# Mahjong Tournament - 3/28/2025 Mahjong Rules

### **Seating & Game Time**

- Assigned Seating will be given to each player
- Tables will be labeled Table A, Table B, Table C and Table D, Table E and maybe Table F
- Seats will be labeled Seat 1-20. (Depending how many registers, may be more)
- Seats will have a color, make sure you sit in that same color at all times when rotating rounds. (Green, Orange, Blue, Yellow)
- Total time per Game is 45 min, Total of 3 rounds (We will have 5 min breaks in between)
- The table "round" will stay the same until the players change tables. The first round will be **East** no matter how many games are played at the table. When the players change tables, the round will then be **South.** When the players move to the third table the round will be **West.**
- Last 25 min will calculate the final score and announce 1st, 2nd and 3rd, along with any raffles.
- #1 rule if any player calls out MAHJONG, do not throw in your tiles until it is confirmed. (If player made a mistake, then that player will receive a negative 1 score and will not be able to Mahjong)
- Winning game must be reported to the scorekeepers (Lorena, Eddie, Carmen) and they will input total score for any winning player.

#### Game Start right at 3pm

- To start out the game and see who the dealer will be, all players will throw the (3) dice, the player who rolls the highest number will start the game as Dealer. (**East Wind**) The Dealer will then throw (2) dice to determine wall of tiles to start with.
- Every player is responsible to pick up their own tiles (sets of 4), then 1 & 3 for dealer and 1 for each other player until all players have reached 13 tiles except for Dealer which should have 14 tiles total.
- If you get a Flower, each player will pick up their own tile from the end of the dragon wall tail, Dealer must get their tile first, then South, West and North. (If you get a 2<sup>nd</sup> flower in a roll after picking up a tile at the Dragon wall tail then everyone else who has a flower must pick up their tile from the dragon wall tail and then you can get your tile. Before you start the game make sure everyone has their flowers.
- No matter who wins the game the rotation for the next Dealer will always rotate. If you are Dealer and you win, the person to your right will then be dealer for the next game and so on.
- If a player knocks any tiles face up before the game starts, then the game will need to be reshuffled and start from the beginning. If a tile is knocked face up during the game that tile is now dead, and no one can get that tile and the player who knocked the tile down will then lose a turn.
- If a player picks up a tile and it is not their turn, they will then have to keep that tile, they will lose their turn and cannot discard a tile, the next player will then go and once all players have gone around once then the player that lost his turn will then be able to discard a tile and NOT pick up a tile. The game will then proceed. (If this happened twice in a game with the same player then that player will get a negative point)
- If a Player discards a tile, that tile has to be discarded on the table, no take backs.
- <u>5 second rule</u>, once a player discards a tile, the next player must wait at least 5 seconds before discarding their tile. (This will give other players a chance to be able to get that last tile if needed because once the next player discards a tile, no one can claim that last tile that was discarded before, even if it was a Pong or Chao)

- If a Player calls out a wrong tile when discarding, (3 dot thrown and called out 3 bamboo) and another player has a Mahjong or a Chow or Pong with the tile that was called out incorrectly, then that player can use that tile that was called out incorrectly and the player that made the mistake will receive a negative 1 point. If the incorrect tile that was discarded is not needed by any other players, then the player who made the mistake loses a turn.
- If you call out **MAHJONG** and you <u>DO NOT</u> have a Mahjong win, you will then get a negative point, and the game will continue but you will no longer be able to win that game. This is only fair to all players that are playing.
- Game starts right at 3:00pm..... (Each Round will be a total of 45min)
  - 1st Round 3:00pm- 3:45pm then everyone will change assigned seats and tables except for seats #1, 5, 9, 13, 17, 21 (SEE ASSIGNED SEATING CHART)
  - o 5 min Break 3:45pm- 3:50pm
  - 2nd Round- 3:51pm- 4:36pm then everyone will change assigned seats and tables except for #1, 5, 9, 13, 17, 21 (SEE ASSIGNED SEATING CHART)
  - 5 min Break 4:36pm –4:41pm
  - o 3rd Round- 4:42pm-5:27pm -Final Round
  - o **ANNOUNCEMENT-** 5:30pm- 5:55pm –Raffles, add final score, Top 3 Finalist announced.

\*\*\*\*\*\* IMPORTANT INFO\*\*\*\*\*\*- If the next game round starts and you are not at your assigned seat you will then be skipped to roll the dice at the beginning of the game to determine the dealer. If you are more than 5 min late back to the game a staff member can set up your tiles for you or you will have to sit out until the next game.

## **Mahjong Points-**

• Winner who MAHJONG

1 Point Total



#### \*\*\* BONUS POINTS ARE ONLY ADDED IF YOU WIN MAHJONG AND HAVE ANY OF THESE SETS \*\*

• Flowers (Any)

+1 Point Total





• KONG (4 of a Kind- ANY)

+1 Point Total



PONG of your Seating Wind (E, S, W, N)

+1 Point Total



PONG of Any Dragons (Red, Green, White)

+1 Point Total

