

Basic Ari-Ari Mahjong Rules

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Part I

Equipment

1 Tiles

2 Point Sticks

3 Utility

Part II

Playing the Game

4 Seting up a Game

4.1 Distributing the Point Sticks

At the beginning of the game, each player will have a total of 25,000 points. These are counted using point sticks. Below is the recommended distribution, however it can vary so long as the total value of the point sticks is 25,000.

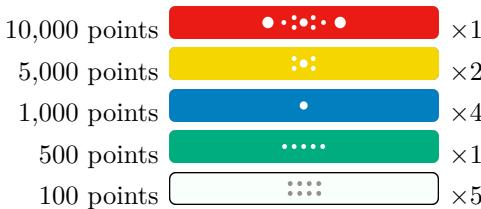


Figure 1: Recommended point stick distribution.

4.2 Drawing for Seats

After distribution of point sticks, the seating order of the players must now be determined. There are many ways to do this, three are detailed below. All of these require that you set aside the tiles East, South, West, and North.

Direct Draw

For this draw method, you will only need East, South, West, and North.

1. A player will shuffle all four of the tiles face down.
2. Every other player will draw a tile, leaving the last one to the player who shuffled them.

3. Each player will take the seat as dictated by their wind, allowing East to choose their seat first. They will be the dealer.

Traditional Draw

For this draw method, you will need a 1 and a 2 in addition to East, South, West, and North. This method requires everyone to be seated.

1. A player will shuffle all six of the tiles face down. Then they will roll both dice.
2. Counting counter-clockwise, starting from themselves, the player indicated by the dice will be Temporary East.
3. Temporary East will reveal the tiles and move the numbered tiles outwards to opposite edges.
4. If the dice roll in step 1 is odd, they will start drawing from the direction of the tile numbered 1. Otherwise they will start drawing from the direction of the tile numbered 2.
5. Distribute the tiles to each player in the order the tiles are in. Then rearrange the players so that they are seated in the correct order for the winds.
6. Lastly the Temporary East player will roll the dice one final time to determine the dealer to start the game.

Dealer Only Draw

For this draw method, you will only need East, South, West, and North. This method works best while everyone is seated already.

1. A player will shuffle all four of the tiles face down.
2. Every other player will draw a tile, leaving the last one to the player who shuffled them.
3. Whoever draws East will be the dealer, no one needs to move.

5 Setting up a Hand

5.1 Breaking the Wall

At the beginning of every hand, the dealer will roll two six-sided dice. This determines precisely where to break the wall. Firstly, count counterclockwise wall by wall starting from the dealer's wall. Then, upon counting to the value on the dice, break the wall that many tiles from the right of that wall.

For example, on the most common roll of a seven. You will count until you get to the West player's wall. After which you will break it seven from the right.

5.2 Distributing the Tiles

After breaking the wall, it is time to distribute the tiles to the players. Starting from the dealer, they will draw four tiles. Specifically a 2×2 block of tiles. After which the player to their right will grab the next 2×2 block. This continues until everyone has twelve tiles in their hand. After which, each player in turn order will draw one tile. Lastly, the dealer draws their normal draw to start their turn off.

The dealer may draw their thirteenth and fourteenth tiles together in a sort of jump draw, however that is nothing more than a shortcut for the above procedure.

5.3 Setting up the Dead Wall

After the tiles are distributed, the player whose wall was broken should set up the dead wall. This lies on the other side of the break. Flip the top tile of the third stack in face up. This is the Dora indicator. We deliberately leave four and only four tiles to the left of the Dora indicator for replacement draws for calling Kans (*p??/??*). Additionally, place the top tile of the leftmost stack to the left of the bottom tile of the same stack. This is done to avoid it getting knocked over so people will have an easier time earning the Rinshan Kaihou yaku (*p14*).

6 Gameplay

6.1 Taking a Turn

To start your turn, you will draw the next tile in the live wall, then you will choose and discard a tile from your hand. There are many things that can happen during your turn to modify this, and they will be detailed further below.

6.2 Calling for a Group

As a tile is being discarded, you can call for a group using that tile. There are three types of calls:

Chii –  “Calling for a Run”

!! Only from the player before you

×Superceded by Pon (p??), Kan (p??), Ron (p??)

