

PLAYING THE *Game*

If you enjoy playing Pai Gow Poker or even traditional poker you will enjoy the fast and exciting action of Asia Poker. The best part is you already know the basics.

THE GAME

Asia poker is based on an ancient Chinese game called “13” and combines the elements of Pai Gow Poker 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 as an Ace, or to complete a straight, a flush, a straight flush or a royal flush.

RANKING THE HANDS

Each player at the table is dealt 7 cards, which the player arranges to make three hands; a one-card hand, two-card hand and a four-card hand. Each player shall set his or her hands arranging the cards into a high hand, medium hand and low hand. When setting the three hands, the four card high hand must be equal to or higher in rank than the two card medium hand, and the two card medium hand must be equal to or higher in rank than the one card low hand. For example, if the two card hand contains a pair of sevens, the four card hand must contain at least a pair of sevens and the two remaining cards.

OBJECT OF THE GAME

A player will win if any two of the player's three hands (high, medium or low hand) is higher in rank than any of the dealer's corresponding three hands (high, medium or low hand). If any one of the player's three hands is identical in rank to the corresponding hand of the dealer this is a tie. Ties are also called “copy hands,” and the dealer wins all copy hands.

RULES TO REMEMBER

Any player's hand that is set incorrectly (e.g. the two-card hand ranks higher than the four-card hand, or the player puts three cards in the four-card hand) is an automatic loser. Players are responsible for arranging their own hands and should do so with care.

The house must set all hands according to House Way. Hands set incorrectly by the dealer must be reset according to House Way.

The dealer will explain the rankings and assist you in arranging your hands the House Way, but is not responsible for wins or losses. The House Way is a set of rules determining how the dealer must set his or her hand or those of the novice players asking for help.

Only players who are seated at the Asia Poker table may place a wager at the game. Once a player has placed a wager and received cards that player must remain seated until the completion of the round of play.

