

## 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 will miss winning the game.

Here is how to start your first few sessions and try to create order out of chaos.

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 considered easy hands and have a higher probability rate. The one suit and the pair hands are harder to achieve unless you have at least 5 pairs or a broken run 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 Honours (3 Honour tiles or less)

Pg 27\*

**RUNNING SCARED**



**HALF LIMIT (CONCEALED)**



**Fishing = 200**



**RUNNING IRISH**



**HALF LIMIT (CONCEALED)**



**Fishing = 200**



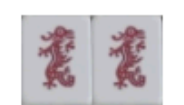
**RUNNING HOT**



**HALF LIMIT (CONCEALED)**



**Fishing = 200**



**MR. ROBERT**



**HALF LIMIT (CONCEALED)**



**Fishing = 200**



**MR. ROGER**



**HALF LIMIT (CONCEALED)**



**Fishing = 200**



4 Mixed Chows, A pair of Dragons

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**CRAZY CHOWS**



**HALF LIMIT (Concealed)**

**Fishing = 200**



Four Mixed Chows

Mixed Pair

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**POTPOURRI**

**HALF LIMIT (CONCEALED)**

**Fishing = 200**



Pure Pung



Pure Chow



Mixed Pung



Mixed Chow



Mixed Pair

# With Honours (4 Honours Tiles or more)

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## ETERNAL TRIANGLE



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

## LIMIT(CONCEALED)

Fishing = 400



Three Pairs in Each Suit

## UNITED NATIONS



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

## LIMIT(CONCEALED)

Fishing = 400



Two Mixed Chows

## WORLD TRADE ORGANISATION



## LIMIT(CONCEALED)

Fishing = 400



Pg 21 & 28

## MAD CHOWS

## HALF LIMIT(CONCEALED)

Fishing = 200



Three Mixed Chows



A Chow and A Pair in the same suit

## TYPHOON

## HALF LIMIT(CONCEALED)

Fishing = 200



One of Each Wind with one paired



Three Mixed Chows

## WINDY CHOW

## HALF LIMIT (Concealed)

Fishing = 200



One of each Wind



Chow in each suit

# Chow Hands

Pg 16

**SOUTH BANK** Half Limit (Concealed) Fishing 200



Chow in each suit Mixed Chow N & S Wind

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**ROBIN** Half Limit (Concealed) Fishing 200



Chow in one suit. 2 Chows in Second Suit Chow & Pair in Third Suit

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**LITTLE ROBERT** HALF LIMIT (Concealed) Fishing = 200




Chow in each suit Pung/K in any suit Pair any suit

# Pairs

Pg 31

**SEVEN TWINS** HALF LIMIT (Concealed) Fishing = 200



Seven Pairs of anything All tiles from wall—INCLUDING LAST

Pg 31

**ALL PAIR** HALF LIMIT (Concealed) Fishing = 200




Seven Pairs in any suit with Winds, Dragons or both

# One Suit

Pg 14

**GRETA'S GARDEN** **LIMIT (Concealed)** Fishing = 400



Run 1-7 One of each Wind One of each Dragon

Pg 10

**FIVE ODD HONOURS** **HALF LIMIT (Concealed)** Fishing = 200



Run 1-9 Five odd Winds or Dragons—no pairs

\* All page numbers are from the 2024 edition mahjong book

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*Next lesson : Goulash and Penalties*