



**Standards of play:**

Fortune Pai Gow Poker adds a bonus bet element to the traditional game of Pai Gow Poker played in California Cardrooms. Each player competes against the Player-dealer to make the best possible hand.

In Fortune Pai Gow Poker, a player can place an optional Fortune Bonus Bet. A player that wagers at least \$5 on the Fortune Bonus Bet qualifies for an Envy Bonus prize.

**Type of card deck used:**

Fortune Pai Gow Poker is played with a standard 52 card deck including a Joker for a total of 53 cards. A joker may be used as an ace, to complete a straight or flush, or the joker may be completely wild, and used as any card in the deck.

The rank of each card used in Fortune Pai Gow Poker, in order of highest to lowest rank, shall be: Ace, King, Queen, Jack, Ten, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2. All suits shall be considered equal in rank.

The hand rankings for the game of Fortune Pai Gow Poker, in order of highest to lowest, are as follows:

<b>Hand Dealt</b>	<b>Hand Requirements</b>
<b>7 Card Straight Flush (No Joker)</b>	<i>A hand that consists of seven cards of the same suit in consecutive ranking that does not utilize a joker. An ace, king, queen, jack, 10, 9, and 8 is the highest ranked 7 Card Straight Flush (No Joker) hand and a 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2 and ace is the lowest ranked 7 Card Straight Flush (No Joker) hand.</i>
<b>Royal Flush + Royal Match</b>	<i>A hand that consists of ace, king, queen, jack, 10 and king, queen suited.</i>
<b>7 Card Straight Flush (With Joker)</b>	<i>A hand that consists of seven cards of the same suit in consecutive ranking that utilizes a joker. An ace, king, queen, jack, 10, 9, and 8 is the highest ranked 7 Card Straight Flush (With Joker) hand, with one of those cards being substituted with a joker, and a 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2 and ace is the lowest ranked 7 Card Straight Flush (With Joker) hand, with one of those cards being substituted with a joker.</i>
<b>Five Aces</b>	<i>A hand that consists of five cards containing all aces.</i>
<b>Royal Flush</b>	<i>A hand that consists of an ace, king, queen, jack and 10 of the same suit.</i>
<b>Straight Flush</b>	<i>A hand that consists of five cards of the same suit in consecutive ranking. A king, queen, jack, 10 and 9 is the highest ranked Straight Flush and a 5, 4, 3, 2 and ace is the lowest ranked Straight Flush.</i>
<b>Four of a Kind</b>	<i>A hand that consists of four cards of the same rank. Four aces is the highest ranked Four of a Kind and four 2's is the lowest ranked Four of a Kind.</i>



<b>Full House</b>	<i>A hand that consists of a Three of a Kind and a Pair. Three aces and two kings is the highest ranked Full House and three 2's and two 3's is the lowest ranked Full House.</i>
<b>Flush</b>	<i>A hand that consists of five cards of the same suit, but that are not in consecutive ranking. An ace, king, queen, jack and 9 is the highest ranked Flush and a 7, 6, 5, 4, 2 is the lowest ranked Flush.</i>
<b>Straight</b>	<i>A hand that consists of five cards that are in consecutive ranking, but that are not the same suit. An ace, king, queen, jack and 10 is the highest ranked Straight and a 5, 4, 3, 2 and ace is the lowest ranked Straight.</i>
<b>Three of a Kind</b>	<i>A hand that consists of three cards of the same rank. Three aces is the highest ranked Three of a Kind and three 2's is the lowest ranked Three of a Kind.</i>
<b>Two Pairs</b>	<i>A hand that consists of two pairs. Two aces and two kings is the highest ranked Two Pairs and two 3's and two 2's is the lowest ranked Two Pairs.</i>
<b>One Pair</b>	<i>A hand that consists of two cards of the same rank. Two aces is the highest ranked Pair and two 2's is the lowest ranked Pair.</i>
<b>High Card</b>	<i>A hand that consists of five cards that do not make any of the hands listed above. An ace, king, queen, jack and 9 is the highest ranked High Card hand and 7, 6, 5, 4, 2 is the lowest ranked High Card hand.</i>

