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*Casino Control Act 1988*, subsection 71(1) (Authorised Games) and subsection 72(1) (Rules for authorised games).

I approve the rules for the authorised game of "Pai Gow" as set out in the attached schedule.

I revoke the declaration that "Tournament Pai Gow" is an authorised game as declared in Notifiable Instrument NI2002-44 on 21 February 2002.

Desmond Edward McKee Delegate ACT Gambling and Racing Commission 7 February 2005

### **SCHEDULE**

This is the accompanying schedule to the instrument of approval made under subsection 71(1) (Authorised Games) and subsection 72(1) (Rules for Authorised Games) of the *Casino Control Act 1988* on 7 February 2005 by Desmond Edward McKee, Delegate of the ACT Gambling and Racing Commission.

# CASINO CANBERRA LIMITED RULES

## OF

### **PAI GOW**

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### A. DICTIONARY OF TERMS USED IN PAI GOW

(nb. terms defined in the dictionary are underlined throughout this document.)

#### Approved

Means approved in writing by the ACT Gambling and Racing Commission.

#### Bank

The <u>hand</u> played against which all other players wager, this can either be either a player or the <u>house</u>.

#### Вох

An area marked on the layout for the player to place their wager.

#### **Casino Operator**

The organisation or person responsible for the conduct of gaming in the casino.

#### **Casino Supervisor**

A person responsible for the supervision of the operation of the game.

#### Chung

A marker used to indicate the bank.

#### Co-Banking

An equal partnership between a player and the house to accept the bank.

#### Dealer

A person responsible for the operation of the game.

#### Dice Cup

An <u>approved</u> container for the shaking of the dice.

#### Hand

The four <u>tiles</u> dealt to a <u>box</u>.

#### High Part of the Hand

The two tiles that make up the higher value of the hand.

#### House

Means the casino operator.

#### **House Way**

Mandatory instructions which dictate the setting of a hand.

#### La Ja

An <u>approved</u> additional variation of the shuffle. See appendix C.

#### Low Part of the Hand

The two tiles that make up the lower value of the hand.

#### **Player/Banker**

A player who has agreed to accept the bank.

#### Point

A single red or white indentation on a tile.

#### **Point Count**

The value of two tiles forming part of the hand.

#### **Priority Set Marker**

A marker used to identify those <u>hand(s)</u> which shall be <u>set</u> prior to any other player viewing their <u>hand</u>.

#### Push

A wager which neither the player nor <u>bank</u> wins.

#### **Round of Play**

That part of the game which commences with the opening of the <u>dice cup</u> and concludes with the collection of all <u>tiles</u> by the <u>dealer</u>.

#### Session

A session is the number of <u>rounds of play</u> determined by the structure of the tournament.

#### Set

The action used to divide a <u>hand</u> into a <u>high</u> and <u>low</u> part.

#### **Starting Marker**

A marker used to denote which player is to make the first wager for a <u>round of play</u>. After a <u>round of play</u> the <u>marker</u> shall be moved to the next player in a clockwise direction.

#### Tile

An <u>approved</u> small oblong piece marked with <u>points</u>.

#### **Tournament Chips**

Chips that cannot be exchanged for money and that are distinguishable from all other casino chips, used exclusively for the playing of tournaments.

#### **Tournament Commission**

The amount the <u>casino operator</u> collects from a player or players as payment for the conducting the game.

#### **Tournament Director/Assistant**

The person responsible for the conduct of the tournament.

#### **Traditional Cut**

An approved formation of the tiles.

#### Void

Neither the player's <u>hand</u> nor the <u>banker's hand</u> wins and any chips wagered or paid shall be returned as if the <u>round of play</u> had not occurred.

#### B. RULES OF PAI GOW

#### 1. PAI GOW TABLE

1.1 A Pai Gow table shall be <u>approved</u> prior to use.

#### 2. THE DICE AND TILES

- 2.1 Pai Gow shall be played with three identical dice and a set of 32 <u>tiles</u>.
- 2.2 The <u>dealer</u> shall check each <u>tile</u> before the start and at or after the conclusion of gaming.
- 2.3 The <u>casino operator</u> may change any or all of the <u>tiles</u> after any <u>round of</u> <u>play</u>. The <u>casino supervisor</u> and <u>dealer</u> shall check each replacement <u>tile</u> prior to its introduction to play.

