## **Poker Mahjong FAQ**

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INTRODUCTION
I had planned on two FAQs for Mahjong Trap and Mahjong Acadamey due to myself getting addicted to Mahjong by testing Academy on the NES and I've already begun writing for it but I decided to go with Mahjong Poker as the first one of the Mahjong games I will submit first for the NES Completion Project.
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If you are familiar with the game Mahjong itself, then lets just say the main objective is the same except you are using playing cards instead of tiles to play.
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A button = draw card, discard
B button = declare win (when you have a winning hand)
Select button = Select game mode
Start = Start game, pause/unpause
Left/Right = cycle through cards after drawing card.
Left = Declare Chow after opponent discards eligible card
Right = Declare Pong after opponent discards eligible card.
Down = Declare Kong after opponent discards eligible card or you got a Pong
that's eligible upon drawing a card.
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There are three modes at the title screen. Press the Select button to choose the mode you want.

- Demonstrate You are basically shown several examples of winning hands until you reset the game.
- Exhibition You are basically just playing against the computer for fun and both of you start off with 3000 points each. The winner of each hand takes points from the loser. When someones points reaches 0 or below, the game keeps going as normal and the loser will only have negative points.
- Tournament You will go up against the girls you say on the title screen in what you may consider a gauntlet of sorts. You will start with less points than your opponent. Your goal is to take their points down to zero before they do the same to you. It's just like it is with Exhibition mode except the game is over if you hit 0 and move on if you take them down to zero. Another notable difference is a highest-card face off determines who starts the game first and it also has a password system.

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The cards will be dealt out evenly until each side has 13 cards each. In the Exhibition mode, a random player is chosen on the first hand to go first and on Tournament mode, the person with the highest card goes first on the first hand. On subsequent hands, the winner of the last hand goes first. If there is a draw (stockpile reaches 0), cards will be collected and re-dealt and the last person to go first will go first again.

Now that we are using tiles instead of cards, keeping track of everything is a bit more simple. There are 4 sets of cards numbered Ace (1) to 9 with a further subset for each suite so in all there are 16 of each number but remember this good... A 9 of Spades is different from a 9 of Hearts, etc. When making a Chow, you must make a sequence of 3 of the same suit like a 3-Carded Straight Flush.

I bet you are wondering what all this Pong, Kong, and Chow stuff means. Pong is when you have 3 cards of the same rank and suit in your hand. Kong is when you manage to get all 4 cards of same rank and suit in your hand and you can stash it away from the hand as a bonus towards scoring. Chow refers to that 3-Carded Straight Flush I spoke of earlier. There is also a term called Eyes and that is when you have only a mere pair but they are just as valuable.

Press the A button to draw a card. Choose a card that you don't want then press the A button again to discard it. To win this hand, you must have a combination of 4 Pongs/Kongs/Chows and a Pair of Eyes. Ex: 3 Pongs + 1 Chow + Eyes equals a winning hand and so does 2 chows + 1 Pong + 1 Kong + a Pair of eyes etc. Now be careful when you are discarding. Either player can use a discarded hand to make a legal combination provided they have the other 2 (or 3 for a Kong) already in their hand. To claim a Chow, press Left on the D-pad. Press Right on the D-pad to claim a Pong. Press Down on the D-pad to claim a Kong. Kongs can be claimed by also pressing down if you have all four cards of same rank and suit in your hand at anytime including adding to a claimed Pong. However, if you do claim a set, the cards will be turned face up. Once you have a winning hand, press the B button to claim the hand. This is the only time you can claim a pair of Eyes off the discard. In regular Mahjong there is a play called Robbing the Kong but

I'm not sure if you can do that here. If you can do it, it can be done when an opponent has made a Kong and if the card is needed to claim a Chow, you can get that top card and claim that Chow or you can declare a winning hand from there but you can only do it immediately after the Kong is declared.

As far as scoring is concerned, I'm going to pass on explaining that part since I have no clue to explain it. I just know if you manage make some bigtime plays then you will score more points. I just go with flow. Whatever points you score determines how much points you take away from the opponent. In Tournament mode, you will win the match by taking the opponents score to 0 and you'll get a four digit password to continue the match against any opponents later in the game.

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