

Shanghai Expat Style Mahjong Rules

- 1 Play with optional tiles – which are the animals or man and offering cup
- 2 At East Wind's discretion: swap 3 tiles face down with all players (trade across, to East's right, then to East's left) Swap up to 3 lots of 1 tile each
- 3 Robbing the Kong: The last tile to go mahjong can be taken from any player's discard, including a discard another player needs for a kong/pung. Similarly, a kong/pung overrides a chow.
- 4 Penalty: an animal tile left in your hand when anyone mahjongs means 0 score
- 5 Ordinary Hands can only have 1 chow and must be in the same suit.

Mahjong Scoring – Refer to Scoring Sheet

Base Score: When a hand is scored, if it is not a multiple of 10, it is brought up to the next highest unit of 10 before doubling. Ex: 12 goes to 20; 46 to 50.

Doubling: The score is then doubled for each “double” contained in the hand. Ex: each animal gives 1 double.

Payment Limit is 1000. However, this is doubled to 2000 for East Wind.

Ex: If the player who mahjongs scores 2280 - their payment would be the limit of 1000, but East Wind would pay his/her limit of 2000.

Double Dice: The score of each player is doubled for double dice roll. See examples. Payment Limit is also doubled: 1000 to 2000 (2000 to 4000 for East Wind).

Payments

The player who mahjongs is paid in full or up to the limit with NO subtraction of others' scores. Payment is rounded up or down to the nearest 100, for example 160 rounds up to 200 and 240 rounds down to 200. If East Wind mahjongs: **DOUBLE EAST WIND SCORE FIRST, THEN ROUND TO THE NEAREST 100!**

Ex: a score of 370 becomes 400 for payment; but for East Wind a 370 becomes 740 (370 doubled) then rounded down to 700 for payment.

Double Double: score of 370, 740 for being East, 1480 for double dice; rounds to 1500

After the Mahjong winner is paid, the other players' lower scores are deducted from the higher scores and the result is rounded up or down. Ex: a player with a score of 100 deducts from player score of 320 which comes to 220, then rounded down to 200 for payment. East Wind's lower score of 100 is deducted from the higher score of 320 and the result of 220 is THEN doubled to 440 before rounding down to 400 for payment.

(for East double double: 100 from 320 is 220, double doubled to 880, rounds to 900)

If scores are identical or the difference is under 50 points they wash and no payment is made (including East Wind).