#### 3. RANKING OF THE TILES

- 3.1 The ranking of pairs, Wongs, Gongs and High Nines from highest to lowest is illustrated in Appendix A.
- 3.2 The ranking of individual <u>tiles</u> from highest to lowest is illustrated in Appendix B.

#### 4. POINT COUNT

- 4.1 The <u>point count</u> shall be a single digit number from zero to nine inclusive and shall be determined by totalling the <u>points</u> of two <u>tiles</u>. If the total <u>point count</u> of the two <u>tiles</u> is a two digit number, the left digit of the number shall have no value and the right digit shall constitute the <u>point</u> <u>count</u> total of either the <u>low</u> or <u>high</u> part of a <u>hand</u>.
- 4.2 A <u>point count</u> of 3 or 6 may be used for individual <u>tiles</u> which have a ranking of Gee Jun.

#### 5. MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM WAGERS

- 5.1 The <u>casino operator</u> shall display the minimum and maximum wagers per <u>box</u> on a sign at or near the table and may change these limits provided that prior notice of the change is given to the players.
- 5.2 The <u>casino operator</u> may allow a player to wager in excess of the stated <u>box</u> maximum provided that a marker denoting the new limit is placed adjacent to that <u>box</u>.
- 5.3 When a player takes the <u>bank</u>, only the displayed <u>box</u> limits shall apply.

- 5.4 When the <u>house</u> is <u>co-banking</u> a maximum <u>house</u> liability will be displayed at or near the table and double the displayed <u>box</u> maximums shall apply.
- 5.5 The multiples of wagers permitted shall be displayed at the table.
- 5.6 Wagers below the minimum shall be paid or collected and the owner of the wager shall be advised that further wagers under the minimum shall be returned.
- 5.7 Wagers above the displayed maximum shall be paid or collected to the maximum.

#### 6. THE BANK

- 6.1 In addition to the <u>house</u> acting as the <u>bank</u>, a player shall have the option of taking the <u>bank</u> or <u>co-banking</u>.
- 6.2 The <u>dealer</u> shall take the <u>bank</u> at the commencement of play, thereafter the <u>bank</u> will be offered anticlockwise around the table. Should no player wish to take the <u>bank</u> the <u>house</u> will <u>bank</u>.
- 6.3 Two <u>rounds of play</u> is the maximum a player may take the <u>bank</u> or <u>co-bank</u> before it will be offered anticlockwise around the table. In the event no other player wishes to take the <u>bank</u> the <u>dealer</u> will take the <u>bank</u> for a minimum of one <u>round of play</u>.
- 6.4 No <u>player/banker</u> shall take the <u>bank</u> on <u>box</u> one.
- 6.5 A <u>player/banker</u> shall have <u>set</u> the <u>tiles</u> on the previous <u>round of play</u> on the <u>box</u> which they will take the <u>bank</u>.
- 6.6 Two or more players may combine their chips to take the <u>bank</u>.
- 6.7 A player may require the <u>house</u> to <u>co-bank</u> for 50% of the declared wagers for that <u>round of play</u>.

#### 7. WAGERS

- 7.1 Prior to the <u>dice cup</u> being opened by the <u>dealer</u>, each player shall:
  - (a) place a wager; and
  - (b) unless playing in a tournament, be given the opportunity to place a wager on the Gee Jun Jackpot subject to Rule 12.
- 7.2 All wagers shall be made by placing gaming chips on the <u>box</u>. Non negotiable gaming chips may only be wagered when the <u>house banks</u>.
- 7.3 No wagers shall be accepted on <u>box</u> one when the <u>house</u> is <u>bank</u>ing.

