

**5C. EZ Pai Gow: Commission-free Pai Gow Poker House rules set**  
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1. **Pai Gow:** Highest card in five card hand, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> strongest on two card side.  
*All Hands push on Dealer's **Queen-only** Pai Gow, except Bonus bets*
2. **One pair:** Always play pair in five card side, with next two strongest cards up
3. **Two pairs:**
  - a. Always split Ace-high two pairs.
  - b. Always split faces and 7's or better, except when having an AK for the top.
  - c. Always keep all two-pairs 6's and less.
  - d. Split all other two pairs without an ace, but keep together with an ace.
4. **Three pairs:** always play the highest pair in the two-card side
5. **Three of a kind, simple (no flush or straight with it):**
  - a. Three Aces always split 2-and-1, as a pair of aces for the five-card side.
  - b. All other three of a kinds (Kings and less) never break up.
6. **Two three of a kinds:** split off a pair from the higher group for the top.
7. **Straights and/or flushes:**
  - a. Straight or flush with **Ace-face or pair** for the top and two pairs: Play as straight/flush with ace-face or pair top; ignore all two pairs present.
  - b. Straight or Flush with **KJ to A-x top** and two pairs: Play as straight/flush, - except if Aces or Faces with 6's or better two pairs can be split:
  - c. Straight or flush **K-low** or lower top and two pairs: Play as two pairs if:
    - i. Eight-high two pairs can be split, OR
    - ii. Two pairs with any ace top can be played.
  - d. Straight with Flush: if you cannot produce a good hand with a), b) or c), then play the straight or flush with the higher top.
  - e. Straight or flush with three pairs: Always play as a three pair hand.
  - f. Straight or flush with three of a kind: always play as straight or flush with pair or ace up. (Play 9888765 as 98765/88, and AA\*2459=A2\*45/A9)
  - g. Straight or flush with full house: Play as flush or straight if it has any pair for the top, else treat as full house, below.
8. **Straight flush or Royal Flush:** Always handle as straight and/or flush, above.
9. **Full house:**
  - a. If you have a full house with an extra pair, then play the higher pair up;
  - b. If your full house's pair is 5's or less, keep with AK or AQ, else split.
10. **Four of a kind:**
  - a. Always split four Aces 2 & 2, unless there's a pair of 4's or better for the top.
  - b. Keep all other quads together with an ace-face or pair for the top.
  - c. Split four Kings or Queens 2 & 2 with an Ace-10 or less for the top.
  - d. Keep 10's or Jacks together with any ace or pair for the top, else split 2 & 2.
  - e. Keep 7's through 9's together with any King-Face or better, else split 2 & 2.
  - f. Keep 6's and lower in all cases.
11. **For four of a kind with a three of a kind,** split a pair from the *higher* group for top.
12. **Five aces:** Always play a pair of aces up.