

# PDWC RULES FOR BETTING IN MAH JONGG

## GENERAL

- The Mah Jongg for \$\$\$ group will meet twice a month on the first and third Tuesdays from 6:00 PM till 9:00PM.
- The hostess will provide appetizers, and participants will BYOB.

## MAH JONGG

- Maximum Bet is \$6.00 (Quarters, dimes, nickels recommended.) If a player loses the maximum, she may still play without paying, however, if she wins a pot, she must again pay.
- Player whose discard is called for Mah Jongg pays winner double the value of the hand. All others pay single value.
- If player picks their own Mah Jongg, all other players pay double value.
- Mah Jongg without a Joker, double the value is paid by all.
  - Winning hand, which once contained Joker(s), which have been exchanged, is still considered Jokerless.
  - Exception, no Jokerless bonus is given for a Singles and Pairs hand.

- If the game ends in a Wall game, no one pays.
- When players expose hands, which they must do when they complete part of their sequence with a discarded tile, you will be able to narrow down which hands they are playing.

If a player has three exposures on their rack, or two exposures if they are playing a quints hand, all players should be able to identify that hand. Therefore, if someone throws a Mah Jongg tile in this situation, she must pay for all players at the table. This happens rarely, and most groups play that this is the only time that the discarder must pay for the table with extra money beyond the designated dollar amount the group has agreed upon.

- Although most Mah Jongg groups have four players, some people like to have five in their group. If you have some unreliable players, a fifth player ensures that your game is consistent. When playing with a fifth player, one person usually rotates out after he is the dealer.
- Fifth Person: When she is not playing, the fifth person looks at the other players' hands during the Charleston and bets on the player she believes will win as soon as the optional pass is completed. She may also bet on the wall if she believes that no one will win. The fifth person writes down the name of the person she thinks will win or the word "wall" and does not reveal her bet until the hand is over. Some sets include a betting wheel and you turn the wheel to the position of the player you bet on (East, 2, 3, 4 or wall).
  - If the fifth person's bet is correct, she will receive the same amount of money earned by the winner.
  - A winning wall game bet earns the same payout as the lowest valued hands on the card.
- If a player declares Mah Jongg in error, the other three hands will continue to play. However, if only one hand is left, meaning the other players agreed it was a Mah Jongg and tossed their hands, the player remaining is payed double their hand by the player with the erroneous Mah Jongg.