preserve the straight or flush.
- ALL STRAIGHTS, FLUSHES, STRAIGHT FLUSHES AND ROYAL FLUSHES**

With No Pair – Play the category (straight, flush, straight flush or royal flush) that gives you the best low hand.

With One Pair – Play the pair in the low hand if the straight, flush, straight flush or royal flush can be preserved in the high hand.

IF THE PAIR CANNOT BE PLAYED IN THE LOW HAND, USE THE FOLLOWING:

EXCEPTION RULE: If there are a pair of 10's – Kings and an Ace or a Joker, then play the pair in the high hand. The Ace and the next highest card will be played in the low hand.

If you can improve the low hand by playing a straight, flush, straight flush or royal flush in the high hand, then the exception rule does not apply.

With Two Pair – Follow the two pair rule (as stated in 3). If one of the pairs is an Ace and a Joker, the pairs are split, but check if a straight or flush can be arranged in the high hand.

With Three Pair – Follow the pair rule (as stated in 4).

With Three-Of-A-Kind – Play a pair of the three-of-a-kind in the low hand and the straight, flush, straight flush or royal flush in the high hand.

REMINDER: With two Aces and a Joker, always preserve the straight, flush, straight flush or royal flush.

8. FULL HOUSE

Three-Of-A-Kind And A Pair – Always play the pair in the low hand.

Three-Of-A-Kind And Two Pair – Play the highest of the pairs in the low hand.

Two Three-Of-A-Kind – Play a pair of the highest three-of-a-kind in the low hand.

9. FOUR-OF-A-KIND

- 2's – 6's: Never split. Play the four-of-a-kind in the high hand.
- 7's – 10's: Split unless an Ace or Joker can be played in the low hand, then keep four-of-a-kind in the high hand.
- Face Cards: Always split.
- Four-of-a-kind with a pair or three-of-a-kind: Play the pair or pair of the three-of-a-kind in the low hand.

10. FIVE ACES

EXCEPTION RULE: If there are five Aces and a pair of Kings, then the Kings will be played in the low hand.

The House Ways are ranked from the lowest category (1), to the highest (10). If the hand contains more than one category, the Dealer will use the category that is ranked higher according to these House Ways and the cards will be set according to those rules.