**Dealing procedures:**

- ❖ The casino dealer will complete the deal of seven piles of seven cards face down in front of the casino dealer. When dealing the seven piles of seven cards, the casino dealer shall deal one card at a time to in front of them until there are seven cards, starting from left to right. Once there are seven cards laid out, the casino dealer shall deal each pile another card, from right to left, giving each pile a total of two cards. This process of dealing cards left to right, then right to left, shall be completed until each pile has seven cards. The remaining four cards shall be placed in the discard pile.
- ❖ Once the cards have been stacked, the player-dealer randomly selects which pile will be distributed to the first player who receives the "Action" button. The casino dealer identifies the hand by placing a button marked "Action" on this pile by pushing it forward and turning the pile behind it side ways.
- ❖ To determine the placement of the "Action" button, the player-dealer shakes a Dice Cup containing three standard dice. The sum of the dice indicates to which seat the first pile of seven cards will be distributed. The player-dealer's position is always one, eight, and fifteen. Other seats, in clockwise rotation, respectively represent the other numbers. If the numerical total of the dice are one, eight, or fifteen, the player-dealer shall receive the first set of cards and the player to the left of the player-dealer shall receive the "Action" button. Wagers shall be settled in a clockwise manner around the table, starting with the player



with the “Action” button. Furthermore, all wagers shall be settled from seat to seat in the following order: the Fortune Pai Gow Poker game wager, then the Fortune Bonus Bet wager, and then the Envy Bonus. Once the player-dealer’s wager has been exhausted, the wagers not covered by the player-dealer shall be returned to the respective players.

- ❖ Once the “Action” button position is determined, the casino dealer shall distribute the seven piles of cards, starting with the pile that has the “Action” button and continuing clockwise around the table. All seven piles of cards will be distributed to all seats at the table, regardless of whether a player is seated at each position or a wager has been placed. Once all of the piles of cards have been distributed, the casino dealer will collect the cards distributed to seats without a wager and place them in the discard pile.

**Type of gaming table utilized for this game:**

An industry standard Pai Gow Poker table will be used to play Fortune Pai Gow Poker. A table felt with the game name and segregated marked Fortune Bonus Bet areas. The game will be played on a standard pai gow poker table

**Number of players in the game:**

Fortune Pai Gow Poker is played on a standard Pai Gow Poker table which seats a maximum of seven players including the player-dealer position. The game may be played on a larger table that seats more than seven players; however, a maximum of seven players may be active in the game during each round of play.

**How and when are house fees collected:**

- ❖ Backline betting is permitted on all wagers.
- ❖ Fortune Pai Gow Poker utilizes a Player-dealer position and is a California game. The position shall be offered systematically and continuously in a clockwise manner around the table after every two hands. Additionally, the player-dealer position is identified with a “Bank” tile and is placed in front of that player’s seat position. The player-dealer shall collect all losing wagers, pay all winning wagers, and may not win or lose more than the original amount wagered. Once the player-dealer’s wager has been exhausted, the wagers not covered by the player-dealer shall be returned to the respective players. The gambling establishment does not participate in the actual play of the game and has no interest in the outcome of the play.

**Betting scheme:**

Players may place wagers bearing in mind the posted table minimum and maximum. Players must make a Fortune Pai Gow Poker game wager and will then have the option to make a Fortune Bonus Bet wager as well. If a player wagers at least \$5 on the Fortune Bonus Bet, the player qualifies for the Envy Bonus and the casino dealer must place an “Envy” button next to that player’s Fortune Bonus Bet wager.

The player-dealer may place a wager to cover some or all of the action on the table.