As a tile is discarded, if it was discarded by the player before you in turn order, you can call “Chii”. Reveal two tiles from your hand that form a run with the discarded tile, then discard a tile from your hand.

6.3 Declaring Riichi

6.4 Declaring a Win

6.5 Exhaustive Draw

Part III

Scoring

7 Scoring

7.1 Paying out a Winning Hand

In order to pay out a winning hand, follow the following procedure:

1. Count the Han earned from Yaku 8, and Bonuses 9.1.
2. If that number is 4 or lower, count the Fu 10 the hand earns. Round that to the next 10, with the exception of hands winning with Chitoitsu (*p15*), that hand is always worth 25 fu.

After determining the Han, and if needed Fu, consult the table in Figure 2 to determine the score. Taking into account Dealer or Non-dealer, Ron or Tsumo. Note that the third column is what is paid by all for a dealer Tsumo.

Han				Non-dealer		Dealer	
1	2	3	4	Ron	Tsumo	Tsumo	Ron
30				1,000	300	500	1,500
40	20			1,300	400	700	2,000
50	25			1,600	400	800	2,400
60	30			2,000	500	1,000	2,900
70				2,300	600	1,200	3,400
80	40	20		2,600	700	1,300	3,900
90				2,900	800	1,500	4,400
100	50	25		3,200	800	1,600	4,800
110				3,600	900	1,800	5,300
	60	30		3,900	1,000	2,000	5,800
	70			4,500	1,200	2,300	6,800
	80	40	20	5,200	1,300	2,600	7,700
	90			5,800	1,500	2,900	8,700
	100	50	25	6,400	1,600	3,200	9,600
	110			7,100	1,800	3,600	10,600
		60	30	7,700	2,000	3,900	11,600
Mangan 5	+	+		8,000	2,000	4,000	12,000
Haneman 6,7				12,000	3,000	6,000	18,000
Baiman 8,9,10				16,000	4,000	8,000	24,000
Sanbaiman 11,12				24,000	6,000	12,000	36,000
Yakuman 13				32,000	8,000	16,000	48,000

Base Fu	Groups	Open	Closed	Wait/Pair Fu
Winning	20			Single Wait
Closed Ron	+10			Yakuhanai Pair
Pinfu Tsumo	=20			Tsumo
7 Pairs	=25			

Figure 2: In-Game Scoring Table

7.2 End of Game Scores

At the end of the game, you will convert your scores to what will be called Match Points. Then you will apply bonuses and/or penalties based on your placement in the game. This gets the final match score that you will carry with you to your next game in the series.

The procedure for doing it is as follows:

1. Subtract your ending score from 30,000. This 30,000 is called the Return Score.
2. Then divide the resulting value by 1,000.
3. Then apply the Placement Bonus, also called Uma. In this case, it is $+30/ +10/ -10/ -30$.
4. Then apply the First Bonus, also called Oka. It is calculated as $\frac{4 \times (\text{Return Score} - \text{Start Score})}{1,000}$, in this ruleset that is +20. As the name suggests, this applies only to first place.

To aid in this process, an additional match scoresheet is attached in Figure 7.2. It is recommended to use it for tabulating score after each Game to determine a winner in a four game series.

To give an example of the above procedure:

- A game ended with the scoreline of:
41,300, 24,900, 21,800, 12,000
- After paying back the return score it becomes:
11,300, ▲5,100, ▲8,200, ▲18,000
- Dividing by 1,000 becomes:
11.3, ▲5.1, ▲8.2, ▲18.0
- Adding the Uma:
41.3, 4.9, ▲18.2, ▲48.0
- Then the Oka:
61.3, 4.9, ▲18.2, ▲48.0

Basic Ari-Ari Mahjong Rules Scoresheet

Player 1 Player 2 Player 3 Player 4

Raw Score					<i>Game 1</i>
Match Points					
Placement					
Total					
Raw Score					<i>Game 2</i>
Match Points					
Placement					
Subtotal					
Total					
Raw Score					<i>Game 3</i>
Match Points					
Placement					
Subtotal					
Total					
Raw Score					<i>Game 4</i>
Match Points					
Placement					
Subtotal					
Grand Total					