- 7.4 Once the <u>dealer</u> has called "NO MORE BETS" no player shall handle, remove or alter the original wager, or place an additional wager, until a decision has been rendered and implemented on that wager.
- 7.5 Up to three players may wager on a <u>box</u>. Where more than one player wagers on a <u>box</u>, the decisions with regard to the <u>set</u>ting of the <u>hand</u> shall be made in order of preference by:
  - (a) the player seated at that box;
  - (b) the player with the highest wager on the box; or
  - (c) a player nominated by mutual agreement of the players wagering on that <u>box</u>.
- 7.6 A player may be permitted by the <u>casino operator</u> to wager on two <u>boxes</u> and make the decisions regarding the <u>set</u>ting of those <u>hands</u> (subject to Rule 7.7) with the understanding that, if there are insufficient <u>box</u>es at the table to accommodate patron demand, the player <u>set</u>ting two <u>hands</u> shall give up a <u>box</u>.
- 7.7 A player <u>set</u>ting two <u>hands</u> shall have one wager at least double the amount of the other wager and shall <u>set</u> the <u>tiles</u> for the highest wager first.
- 7.8 A player shall not wager on any other <u>box</u> for the <u>round of play</u> when taking the <u>bank</u> or <u>co-banking</u>.
- 7.9 When there is a <u>player/banker</u>, the <u>house</u> shall wager either:
  - (a) an amount equal to the wager on the <u>box</u> that was nominated in the previous <u>round of play</u> to take the <u>bank</u> in the current <u>round of</u> <u>play</u>; or
  - (b) the displayed table minimum.

The amount to be wagered by the <u>house</u> shall be determined by the player <u>set</u>ting the <u>player/banker</u> <u>hand</u>. The wager shall be placed by the <u>dealer</u> on <u>box</u> one.

#### 8. DEALING THE TILES

- 8.1 The <u>dealer</u> shall shuffle the <u>tile</u>s face downwards on the table in preparation for each <u>round of play</u>.
- 8.2 The <u>dealer</u> shall stack the <u>tiles</u> into eight groups of four and cut the <u>tiles</u> by one of the methods listed in Appendix C.
- 8.3 The <u>tiles</u> for the <u>house</u>'s <u>hand</u> shall be delivered to <u>box</u> one.
- 8.4 When the <u>house</u> acts as the <u>bank</u>, the player with the highest wager for that <u>round of play</u> may direct the <u>dealer</u> to <u>La Ja</u> the <u>tile</u>s. Only one <u>La</u> <u>Ja</u> shall be allowed for each <u>round of play</u>.

- 8.5 When a player takes the <u>bank</u> or <u>co-bank</u>s, only that player may request a <u>La Ja</u>.
- 8.6 When the <u>house</u> acts as the <u>bank</u>, the cut for the <u>tiles</u> shall be Yat Dong (see Appendix C).
- 8.7 A player taking the <u>bank</u> or <u>co-bank</u> shall have the option of one of the <u>traditional cut</u>s as listed in Appendix C.
- 8.8 The <u>casino operator</u> shall determine the method of conducting a <u>traditional cut</u>.
- 8.9 The <u>casino operator</u> shall have the option to use a <u>priority set marker</u> before any <u>round of play</u>.
- 8.10 The <u>dice cup</u> shall be shaken by the <u>dealer</u> for each <u>round of play</u>. However, a player in a <u>player/banker</u> or <u>co-bank</u>er situation may elect to provide an additional shake of the <u>dice cup</u>.
- 8.11 The total of the three dice shall determine the <u>box</u> that receives the first <u>set</u> of <u>tiles</u>. The <u>dealer</u> shall count anticlockwise commencing with the <u>box</u> designated by the <u>chung</u>, that <u>box</u> shall be counted as 1, 9 or 17.
- 8.12 The <u>dealer</u> shall distribute four <u>tiles</u> face down in an anticlockwise direction starting with the <u>box</u> determined by Rule 8.11. The <u>tiles</u> dealt to <u>boxes</u> which do not contain a wager shall then be retrieved by the <u>dealer</u>.

