

PAI GOW

Pai Gow Poker is the American version of Pai Gow, a traditional Asian game played with tiles that resemble dominoes. To make it easy, Pai Gow was introduced in the American market using standard 52-card deck and joker.

The goal of Pai Gow is to beat both of the dealer's hands. Each player, including the dealer, receives seven cards to make a five-card and a two-card hand. The five-card hand's rank must exceed the rank of the two-card hand. The two-card hand is known as the top, small or low hand. The five-card hand is called the bottom, high, or big hand. The hands have the same value as they would in traditional poker; however, there is one exception: Ace – 2- 3 – 4 – 5 is the second highest straight or straight flush and five aces is the highest hand in the game. In terms of the two card hand, any pair will beat any two unmatched cards (no other combinations are possible). The joker can only be used to complete a straight or a flush; otherwise, the joker will be used as an Ace.

Here's how to play Pai Gow Poker:

- Before the cards are dealt, each player puts up their bet
- Seven cards are dealt to each player
- Players then rearrange their cards into two hands (one of five cards, one of two cards). The five-card hand must be ranked higher than the two-card hand.
- The dealer's cards will be arranged into the same two hands as the players.
- Finally, the player's cards are compared to the dealer's cards to determine who's cards are of higher rank.
- Should a player be lucky enough to win both hands, the dealer will payout the amount the player bet
- If the dealer wins one hand but the player wins the other hand, no money is paid out. This is called a push.
- If the dealer wins both hands, the player loses their wager.
- When the player's hand ties the dealer's hand, the victory goes to the dealer.



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