Starting Score: 25,000
Uma: +30/+10/▲10/▲30

Return Score: 30,000
Oká: +20

Basic Ari-Ari Mahjong Rules Game Scoresheet

	East	South	West	North
Starting Score	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
局 本場	供託	供託	供託	供託
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Final Score				
Match Points				
Placement				
Total				

Starting Score: 25,000
 Uma: +30/+10/▲10/▲30

Return Score: 30,000
 Oka: +20

8 Yaku

8.1 1 Han Yaku

Riichi – リーチ “Riichi”

!! Closed Hand Only

←Enables Ippatsu (p13)

⇐Enables Ura Dora (p22)

↔Upgrades into Double Riichi (p13)

Declare Riichi. That is, while you have a ready hand, and it is a closed hand, wager 1,000 points and discard a tile sideways. You can only discard the tile you draw from that point on.

Ippatsu – 一発 “One Shot”

!! Closed Hand Only

✗Broken by Chii, Pon, or Kan calls

→Requires Riichi (p13)

Win on or before your next turn after declaring Riichi.

Double Riichi – ダブルリーチ “Double Riichi”

!! Closed Hand Only

←Enables Ippatsu (p13)

→Stacks with Riichi (p13)

Declare Riichi on your first turn.

Menzen Tsumo – 門前清自摸和 “Fully Concealed Tsumo”

!! Closed Hand Only

While your hand is closed, draw a tile that completes your hand.

Pinfu – 平和 “Pinfu”

!! Closed Hand Only

⇐Has specific Fu values (p24/25)

Your hand does not generate any additional fu. That is, your hand is all sequences, your pair is not a Yakuhan (p14), and the final block waiting to be filled is an open ended run.

Iipeikou – ^{イーベーゴー} 一盃口 “Twin Sequences”

!! Closed Hand Only

← Upgrades to Ryanpeikou (p17)

Have two copies of the same sequence in your hand. (*Differently colored tiles are counted the same as their basic equivalent.*)

Haitei Raoyue – ^{ハイティラオユエ} 海底捞月 “Under the Sea”

Win by drawing the last tile in the live wall.

Houtei Raoyui – ^{ホーテイラオユイ} 河底捞魚 “Under the River”

While there are no tiles in the live wall, win off a discard.

Rinshan Kaihou – ^{リンシャンカイホウ} 嶺上开花 “After a Kan”

× Negates Haitei Raoyue (p14)

After calling a Kan, win off the replacement tile drawn from the dead wall.

Chankan – ^{チャンカン} 搶槓 “Robbing a Kan”

As a player upgrades a Pon to a Kan, win off the tile used to perform the upgrade. The Kan does not resolve and is interrupted. You can claim this off a Closed Kan for Kokushi Musou (p20)

Yakuhanai – ^{やくはい} 役牌 “Valued Tile”

← A collective term for Jikaze (p14), Bakaze (p15), Sangenpai (p15)

This is a name for a group of Yaku. Each of them ask for a group of a type of Honour tile.

Jikaze – ^{じかぜ} 自風 “Seat Wind”

→ A type of Yakuhanai (p14)

← Upgrades into Renfuu (p16) with Jikaze (p14)

← Upgrades into Shousuwushii (p19)

Have a group of the wind corresponding to your seat.

Bakaze – 場風 ばかぜ “Round Wind”

→A type of *Yakuhanai* (p14)

←Upgrades into *Renfuu* (p16) with *Bakaze* (p15)

←Upgrades into *Shousuushii* (p19)

Have a group of the wind corresponding to the current round.

Sangenpai – 三元牌 さんげんパイ “Dragon Tiles”

→A type of *Yakuhanai* (p14)

←Upgrades into *Shousangen* (p16)

Have a group of any dragon tile.

Tanyao – 断幺九 タンヤオチュー “All Simples”

None of the tiles in your hand are Orphan tiles.

Sanshoku Doujun – 三色同順 さんしょくどうじゅん “Mixed Triple Sequences”

+More Valuable if Closed (p16)

Have the same numbered run in each of the three numbered suits.

Ittsuu – 一氣通貫 いっきつうかん “Full Straight”

+More Valuable if Closed (p16)

Have a sequence of 123, 456, 789 in the same suit as one another.