**Round of Play**

- ❖ Each player and the player-dealer put up any bets they wish to place for the next hand. Players have the option of placing a Fortune Bonus Bet wager at this time as well.
- ❖ The casino dealer will then follow dealing procedures and standards of play, as described above.
- ❖ Once the cards have been distributed, each player shall set their hands by arranging the seven cards into a two card hand which is placed in front of the five card hand, and a five card hand which is placed behind the two card hand. The five card hand must rank higher than the two card hand, according to the ranking of hands, as shown above.
- ❖ When all players' hands have been set, the casino dealer exposes the player-dealer's hand, and sets it according to the "House Way" chart for Casino Real, as shown below.

<b>Casino Real Fortune Pai Gow Poker House Way</b>	
<b>No Pair</b>	Put the 2nd and 3rd highest cards in front.
<b>One Pair</b>	Pair behind. 2 highest unpaired cards in front.
<b>Two Pairs</b>	If Big Pair is: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A's, K's or Q's: Put the small pair in front.</li> <li>2. J's, 10's or 9's: Put both pairs in back if you can put an Ace or Joker in front, otherwise split.</li> <li>3. 8's, 7's or 6's: Put both pairs in back if you can put a King or higher in front, otherwise split.</li> <li>4. 5's, 4's or 3's: Put both pairs in back if you can put a Queen or higher in front, otherwise split.</li> </ol>
<b>Three Pairs</b>	Put the highest pair in front with 2 pair behind.
<b>Three of a Kind</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A's: A+ next highest card in front.</li> <li>2. K's and below: Put three of a kind in back and the two other highest cards in front</li> </ol>
<b>Three of a Kind x 2</b>	Put pair from higher set in front.
<b>Straight, Flush or Straight Flush with No Pair</b>	Two highest possible cards in front that leaves any completed hand in back.
<b>Straight, Flush or Straight Flush and 1 Pair</b>	Two highest possible cards in front that leaves any complete hand behind.
<b>Straight, Flush or Straight Flush with 2 Pairs</b>	Set according to the 2 pair strategy
<b>Straight, Flush or Straight Flush with Trips</b>	Pair in front with complete hand behind.
<b>Full House</b>	Highest possible pair in front



<b>Four of a Kind</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A's, K's or Q's: Play four of a kind in back if you can put at least a pair in front, otherwise split</li> <li>2. J's, 10's or 9's: Play four of a kind in back if you can put at least a king up front, otherwise split</li> <li>3. 8's, 7's or 6's: Play four of a kind in back if you can put at least a queen up front, otherwise split</li> <li>4. 5's, 4's, 3's or 2's: Never Split</li> </ol>
<b>Five Aces</b>	Put pair if Aces in Front

\*Golden Rule: Always play a pair in front with a complete hand behind when possible. A complete hand is considered a Straight or better.

- ❖ Once the player-dealer's hands are set according to the "House Way," each player's hand is exposed, in turn, and compared to the player-dealer's hands to determine the winners, losers, or tie hands.
- ❖ Each player's five card hand will be compared to the player-dealer's five card hand, and each player's two card hand will be compared to the player-dealer's two card hand, in turn, starting with the "Action" button, to determine the winner according to the following criteria:
  - a. The Fortune Pai Gow Poker game wager wins if the two card hand and the five card hand held by the player ranks higher than the player-dealer's two card hand and the five card hand. Winning Fortune Pai Gow Poker game wagers are paid 1 to 1.
  - b. The Fortune Pai Gow Poker game wager loses if the two card hand and the five card hand held by the player ranks lower than the player-dealer's two card hand and the five card hand.
  - c. The Fortune Pai Gow Poker game wager "pushes" if one of the hands held by the player ranks higher than the player-dealer's corresponding hand, and the player's other hand ranks lower than the player-dealer's corresponding hand. In this case, neither the player nor the player-dealer wins or loses; the wager is a "push" and is returned to the player.
  - d. If one hand is identical in rank to the player-dealer's hand, it is a "copy hand." The player-dealer wins all "copy hands."
- ❖ Once the standard Pai Gow Poker wagers are settled (win, lose, tie/push) the casino dealer will determine if the player's hand qualifies for the Fortune Bonus Bet and/or the Envy Bonus.
- ❖ The Fortune Bonus bet considers the best hand possible among the player's seven cards.
- ❖ If the player's hand qualifies for payouts, the player is paid according to the posted pay table.