#### 9. SETTING OF THE TILES

- 9.1 A player shall be responsible for the <u>set</u>ting of their <u>hand</u> into the two individual parts.
- 9.2 A player may request the <u>dealer</u> to <u>set</u> their <u>hand</u> according to <u>house</u> <u>way</u>.
- 9.3 Once the <u>hand</u> has been <u>set</u> and placed in front of the <u>box</u> containing the player's wager, it shall not be altered during that <u>round of play</u>.
- 9.4 When the <u>house</u> makes a wager on <u>box</u> one in accordance with Rule 7.9, that <u>hand</u> shall be <u>set house way</u>.
- 9.5 Where the <u>house co-banks</u>, the <u>hand</u> designated by the <u>chung</u> shall be <u>set house way</u>.

#### 10. SETTING OF HANDS - HOUSE WAY

10.1 The <u>dealer</u> shall <u>set</u> a <u>hand</u> in the following <u>house way</u>. <u>Hand</u>s shall be <u>set</u> in the following sequence, except for the <u>hand</u>s listed in Rule 10.2:

#### (a) Pairs

<u>Set</u> pairs in the same part of the <u>hand</u>, unless they can be split to achieve the following outcomes:

- (i) Teen and Day to make 6 8 or higher;
- (ii) Nines to make 9 9 or higher;
- (iii) Eights to make 7 9, 8 8 or higher; and
- (iv) Sevens to make 7 High Nine or higher.

For the purpose of Rule 10.1 (a) no pair shall be split if so doing would result in a <u>point count</u>/ranking for the <u>low hand</u> and/or <u>high hand</u> being lower than if the pair had not been split.

#### (b) Wongs, Gongs and High Nines

The order to <u>set</u> Wongs, Gongs and High Nines in the <u>high part of</u> <u>the hand</u> shall be High Nine, Gong, Wong, unless Chong ranking 3 or better is not achieved on the <u>low hand</u>, then the order shall be Gong, Wong, High Nine.

#### (c) Point Count and Individual Tile Ranking

The order to <u>set hands</u> not listed above shall be <u>set</u> with the highest possible <u>point count</u> in the <u>low part of the hand</u> unless Chong ranking 3 or better is not achieved in the <u>low part of the hand</u>; in which case:

- (i) <u>set</u> the highest <u>point count</u> on the <u>high part of the hand</u>; and
- (ii) if a <u>point count</u> of 7 or higher is not achieved on the <u>high part</u> of the hand make the <u>point count</u> of the high part and <u>low</u> part of the hand as close together as possible; and

if the <u>point count</u> of the <u>low part</u> and <u>high part of the hand</u> is not altered and:

- the <u>high part of the hand</u> has a <u>point count</u> of 7 or less, the highest ranking <u>tile</u> shall be <u>set</u> in the <u>low part of the hand</u>; or
- the <u>high part of the hand</u> has a <u>point count</u> of 8 or higher, <u>set</u> the highest ranking <u>tile</u> in the <u>high part of the hand</u>; or
- (iii) two Chong ranking <u>tiles</u> or higher are in the same part of the <u>hand</u>, do not <u>set</u> the two high ranking <u>tiles</u> together.

- 10.2 <u>Hands containing the listed tiles shall be set</u> as follows:
  - (a) Teen, Teen, 9 and 11 or Day, Day, 9, and 11, <u>set</u> the <u>hand</u> 3-Wong.
  - (b) high 8, high 10 and 11 with any 7, set the hand 7-9.
  - (c) Gee Jun, 6, 5 and Teen or Day, <u>set the hand</u> 7-9.
  - (d) Gee Jun, 4, 5, and any <u>tile</u> not making a pair, <u>set</u> the 4 and 5 in the <u>high part of the hand</u>.
  - (e) high 8, low 8, 9 and low 10, <u>set</u> the high 8 in the <u>low part of the hand</u>.
  - (f) high 6, low 6 and Gee Jun with any 7, <u>set</u> the high 6 in the <u>low part</u> <u>of the hand</u>.
  - (g) Teen or Day, 8, 9 and low 4, <u>set</u> the <u>hand</u> 3-Gong.
  - (h) high 6, 11, low 6 and 5, <u>set</u> the high 6 in the <u>high hand</u>.
  - (i) high 8, 9, low 8 and low 4, <u>set</u> the high 8 in the <u>high hand</u>.