Chanta – 混全帶公九 ホンチャンタイヤオチュウ “Half Outside Hand”

+More Valuable if Closed (p16)

←Upgrades into *Junchan* (p16/18)

←Upgrades into *Honroutou* (p17)

Each block in your hand contains at least one Orphan tile.

8.2 2 Han Yaku

Chiitoitsu – 七対子 チートイツ “Seven Pairs”

!! Closed Hand Only

⇐Has specific Fu value (p25).

Your hand is made up of seven pairs.

Renfuu – 運風 “Double Wind”

→ Upgrades from Jikaze (p14) and Bakaze (p15)

← Upgrades to Shousuushii (p19)

Have a group of Wind tiles that is both your seat wind and the round wind.

Shousangen – 小三元 “Small Three Dragons”

→ Upgrades from Two Copies of Sangenpai (p15)

← Upgrades to Daisangen (p19)

Have two groups of Dragon tiles, with your pair being the third Dragon tile.

Menzen Sanshoku Doujun – 門前三色同順 “Closed Mixed Triple Sequences”

!! Closed Hand Only

– Less valuable when Opened (p15)

With a closed hand, have the same run in each of the three numbered suits.

Menzen Itsuu – 門前一氣通貫 “Closed Full Straight”

!! Closed Hand Only

– Less valuable when Opened (p15)

With a closed hand, have a sequence of 123, 456, 789 in the same suit as one another.

Menzen Chanta – 門前混全帶公九 “Closed Half Outside Hand”

!! Closed Hand Only

– Less valuable when Opened (p15)

← Upgrades to Junchan (p16/18)

With a closed hand, have each block in your hand contain at least one Orphan tile.

Junchan – 純全帶公九 “Full Outside Hand”

+ More valuable if Closed (p18)

→ Upgrades from Chanta (p15/16)

← Upgrades into Chinroutou (p19)

Each block in your hand must contain at least one Terminal tile.

Honroutou – 混老頭 ホンロウトウ “All Terminals and Honours”

→ Upgrades from Chanta (p15/16)

← Upgrades into Chinroutou (p19)

Each block in your hand must be comprised of only Orphan tiles.

Toitoi – 対々和 トイトイホー “All Triplets”

← Upgrades to Suuankou (p19)

← Upgrades to Suukantsu (p20)

All blocks in your hand must be groups.

Sanankou – 三暗刻 サンアンコウ “Three Concealed Triplets”

← Upgrades to Suuankou (p19)

Your hand contains three closed groups.

Sankantsu – 三槓子 サンカンツ “Three Kans”

← Upgrades to Suukantsu (p20)

Your hand contains three Kans.

Sanshoku Doukou – 三色同刻 サンショクドウコウ “Triple Triplets”

Have the same numbered group in each of the three numbered suits.

Honitsu – 混一色 ホンイーツー “Half Flush”

← Upgrades to Chinitsu (p18/18)

Your hand contains tiles from only one numbered suit and Honour tiles.

8.3 3 Han Yaku

Ryanpeikou – 二盃口 リヤンペイコウ “Double Twin Sequences”

!! Closed Hand Only

→ Upgrades from Iipeikou (p14)

Have two copies each of two sequences in your hand. (*Differently colored tiles are counted the same as their basic equivalent*)

Menzen Junchan – 門前純全帶公九 メンゼン ジュンチャンタイヤオチュウ “Closed Fully Outside Hand”

!! *Closed Hand Only*

– *Less valuable when Opened (p16)*

→ *Upgrades from Chanta (p15/16)*

← *Upgrades into Chinroutou (p19)*

With a closed hand, each block in your hand must contain at least one Terminal tile.

Menzen Honitsu – 門前混一色 メンゼン ホンイーツー “Closed Half Flush”

!! *Closed Hand Only*

+ *Less valuable if Opened (p17)*

← *Upgrades to Chinitsu (p18/18)*

With a closed hand, it is made of tiles from only one numbered suit and Honour tiles.

8.4 5 Han Yaku

Chinitsu – 清一色 チニイーツー “Full Flush”

+ *More valuable when Closed (p18)*

→ *Upgrades from Honitsu (p17/18)*

Your hand contains tiles from only one numbered suit.