- The casino dealer leaves the “Envy” button, if applicable, next to the player’s original wager and payouts. The casino dealer will not pick up “Envy” buttons until all wagers are reconciled.
- ❖ If the player’s hand does not qualify for payouts, the player-dealer collects the Fortune Bonus Bet wager.
  - The casino dealer leaves the “Envy” button, if applicable, next to the player’s Fortune Pai Gow Poker game wager and payouts. The casino dealer will not pick up “Envy” buttons until all wagers are reconciled.
- ❖ The player-dealer pays any Envy Bonuses at the end of the round.
  - If at least one player has a Four of a Kind or higher, all players with “Envy” buttons win (see pay table).
  - In the event more than one player has at least Four of a Kind, then all players with “Envy” buttons win multiple payouts.
  - A player cannot win an Envy Bonus for their own hand or for the player-dealer’s hand.
- ❖ The player-dealer collects all losing Fortune Bonus Bet wagers and pays all winning Fortune Bonus Bet wagers.
- ❖ The cards are collected, shuffled, and a new round begins.
- ❖ The Player-dealer position rotates in a systematic and continuous way among the seated players, and no one player may serve as the player-dealer for more than two consecutive hands. The player-dealer position rotates clockwise around the table.

## Fortune Bonus Bet

### **RULES OF PLAY**

- ❖ For each seated position, there shall be one separate and specifically designated area for the placement of a Fortune Bonus Bet wager. A player may only place a Fortune Bonus Bet wager if they have also placed a Fortune Pai Gow Poker game wager prior to the initial deal.
- ❖ The Fortune Bonus Bet wager may be less than, equal to, or greater than the Fortune Pai Gow Poker game wager. However, the Fortune Bonus Bet wager must be within the minimum and maximum table limits.
- ❖ The Fortune Bonus Bet takes into account the first seven (7) cards dealt as a player’s hand. In the event that the first seven (7) cards dealt to a player that placed a Fortune Bonus Bet wager is a pre-determined and designated qualifying hand, as shown below, the Fortune Bonus Bet wager shall win. The player shall then receive a monetary payout based on the bonus hand that the player has received and the payable, as shown below. Any other combination of the first seven (7) cards dealt, other than the hands shown below, shall lose.





There is no opportunity for the Fortune Bonus Bet wager to tie as it is dependent on the cards dealt as the player's hand, not a comparison of cards or hands.

- ❖ The Joker can be used as an ace, to complete a straight or flush, or the joker can be completely wild on the Fortune Bonus Bet.
- ❖ The Fortune Bonus Bet wager remains in action regardless of whether the player's Fortune Pai Gow Poker game wager wins, loses, or pushes.
- ❖ **The player-dealer shall pay all qualifying Fortune Bonus Bet wagers and shall collect all Fortune Bonus Bet wagers that did not qualify.** Wagers are collected or paid, to the extent that the player-dealer's wager covers. Once the player-dealer's wager has been exhausted, the wagers not covered by the player-dealer shall be returned to the respective players.
- ❖ Qualifying Fortune Bonus Bet wagers shall be paid according to the table, as shown below.