#### 11. SETTLEMENT OF WAGERS

- 11.1 A winning <u>hand</u> shall be determined in the following order and shall be higher than the <u>bank</u>'s <u>hand</u> for both the <u>high</u> and the <u>low part of the hand</u>:
  - (a) the <u>tiles</u> ranking (as determined by Rule 3.1); and
  - (b) point count.
- 11.2 In the event the <u>point count</u> of the <u>bank's high</u> or <u>low part of the hand</u> is equal to the player's corresponding part of the <u>hand</u>, the highest ranking individual <u>tile</u> will be considered to determine the winning result.
- 11.3 A <u>push</u> occurs when one part of the player's <u>hand</u> is higher and one part is lower than the <u>bank's hand</u>.
- 11.4 A losing <u>hand</u> shall be determined in the following order and shall be lower than the <u>bank</u>'s <u>hand</u> for both the <u>high</u> and the <u>low part of the hand</u>.
  - (a) the <u>tiles</u> ranking (as determined by Rule 3.1); and
  - (b) <u>point count</u>.
- 11.5 The <u>bank</u> shall win the <u>high</u> and/or <u>low part of hand</u>s that have an equal <u>point count</u> and the same high <u>tile</u> as the corresponding part of the player's <u>hand</u>.

- 11.6 When the <u>bank</u>'s and player's <u>low part of hand</u>s each total zero, the <u>bank</u> shall win the <u>low part of hand</u>s.
- 11.7 A player shall have the option to instruct the <u>dealer</u> to take their wager without displaying their <u>hand</u>.
- 11.8 Winning wagers on all players' <u>hand</u>s shall be paid at odds of 1 to 1 less 5%.
- 11.9 Winning wagers on all <u>hand</u>s wagered by the <u>house</u> in accordance with Rule 7.9 shall be paid at even money.
- 11.10 <u>Player/Banker</u> shall be paid at odds of 1 to 1 less 5% on any profits made on their original <u>bank</u> wager for that <u>round of play</u>.
- 11.11 When <u>co-banking</u>, the player shall be paid at odds of 1 to 1 less 5% on any profits made on their original <u>co-banking</u> wager for that r<u>ound of play</u>. Where the 5% cannot be paid in full from the table float, it shall be charged to the lower multiple only.

#### 12. GEE JUN JACKPOT

- 12.1 The <u>casino operator</u> may conduct the Gee Jun Jackpot as outlined in these rules. The <u>house</u> shall not wager on the Gee Jun Jackpot.
- 12.2 There shall be only one Gee Jun Jackpot wager per box.
- 12.3 The Gee Jun Jackpot wager shall be an <u>approved</u> amount and must be accompanied with a wager subject to Rule 7.
- 12.4 A player who has a wager on a <u>box</u> and who makes the decision with regards to the <u>set</u>ting of the <u>hand</u> shall have the option for that <u>round of play</u> to place a wager on the Gee Jun Jackpot.
- 12.5 In the event of two wagers on a <u>box</u> and the player designated by Rule 12.4 declines to place a wager on the Gee Jun Jackpot then the player with the other wager will have the option for that <u>round of play</u> to place a Gee Jun Jackpot wager.
- 12.6 In the event of three wagers on a <u>box</u> and the player designated by Rule 12.4 declines to place a wager on the Gee Jun Jackpot then the decision regarding a Gee Jun Jackpot wager for that <u>round of play</u> shall be by mutual agreement by those players wishing to place a wager on the Gee Jun Jackpot.
- 12.7 Losing wagers on the Gee Jun Jackpot shall form part of either a jackpot prize pool or a reserve pool. The distribution of wagers to the prize pools shall be <u>approved</u>.

#### 13. GEE JUN JACKPOT PAYOUTS

13.1 The <u>house</u> is liable for all Gee Jun Jackpot payouts regardless of whether the <u>house</u> acted as the <u>bank</u> for that <u>round of play</u>.

