



PAI GOW

DESCRIPTION

The ancient game of Pai Gow is played using Chinese tiles similar, in appearance only, to American dominoes. There are 32 tiles that are arranged into 16 pairs.

Each Player is "dealt" four tiles. The object of the game is for Players to set their tiles into the two best combinations of two tiles.

A player wins if both sets are of higher value when matched to the Designated Player's combinations. If both are lower, the Designated Player wins. If one set is superior and the other is not, it is a "push" and neither wins. When the Designated Player and a player have the same ranking combinations, it is called a "COPY" and the Designated Player is the winner.

METHOD OF PLAY

- 1 Players make a bet.
- 2 The Dealer mixes or shuffles the tiles face down, and places them in eight stacks of four each.
- 3 To insure the random distribution of the stacks of tiles, three dice are shaken. The total shown on the dice indicates to which seat the first stack of tiles is distributed.
- 4 Fee collection is taken before play begins.
- 5 Each Player arranges his tiles to make the two highest combinations of rankings. Assistance is available from the Dealer or Floor Supervisor in setting the tiles according to pre-established rankings, using centuries-old ranking charts.
- 6 When all players' tiles have been set, the Designated Player exposes his tiles, indicates to the Dealer how they should be set, and tells the Dealer to continue.
- 7 The Dealer then exposes each player's tiles, one player at a time, and compares their rankings with the Designated Player's ranking.

to determine the winner, as prescribed in the opening paragraphs above.

- 8 In order to win, a player must arrange his four tiles in two sets of two so that when compared to the Designated Player's two sets of two, they are both superiors in ranking. If both sets are of lesser ranking, the player loses. If one set is superior and the other is not, it is a "push" and neither wins. Should the front and/or back set(s) be identical (a copy), the Designated Player wins that set(s).
- 9 Bets are collected and paid only to the extent the Designated Player's money is in actio