## Envy Bonus

- ❖ A player that places a wager of at least \$5 on the Fortune Bonus Bet shall receive an "Envy" button and may qualify for the Envy Bonus payout if another player who placed a Fortune Bonus Bet wager receives a pre-determined and designated qualifying hand, as shown below. Players shall receive one (1) "Envy" button for each Fortune Bonus Bet wager in an amount equal to or greater than \$5.
- ❖ Seated players are eligible to receive an "Envy" button.
- ❖ The Envy Bonus takes into account the first seven (7) cards dealt as a player's hand. In the event that the first seven (7) cards dealt to a player that has placed a Fortune Bonus Bet wager is a pre-determined and designated qualifying hand, as shown below, all players with an "Envy" button shall win. However, a player is not eligible to win an Envy Bonus for their own hand if it qualifies for an Envy Bonus payout. However, if multiple players have made a seven (7) card qualifying Fortune Bonus Bet and Envy Bonus hand, then all players with an "Envy" button shall win, other than for their own hand. Players shall receive a fixed monetary payout based on the qualifying hand that another player has received and the payable, as shown below. Any other combination of the first seven (7) cards dealt, other than the hands shown below, shall lose.
- ❖ The Envy Bonus may win regardless of the outcome of the Fortune Pai Gow Poker game wager.



- ❖ **The player-dealer shall pay all qualifying Envy Bonuses and shall collect all “Envy” buttons that did not qualify.** Wagers are collected or paid, to the extent that the player-dealer’s wager covers. Once the player-dealer’s wager has been exhausted, the wagers not covered by the player-dealer shall be returned to the respective players.
- ❖ Qualifying Envy Bonus buttons shall be paid according to the table, as shown below.

## BONUS BET PAYTABLE

Hand	FPG-05	
	Pays	Envy
7 Card Straight Flush	5,000 to 1	\$5,000
Royal Flush + Royal Match	2,000 to 1	\$1,000
7 Card Straight Flush (With 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	
3 of a Kind	3 to 1	
Straight	2 to 1	

### **Glossary of terms used in the controlled game:**

<b>Action Pile</b>	The pile chosen by the Player-dealer, before the hand begins, which will be given out to the seated-position determined by the shake of the dice cup.
<b>“Action” button</b>	A token used to designate where the settling of bets will begin (the action).
<b>Action</b>	The player position where the settling of bets begins.
<b>Copy</b>	When a players hand is ranked equally to the Player-dealers hand.
<b>Envy Bonus</b>	A payout that is made if a player wagers at least \$5 on the Fortune Bonus bet and at least one player has a four of a kind or higher, all players with Envy buttons win.
<b>Fortune Bonus</b>	An optional wager that can be placed by a player and paid according the payable.
<b>Player-dealer</b>	Seated-position that, for any given hand of play, all other players at the table are playing against. The player in that position taking the Player-dealer position is also referred to as the Player-dealer.
<b>Seated-positions</b>	The seven designated positions on the table (often designated with a number) where players may place bets and receive a hand.





**Push** When a player wins either the high or the low hand and the Player-dealer wins the other.

**Collection Fees**

For **schedule options 1**, a collection fee shall be taken per betting circle from the player based on the player's total wager amount. The collection fee shall be taken per hand from the player-dealer position based on the total table action, which is the sum of all players' controlled game and bonus bet wagers. The collection fees shall be collected prior to cards being dealt or any round of play being conducted. Bonus bet wagers must be within table limits. The collection fees shall be pre-determined and conspicuously posted on each table prior to any cards being dealt or a round of play commencing. Rates may not be calculated as a fraction or percentage of wagers made or winnings earned. Flat fees on wagers may be assessed at different collection rates; however, no more than five collection rates may be established per table limit.

**Table Limit \$10 - \$500**

Schedule Options	Player's Total Wager Amount	Player Collection Fee (per betting spot)	Total Action on Table	Player-Dealer Collection Fee
1	\$10 - \$100	\$1	\$10 - \$100	\$1
	\$105 - \$200	\$2		
	\$205 - \$300	\$3	Over \$105	\$2
	\$305 - \$400	\$4		
	\$405 - \$500	\$5		

*\*There are four betting spots per seat.*