8.5 6 Han Yaku

Menzen Chinitsu – 門前清一色 メンゼン チニイーツー “Closed Full Flush”

!! *Closed Hand Only*

– *Less valuable when Opened (p18)*

→ *Upgrades from Honitsu (p17/18)*

With a closed hand, it is made of tiles from only one numbered suit.

8.6 Yakuman

Tenhou – 天和 “*Blessing of Heaven*”

!! *Closed Hand Only*

While you are the dealer, win on your opening hand.

Chiishou – 地和 “*Blessing of Earth*”

!! *Closed Hand Only*

✗ *Broken by Chii, Pon, or Kan calls*

While you are not the dealer, win on your first draw.

Daisangen – 大三元 “*Big Three Dragons*”

→ *Upgrades from Shousangen (p16)*

Your hand contains three groups of Dragon tiles.

Shousuushii – 小四喜 “*Small Four Winds*”

→ *Upgrades from Jikaze (p14)*

→ *Upgrades from Bakaze (p15)*

→ *Upgrades from Renfuu (p16)*

↔ *Upgrades into Daisuushii (p20)*

Your hand contains three groups of Wind tiles, with your pair being the fourth.

Chinroutou – 清老頭 “*All Terminals*”

→ *Upgrades from Junchan (p16/18)*

→ *Upgrades from Honroutou (p17)*

Your hand contains only Terminal tiles.

Tsuuiisou – 宇一色 “*All Honours*”

Your hand contains only Honour tiles.

Suuankou – 四暗刻 “*Four Concealed Triplets*”

→ *Upgraded from Toitoi (p17)*

→ *Upgraded from Sanankou (p17)*

← Upgrades to Suuankou Tanki (p20)

Your hand contains four closed groups.

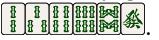
Suukantsu – 四槓子 ^{スーカンツ} “Four Kans”

→ Upgraded from Toitoi (p17)

→ Upgraded from Sankantsu (p17)

Your hand contains four Kans.

Ryuuiisou – 緑一色 ^{リューアイーソー} “All Green”

Your hand only contains tiles which are entirely green. You don't need to use the green dragon. Those tiles are: 

Chuurenpooutou – 九連宝灯 ^{チュウレンボウトウ} “Nine Gates”

!! Closed Hand Only

← Upgrades to Junsei Chuurenpooutou (p21)

Your hand contains the following pattern in only one numbered suit: 1112345678999, with an additional tile in the same numbered suit.

Kokushi Musou – 国士無双 ^{こくしぬそう} “Thirteen Orphans”

!! Closed Hand Only

← Upgrades to Kokushi Musou Juusanmen Machi (p21)

Your hand contains the following pattern: , with an additional Orphan tile.

8.7 Double Yakuman

Daisuushii – 大四喜 ^{ダイスーシー} “Big Four Winds”

→ Upgrades from Shousuushii (p19)

Your hand contains four groups of Wind tiles.

Suuankou Tanki – 四暗刻单騎待ち ^{スーアンコー たんきまち} “Four Concealed Triplets, Single Tile Wait”

→ Upgrades from Suuankou (p19)

Your hand contains four closed groups.

Junsei Chuurenpooutou – 純正九連宝灯 “Pure Nine Gates”

!! Closed Hand Only

→ Upgrades from Chuurenpooutou (p20)

The closed part of your hand contains the following pattern in only one numbered suit: 1112345678999, with an additional tile in the same numbered suit.

Kokushi Musou Juusanmen Machi – 国士無双十三面待ち

“Thirteen Orphans Thirteen-sided Wait”

!! Closed Hand Only

→ Upgrades from Kokushi Musou (p20)

Your hand without your winning tile contains the following pattern:



9 Bonus

9.1 1 Han Bonus

Dora – 表ドラ “Dora”

For every tile face up in the Dead Wall - also called a dora indicator - have a tile that is next in sequence in your hand. When a Kan is declared, a new dora indicator will be revealed. For example, if is a dora indicator, is dora.

Ura Dora – 裏ドラ “Under Dora”

⇒ Enabled by Riichi (p13)

For every tile face up in the Dead Wall - also called a dora indicator - reveal the tile underneath it. This includes new dora indicators from Kans. For those tiles under the dora indicators, have a tile next in sequence in your hand. For example, if is a dora indicator, is dora.

Aka Dora – 赤ドラ “Red Dora”

Have a tile in your hand that is repainted to be entirely Red.

