

TOURNAMENT RULES

- 1. Goulash every hand. Players cannot go Mah Jong before or during a goulash.
- 2. Points will be awarded for hands.
- 3. Jokers (Loosies) will be used.
- 4. Robbing The Kong: Player may be fishing and sees another player has an exposed Pung of tile required. If that player picks up 4th tile to make the Pung a Kong, then player needing that tile to go Mah Jong may claim it. Thereby Robbing the Kong.
- 5. When a player has an exposed Kong of tiles in which is included a loose/joker tile, should they then pick up themselves from the wall the 4th tile and place it alongside their Kong to make 5 tiles that player has the right to withdraw the loose tile from this set and place it back into their own hand to be used again. (No set of 5 tiles in Mah Jong).
- 6. One extra point awarded if the hand has no jokers/loosies.
- 7. If East Wind Mah Jong's, double the number of points for the hand only will be awarded, plus one extra point if the hand has no jokers/loosies.
- 8. Players cannot remain East Wind for more than three consecutive turns.
- 9. One point given immediately for a bouquet.
- 10. Unless stated last tile can be taken from the discard.
- 11. If after the first discard the flower tile has been forgotten it is too late and the hand remains a tile short. Similarly, if a Kong tile is forgotten, the same rule applies player cannot Mah Jong.
- 12. No Pungs from the table in running hands.
- 13. Chows are concealed. Last tile can be taken from the discard unless stated on hand.
- 14. A tile is deemed discarded as soon as the tile touches the table (whether it has been unseen, or hand is still on said tile).
- 15. False Mah Jong: Play can continue if other players have not exposed their hand or any part of the wall has been knocked down.
- 16. No player should throw in or expose their hand until the winner's hand has been scrutinized by all players at the table.
- 17. All tiles to be turned over before the wall is built.
- 18. Play consists of 16 hands for sessions 1,2 & 3 and 12 hands for sessions 4,5 & 6.
- 19. Players must state Fishing before declaring a Mah Jong
- 20. There will be a countback for any prize getters downgraded with either fishing points or bouquets.

2025 Disputes Committee: (Decision is final).