

RULES TO REMEMBER

Once the player has set a high and low hand and placed the two hands face down on the appropriate area of the layout, the player may not touch the cards again.

Players are not allowed to show their hands or talk to other players about their hands before all cards are exposed.

Each player must keep his cards in full view of the dealer at all times.

Any player's hand that is set incorrectly (e.g., the two-card hand ranks higher than the five-card high hand, or player puts three cards in one hand and four cards in the other) is an automatic loser. Players are responsible for arranging their own cards and should do so with care.

Dealer must set his/her hand the "House Way". The "House Way" is Dover Downs Hotel & Casino's set of rules determining how the dealer must set up his/her hand or those of a novice player asking for help.

The dealer will explain the rankings and assist you in arranging your hands the "House Way," but is not responsible for wins or losses.

POKER RANKINGS

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

*A, 2, 3, 4, 5 of the same suit is the highest straight flush

**A, 2, 3, 4, 5 is the second highest straight.

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PAI GOW POKER

If you play poker or even video poker, you will enjoy Pai Gow Poker. The best part is that you already know the basics.

Pai Gow Poker offers the player a unique opportunity to turn the tables on the house. That is, each player in turn has the option to bank bets against all other players including the dealer. A player may have the option of "co-banking" – the player and the house split the wins or losses of all hands against other players at the table.

Our Pai Gow Poker dealers and supervisors will be happy to assist you in learning this fast, easy game. Here are the basics:

THE GAME

Pai Gow Poker combines elements of the ancient Chinese game of Pai Gow and the American game of Poker. The game is played with a traditional deck of 52 playing cards, plus one Joker. The Joker is used as an Ace OR to complete a Straight, a Flush, a Straight Flush or a Royal Flush.

RANKING THE HANDS

Each player at the table is dealt seven cards, which the player arranges to make two hands: a two-card hand and a five-card hand. Pai Gow Poker is essentially two separate Poker hands according to traditional Poker rankings. Thus, the highest two-card hand is two Aces and the highest five-card hand is five Aces (four Aces and the Joker).

The five-card hand must be higher than the two-card hand.

OBJECT OF THE GAME

The object of the game is for both of your hands to rank higher than both of your opponent's hands. That is, your two-card hand must rank higher than your opponent's two-card hand, and your five-card hand must rank higher than your opponent's five-card hand.

Should one hand rank exactly the same as your opponent's hand, this is called "Copy Hands," and whoever is the banker wins all "Copy Hands."

If you win one hand but lose the other, this is considered a "Push." In "Push" hands, no money exchanges.

Winning hands are paid even money, less a 5% commission. Losing hands lose the money wagered.

PLAYING THE GAME

The dealer or a player may be the banker. Before a player may be permitted to bank a round of play, the dealer shall determine:

1. The player placed a wager against the dealer during the last round of play in which there was no player banking the game.
2. The player has sufficient gaming chips on the table to cover all of the wagers placed by other players at the table for that round of play.

All players bet against the bank. The bank is offered to each player and each player may accept or pass, in which case the bank is offered to the next player. The dealer will always take the bank in turn, and then all players are again offered the bank until the dealer banks again. The banker will be identified by a black plastic marker with white lettering.

All bets must be placed on the appropriate area before the dealer announces "No more bets." Once the cards have been shuffled, the shaker will be used with 3 Pai Gow dice to display a number from 3 to 18. The dealer or banker being considered number 1, 8 or 15, the dealer counting counterclockwise will deliver the first stack of seven cards to that position. The remaining stacks of seven cards will be delivered in a clockwise direction.

Each player then arranges his cards into a two-card and a five-card hand. The house dealer does not look at the cards until all players (or player/banker) have set a high and low hand and placed the two hands face down on the appropriate area of the layout. The player may not touch the cards again. The dealer then turns his cards over and sets the hand according to the Dover Downs Hotel & Casino® "House Way".

Winning hands are left lying face up next to the betting circle. For losing hands, the wager is picked up by the dealer and the cards are placed in the discard holder. If the player wins one hand and loses the other, this is considered a "Push." No money exchanges hands and the cards are placed in the discard holder.

In this example, the player's two-card hand beats the banker's two-card hand and the player's five-card hand beats the banker's five-card hand. Therefore, the player wins and is paid even money, less a 5% commission.

