

How the Games Work

Pai Gow Tiles

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Pai Gow Tiles is a game of Chinese Dominoes played with thirty-two dominoes, dealt by the Dealer. At the beginning of a hand, the Banker will mix the 32 dominoes and arrange them in eight stacks of 4 dominoes – Four dominoes are dealt to each player, each vacant player position on the table, and to the dealer.

In Pai Gow Tiles, both the dealer and the players take turns being the bank. The bank is rotated after each round of play.

The object of the game is to create two hands in the best ranking combinations: the highest ranking combination (high hand) and a second highest combination (low hand). In order to win, the Player's high hand and low hand must beat the Banker's high hand and low hand.

If both of your hands beat the Banker's hands, you win and your bet is paid even money. If both your hands lose against the Banker's hands, you lose your bet. If you win one hand while the other hand loses, you'll push and your bet is returned to you. If you have the same ranking hands as the Banker, the Banker wins.

If you win both hands, the banker will collect 5% of your winnings as a commission.

Hand Ranking and Scoring

All of the dominoes have special names and rankings, as set out in the chart below. The red spots are not relevant to the ranking of the tiles. They are simply used to help distinguish one tile from another.

The highest ranking pair is an unmatched pair called Gee Joon. Together these two tiles are the highest ranking pair, but separately, each tile ranks the lowest.

The next eleven pairs are matched pairs beginning with Teen and ending with Look.

The remaining four pairs are the unmatched pairs of Gow, Bot, Chit and Ng.

The final two ranking combinations are called Wongs and Gongs. A Wong is any twelve or two tile combination with a nine. A Gong is any twelve or two tile with any eight.

If no Pairs, Wongs or Gongs exist in your hand, the hand is ranked by the individual numerical value (nine through zero).



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