9.2 100 Point Bonus

Honba – 積み棒 “Continuance Counter”

For every exhaustive draw, or dealer repeat, add one Honba to the table. After a hand is won that does not meet any of the prior criteria, set the amount of Honba to 0.

10 Fu

10.1 2 Fu

チュウチャンパイ みんこー

Pon – 中張牌明刻 “Open Simples Triplet”

Have an Open Triplet of any non-orphan tile.

いっしゅ ま

Isshu Machi – 一種待ち “Single Tile Wait”

→A collective term for Tanki Machi (p23), Penchan Machi (p23), Kanchan Machi (p23)

This is a name for a group of Fu giving shapes. Each of them ask for your wait to contain one and only one type of tile.

たんき ま

Tanki Machi – 単騎待ち “Pair Wait”

→A type of Isshu Machi (p23)

The block in your hand that was completed to win, was a single floating tile becoming a pair. For example,

へんちゃん ま

Penchan Machi – 辺張待ち “Edge Wait”

→A type of Isshu Machi (p23)

The block in your hand that was completed to win was either a “12” or “89” block. For example,

ほんちゃん ま

Kanchan Machi – 嵌張待ち “Middle Wait”

→A type of Isshu Machi (p23)

The block in your hand that was completed to win was a run waiting on its middle tile. For example,

やくはい じょんどう

Yakuhan Jantou – 役牌雀頭 “Valued Pair”

→Upgrades to Renfuu Jantou (p24)

The pair in your hand is a tile that fits a Yakuhan Yaku (p14).

つも あ

Tsumo – 自摸上がり “Win by Self-Draw”

You win by drawing your winning tile from the wall.

Kuipinfu – 食い平和 キンブ “Open Pinfu”

!! Open Hand Only

Win a hand, that if it were closed, would qualify for the Pinfu yaku (p13).

10.2 4 Fu

Renfuu Jantou – 連風雀頭 レンブー ジャンとう “Double Wind Pair”

→ Upgrades from Yakuhan Jantou (p23)

The pair in your hand is a tile that fits the Renfuu Yaku (p16).

Ankou – 中張牌暗刻 チュウザンパイ あんこー “Closed Simples Triplet”

Have a Closed Triplet of any non-orphan tile.

Yaochuuahai Pon – 玄九牌明刻 ヤオチューハイ みんこー “Open Orphan Triplet”

Have an Open Triplet of any orphan tile.

10.3 8 Fu

Yaochuuahai Ankou – 玄九牌暗刻 ヤオチューハイ あんこー “Closed Orphan Triplet”

Have a Closed Triplet of any orphan tile.

Kan – 明槀 ミンカン “Open Simples Quad”

Have an Open Quad of any non-orphan tile.

10.4 10 Fu

Menzen Ron – 門前出上がり メンゼン で あ “Closed Ron”

!! Closed Hand Only

→ Stacks with Fuutei (p25)

With a closed hand, win off of a discard.

10.5 16 Fu

Ankan – 中張牌暗槓 チュウチャンパイ あんかん “Closed Simples Quad”

Have a Closed Quad of any non-orphan tile.

Yaochuuhai Kan – 玄九牌明槓 ヤオチューハイ みんかん “Open Orphan Quad”

Have an Open Quad of any orphan tile.

10.6 20 Fu

Fuutei – 副底 フーテイ “Base Fu”

!! Always Applied

←Stacks with Menzen Ron (p24)

Win a hand. This fu is almost always added to a winning hand.

Pindzumo – 平和自摸上がり ピンフ ツモ あ “Pinfu Tsumo”

×Negates all other fu, including Fuutei (p25)

!! Closed Hand Only

⇒Requires Pinfu (p13)

Win a closed Pinfu (p13) hand off a self draw.

10.7 25 Fu

Chiitoitsu – 七対子 チートイツ “Seven Pairs”

×Negates all other fu, including Fuutei (p25)

!! Closed Hand Only

⇒Is also a Yaku (p15)

Win a hand that qualifies for Chiitoitsu (p15).

10.8 32 Fu

Yaochuuhai Ankan – 玄九牌暗槓 ヤオチューハイ あんかん “Closed Orphan Quad”

Have a Closed Quad of any orphan tile.