

— HOW *to* PLAY —

PAI GOW POKER

HOUSE WAY

| Hand | House Way | Example |
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| No Pair | The highest card is placed in the high hand, and the second and third highest cards will be placed as the low hand. | K♠Q♣ A♦10♣9♥6♠3♦ |
| One Pair | The pair will be placed in the high hand, and the next two highest cards will be placed as the low hand. | K♠9♣ 10♦10♣8♥5♠3♦ |
| Two Pair | Always split two pair and place the lowest pair as the low hand. | 9♦9♣ K♠K♣10♥5♠2♦ |
| | If the hand contains an ace or joker, the two pair will be placed in the high hand and the ace or joker in the low hand. | A♠8♣ J♦J♣6♦6♠3♥ |
| | * Exception- If the high pair is Jacks or higher and the low pair is 7's or higher, the pair will always split. | 8♠8♣ J♦J♥A♣10♥6♥ |
| | * Always split Aces and any other pair. | 4♠4♣ A♦A♣Q♠J♦10♥ |
| Three Pair | The highest pair will be placed in the low hand. | K♠K♣ 8♦8♣5♥5♠3♦ |
| Three-of-a-Kind | 3 of a kind will always be kept together in the high hand unless they are aces in which case one ace will be placed in the low hand. | A♠10♥ A♦A♣9♣3♦2♠ K♥8♠ 10♦10♣10♠5♦3♣ |
| Straight, Flush or Straight Flush . . . with no pair | Put two highest cards in the low hand; leave any complete hand in the high hand. | K♠Q♣ J♦10♣9♥8♠7♦ |
| Straight, Flush or Straight Flush . . . with one pair | The Pair will be placed in the low hand if a Straight, Flush or Straight Flush can be preserved in the high hand. | 8♠8♣ 7♣6♠5♠4♦3♥ |
| Straight, Flush or Straight Flush . . . with two pair | Play according to Two Pair Strategy. | K♠K♣ A♦A♣Q♥J♠10♦ |

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| Straight, Flush or Straight Flush . . . with three of a kind | Put a pair in the low hand; leave any complete hand in the high hand. | 9♦9♣ J♦10♣9♥8♠7♦ |
| Full House | The full house will always be split and the pair will be placed in the low hand. | Q♣Q♠ 5♥5♣5♦K♦J♥ |
| Full House... three of a kind | The highest three of a kind will be played as a pair in the low hand. | A♦A♣ 3♣3♦3♥A♠J♠ |
| Full House...if the hand contains an extra pair | The highest of the pair will be placed in the low hand. | 7♦7♣ 3♣3♦3♥2♠2♦ |
| Full House Exception | If the pair is 2's and the hand contains an ace and a king, the ace/king will be placed in the low hand and the full house will be kept together in the high hand. | A♥K♠ 2♦2♣7♦7♥7♠ |
| Four of a kind . . . 2's through 6's | Never split and play in the high hand | 3♣3♠ 2♥2♣2♦2♠4♦ |
| Four of a kind . . . 7's through 10's | Will split unless an ace can be placed in the low hand and the four of a kind can be placed in the high hand. | A♥K♠ 7♦7♥7♠7♣6♣ and 10♣10♦ 10♦10♠5♥4♠2♣ |
| Four of a kind . . . Jack's through Aces | Will always split | Q♦Q♥ Q♠Q♣9♣8♠3♦ |
| Four of a kind . . . Four of a kind with a pair or a three of a kind | The pair will be placed in the low hand unless they are aces, which will be split. | 7♥7♠ 10♣10♦10♥10♠7♣ A♦A♥ A♠A♣10♣10♥Q♣ |
| Four of a kind . . . exception | A pair of kings will be played as the low hand if the high hand contains four aces. | K♦K♣ A♦A♥A♠A♣2♣ |
| Five Aces | Five aces will always be split and the two aces will be placed in the low hand | A♠Joker A♥A♣A♦4♣4♦ |
| Five Aces exception | A pair of kings will be played as the low hand if the high hand contains five aces. | K♦K♣ A♦A♥A♣A♠Joker |

A-2-3-4-5 is considered the second highest straight.



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