

Mahjong Hands for Beginners

Beginners often feel overwhelmed when they look at their tiles for the first time and don't know what to do. Most don't know where to look in the mahjong book. Then they start going through the book from the 1st page to the last.

Meanwhile the fellow players have started to yawn. Next they start putting their tiles together in pairs (if any) in order to get going with the game. Nothing wrong with putting the tiles in pairs and planning to do a Pair Hand, however, they may miss other hands that are easier to play and to win the game.

Here is how to start your first few sessions:

What to look for:

- How many Honours tiles you have
- Are there any Chows or possible Chows
- Could it be a run of one suit
- How many pairs you have

Then consider the following hands. They are hands considered easy and have a high probability to achieve except the one suit and the pair hands unless you have at least 5 pairs to start with and/or with joker(s).

These handful of hands are enough for you to win a tournament! Keep playing the hands below until you feel confident. When you start to play with a better player and see how they pick a hand from the book, you'll soon form that habit too.

Without Winds/Dragons (3 Honour tiles or less)

POTPOURRI

HALF LIMIT(CONCEALED)

Fishing = 200



Pure Pung



Pure Chow



Mixed Pung



Mixed Chow



Mixed Pair

CRAZY CHOWS

HALF LIMIT (Concealed)

Fishing = 200



Four Mixed Chows



Mixed Pair

With Winds/Dragons(4 Honours Tiles or more)

ETERNAL TRIANGLE

LIMIT(CONCEALED)

Fishing = 400



One of Each Wind, One of Each Dragon with any wind/dragon paired



Three Pairs in Each Suit

UNITED NATIONS

LIMIT(CONCEALED)

Fishing = 400



One of Each Wind, One of Each Dragon with any wind/dragon paired



Two Mixed Chows

WORLD TRADE ORGANISATION

LIMIT(CONCEALED)

Fishing = 400



Fishing = 200



Four Mixed Chows + Any Two Dragons

Typhoon



Half Limit (Concealed)

Fishing = 200



Three Mixed ChowsS

ZIGZAG



Three Mixed Chows

Half Limit (Concealed)

Fishing 200



Five Odd Honours

The Professors



Three Mixed Chows

Half Limit (Concealed)

Fishing 200



One of Each Dragon

Pr OWN Wind

Apple Blossom



Three Mixed Chows

Limit (Concealed)

Fishing 400



Pung/K Dragon

Pr Green Dragons

Mad Chows



Three Mixed Chows

Half Limit (Concealed)

Fishing 200



Chow & Pair in Same Suit

North Seas



Two Chows in Same Suit

Limit (Concealed)



Two Mixed Chows

Fishing 400



A Pair of North Winds

South Seas



Two Chows in Same Suit

Limit (Concealed)



Two Mixed

Fishing 400



A Pair of South Winds

Chow Hands

BOMBSHELL



Chow in Each Suit

Pung/K Dragons OR GRW + Pair of Winds

Limit (Concealed)



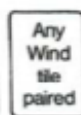
Fishing 400



WINDY CHOW



One of each Wind



Chow in each suit

HALF LIMIT (Concealed)

Fishing = 200



LITTLE ROBERT



Chow in each suit



HALF LIMIT (Concealed)

Fishing = 200



Pung/K in any suit



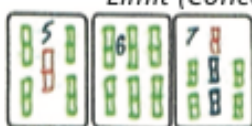
Pair any suit

Three Philosophers



Chow in each suit

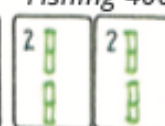
Limit (Concealed)



Mixed Chow



Fishing 400



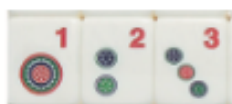
Pair any suit

Robin

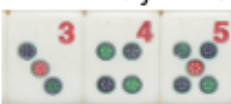


Chow in one suit.

Half Limit (Concealed)



2 Chows in Second Suit



Chow & Pair in Third Suit



Fishing 200



South Bank

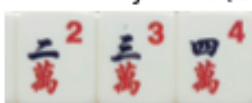


Chow in each suit

Half Limit (Concealed)



Mixed Chow N & S Wind



Fishing 200



Pairs

SEVEN TWINS



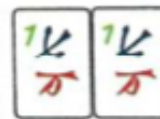
Seven Pairs of anything

HALF LIMIT (Concealed)

Fishing = 200



All tiles from wall—INCLUDING LAST



ALL PAIR



Seven Pairs in any suit with Winds, Dragons or both

HALF LIMIT (Concealed)

Fishing = 200



Mixed Pung Hands

Firecracker



3 Mixed Pungs



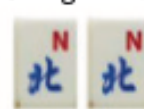
Pung/K Dragons OR GRW
Pair Winds



Limit (Concealed)



Fishing = 400



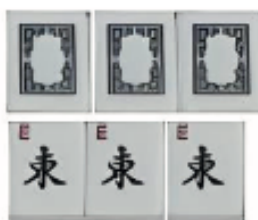
Asian Hash



3 Mixed Pungs (no 1s or 9s), a Pung of Dragons & a
Pair of Winds OR a Pungs of Winds & a Pair of
Dragons



Limit (Concealed)



Fishing 400



Newsy Pungs



3 Mixed Pungs



Half Limit (Concealed)



NEWS

Fishing = 200



One Suit

GRETA'S GARDEN



Run 1-7



One of each Wind

LIMIT (Concealed)

Fishing = 400



One of each Dragon

FIVE ODD HONOURS



Run 1-9

HALF LIMIT (Concealed)

Fishing = 200



Five odd Winds or Dragons-no pairs

Two Suits

Razzle

Half Limit (Concealed)

Fishing 200

5 Knitted Pairs in Two Suits
 One of Each Wind OR One of Each Dragon with One Paired

Knitting

Half Limit (Concealed)

Fishing = 200

Two Suits One tile from one suit paired with corresponding number from the other suit

Gertie's Garter

Limit (Concealed)

Fishing 400

Run 1-7 in one suit Run 1-7 in another suit

SALAD with DRESSING

Half Limit (Concealed)

Fishing = 200

Four Pairs in any **TWO** suits + Three **Mixed Pairs** of Winds & Dragons

Easy Exposed Hands

Gloria's Choice



Two Pung/K in one suit

Two Chows in second suit

A Pair in Third

Limit (Concealed) Half Limit (EXPOSED) Fishing =400/200

Ordinary Mahjong



Calculate Score

All in One Suit - Four Pungs/K + a Pair OR 3 Pungs/K + A Chow + A Pair

SOUTHERN COMMAND (PUNG VERSION)



2 Pung/K & a Pair in 1st Suit

A Chow & Pung/K in 2nd Suit

Limit (Exposed) Fishing 400

BIG BOB



Pung in Each Suit

A Chow & Pair in Different Suits

Limit (Exposed) Fishing 400