

FORTUNE PAI GOW POKER

Pai Gow loosely translates to “make nine” and was the basis for games like Chemin de fer and baccarat. Out of the seven cards dealt to them, players make their best five-card and two-card poker hands to compete with the dealer’s two hands. The five-card hand must be stronger than the two-card hand. A winner is declared when both of his hands beat the dealer’s respective hands.

Split your seven cards into two poker hands. The five-card hand must be stronger than the two-card hand. (If your cards are 3, 6, 7, 8, 10, jack, king and king, you must place your pair of kings in the five-card hand, leaving the jack and 10 as your best two-card hand.)

Place your two hands on the table in their designated areas. The dealer will instruct you, if necessary.

Wait for the dealer to separate their cards to see if you’ve won. The winning cards beat both the dealer’s five-card and two-card hands. Winning only one hand results in a tie.

A large percentage of Pai Gow hands end up in ties and no money is exchanged.

The house gains its advantage from a 5 percent commission charged on winning bets. That is, 25 cents per \$5 bet.

If you’re unsure or confused on setting a hand, ask the dealer. He or she will help by showing you the way the house would play your hand.

Pai Gow offers a unique opportunity. A player may decide to become the Banker and all losing bets would become theirs, but conversely all winning bets are paid from the banker. The option to bank is rotated around the table counterclockwise and the casino always takes a turn. When Banking, the player taking the option must have enough money on the table to cover all bets and must wager an amount equal to their last bet against the casino.

PAI GOW HAND RANKINGS (LOW TO HIGH)

One Pair
Two Pair
Three of a Kind
Straight *(A, K, Q, J, 10 is the highest – A, 2, 3, 4, 5 is second highest)*
Flush
Full House
Four of a Kind
Straight Flush
Royal Flush
Five of a Kind *(four Aces and a Joker)*

FORTUNE BONUS SIDE BET

To play, players make a standard Pai Gow wager and the Fortune Bonus wager. If a player has wagered at least \$5 on the Fortune Bonus, the dealer will place an “Envy” button next to his wager. The dealer then follows house procedures for Pai Gow Poker. If a player’s hand qualifies for payouts, the dealer pays him according to the posted pay table. The dealer pays any Envy Bonuses at the end of each round. If at least one player has a four of a kind, all players with Envy buttons win. In the event that more than one player has at least a four of a kind, all players with Envy buttons win multiple payouts.

Note: A player cannot win Envy Bonuses for his own hand or the dealer’s hand.

HAND	PAYS	ENVY
7 Card Straight Flush	5,000 to 1	\$3,000
Royal Flush & Royal Match <i>(King/Queen Suited)</i>	2,000 to 1	\$1,000
7 Card Straight Flush w/ Joker	1,000 to 1	\$500
Five Aces	400 to 1	\$250
Royal Flush	150 to 1	\$50
Straight Flush	50 to 1	\$20
Four of a Kind	25 to 1	\$5
Full House	5 to 1	
Flush	4 to 1	
Three of a Kind	3 to 1	
Straight	2 to 1	

PROGRESSIVE SIDE BET

Fortune Pai Gow Poker Progressive adds a twist to Fortune Pai Gow Poker by giving players an opportunity to win all or part of a large, incrementally growing jackpot. To begin each round, players must make their standard Pai Gow wager and may also make the optional Fortune Bonus Pai Gow wager and the \$5 progressive wager. Once all players have made their wagers, the dealer follows the house procedures for Pai Gow Poker. While reconciling standard Pai Gow poker wagers, the dealer also reconciles Fortune bonus and progressive wagers. For the progressive wager, the top hands pay a percentage of the progressive jackpot. While other hands pay a fixed dollar amount. This \$5 Progressive is linked to Pai Gow Poker and Face Up Pai Gow Poker.

HAND	PAYS*
7 Card Straight Flush	100% of meter
Five Aces	10% of meter
Royal Flush	\$2,500
Straight Flush	\$500
Four of a Kind	\$375
Full House	\$20

* Original wager is NOT returned

\$50,000 Maximum Bonus Payout per player per hand. This does not apply to Envy Bonus payouts or Progressive Payout Wagers.

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