

Fortune PAI GOW

Fortune 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 can be used only to complete any straight or any flush or as an ace.

Object of the Game

Each player at the table is dealt seven cards, which the player arranges to make two hands; a two-card hand and five-card hand. The five-card hand must always rank higher than the two-card hand. To win the wager, the player's two-card hand must rank higher than the banker's two-card hand and the player's five-card hand must rank higher than the banker's five-card hand. If the player's hand wins, the player will be paid even money less a 5% commission. The dealer will collect the commission when the winning wager is paid. Should a player's hand rank exactly the same as the banker's hand, this is a tie. Ties are also called copy hands and the banker wins all copy hands. If the player wins one hand but loses the other, this is considered a "push" and no money is won or lost.

Rules to Remember

Once the player has set their high and low hand and placed them face down on the layout, the player may not touch the cards again. Players are not allowed to show or discuss their cards with other players, while setting their hands. Any player's hand set incorrectly (e.g. the two-card hand ranks higher than the five-card hand, or the player puts three cards in one hand and four cards in the other) is an automatic loser or "fouled hand". Players are responsible for arranging their own hand and should do so with care. The house banker must set their cards according to "house ways". If an error is found, the hand must be reset according to the house way.

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Fortune Pai Gow Game Basics

Fortune Pai Gow is an optional bonus game that considers the best possible hand among the player's seven cards. A Fortune Bonus wager of at least \$5 qualifies for "Envy Bonus" payouts. Players win the Envy Bonus when someone else at the table receives a four-of-a-kind or higher.

Fortune Bonus Game Play

To begin each round, players make their standard Pai Gow wagers and the optional Fortune Bonus wager. If a player wagers at least \$5 on the Fortune Bonus, the dealer will place an "envy button" next to it. The dealer then follows house procedures for Pai Gow Poker. While reconciling the standard Pai Gow wagers, the dealer also reconciles Fortune Bonus bets. If the player's hand qualifies for payouts, the dealer pays him according to the posted pay table.

If the player's hand does not qualify the dealer takes his Fortune wager. The dealer pays any Envy Bonuses at the end of the round. If at least one player has a four-of-a-kind or higher, then all players with envy buttons win multiple payouts.

Note: A player cannot win Envy Bonuses for his or her own hand(s) or the dealers hand.

HAND	PAYS	ENVY
7 CARD STRAIGHT FLUSH (NO JOKER)	5,000 TO 1	\$3,000
ROYAL FLUSH + ROYAL MATCH (ROYAL FLUSH WITH K/Q OF SAME SUIT)	2,000 TO 1	\$1,000
7 CARD STRAIGHT FLUSH (W/JOKER)	1,000 TO 1	\$500
5 ACES	400 TO 1	\$250
ROYAL FLUSH	150 TO 1	\$50
STRAIGHT FLUSH	50 TO 1	\$20
4 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	

Maximum aggregate payout for any Fortune Bonus is \$50,000 per player, per hand.

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