13.2 Subject to Rule 13.3 the payouts for Gee Jun Jackpot winning wagers shall be as follows:

Gee Jun (pair), Teen (pair).	100% of the jackpot amount displayed at the time of the winning <u>hand</u> .
Gee Jun (pair), Day (pair)	10% of the jackpot amount displayed at the time of the winning <u>hand</u> .
Teen (pair), Day (pair)	10% of the jackpot amount displayed at the time of the winning <u>hand</u> .
Teen, high 10, low 10 and 11	\$100 bonus payout.
High 6, low 6, low 4 and any 7	\$100 bonus payout.

13.3 The <u>casino operator</u>'s maximum liability for any major jackpot payout shall be limited to the amount of the applicable jackpot prize pool, as re-calculated following any earlier major jackpot win, at the time the winning <u>hand</u> is determined (ie when the dice are exposed) and whether the table signage has been adjusted or not.

For the purpose of this rule a "major jackpot" refers to a winning <u>hand</u> paying either 100% or 10% of the jackpot amount, as per Rule 13.2.

#### 14. COLLUSION

- 14.1 A player shall protect the identity of their <u>tiles</u> which shall remain within the playing area and in view of both the <u>dealer</u> and the <u>casino supervisor</u>.
- 14.2 Players may not:
  - (a) exchange <u>tile</u>s;
  - (b) exchange or communicate or cause to exchange or communicate information regarding their <u>hand;</u> or
  - (c) speak any other language apart from English while the <u>tiles</u> are being <u>set</u>.

Any violation of this rule may result in the player being excluded from that <u>round of play</u>, or cause that <u>round of play</u> to be <u>void</u>.

#### 15. IRREGULARITIES

- 15.1 The <u>dice cup</u> shall be re-shaken when any of the three dice are not lying flat on the base of the <u>dice cup</u> when opened.
- 15.2 A misdeal occurs if the <u>dealer</u> exposes one or more <u>tiles</u> during the shuffle or cut.
- 15.3 Where a misdeal occurs the round is declared <u>void</u> and there shall be a new shuffle and cut in accordance with Section 8 of these rules.
- 15.4 The <u>casino supervisor</u> may require a re-shuffle if it is deemed necessary due to suspected <u>tile</u> tracking.
- 15.5 Where any <u>tiles are exposed in the house's hand</u>, the <u>hand</u> shall be played.
- 15.6 Where the <u>player/banker</u> exposes any of their own <u>tiles</u> the <u>hand</u> shall be played.
- 15.7 Where the <u>dealer</u> exposes one <u>tile</u> on a player's <u>hand</u>, the <u>hand</u> shall be played.
- 15.8 Where the <u>dealer</u> exposes two or more <u>tiles</u> on a player's <u>hand</u>, the player has the option of calling their <u>hand</u> <u>void</u> as long as the decision is made before viewing the remaining <u>tile(s)</u>.
- 15.9 Should the <u>house</u>'s <u>hand</u> be <u>set</u> contrary to <u>house way</u>, the <u>hand</u> shall be re-<u>set</u> correctly. This rule shall also apply for <u>co-banking</u>, player and <u>player/banker</u> requesting <u>house way</u>.
- 15.10 Where a player is not present to <u>set</u> their <u>tiles</u>, the <u>dealer</u> shall <u>set</u> the <u>tiles</u> according to <u>house way</u>.
- 15.11 In the event a dispute arises from a player instructing the <u>dealer</u> to take their wager without displaying their <u>hand</u>, that <u>hand</u> where possible shall be reconstructed in accordance with these rules and the disputed <u>hand</u> displayed.
- 15.12 If during a <u>round of play</u> an error of <u>tile</u> placement is detected, that <u>round</u> <u>of play</u> shall be reconstructed in accordance with these rules.
- 15.13 If an error of <u>tile</u> placement is detected to have occurred in a <u>round of</u> <u>play</u> after the next <u>round of play</u> has commenced, the <u>round of play</u> in which the error occurred shall remain as played.

#### 16. TABLE CLOSURE

- 16.1 The hours of gaming shall be as determined under the provisions of the *Casino Control Act 1988.*
- 16.2 Subject to Rule 16.1, the <u>casino operator</u> may close any table before the close of gaming provided that notice is given to the players. Authorised by the ACT Parliamentary Counsel—also accessible at www.legislation.act.gov.au 12

#### 17. GENERAL PROVISIONS

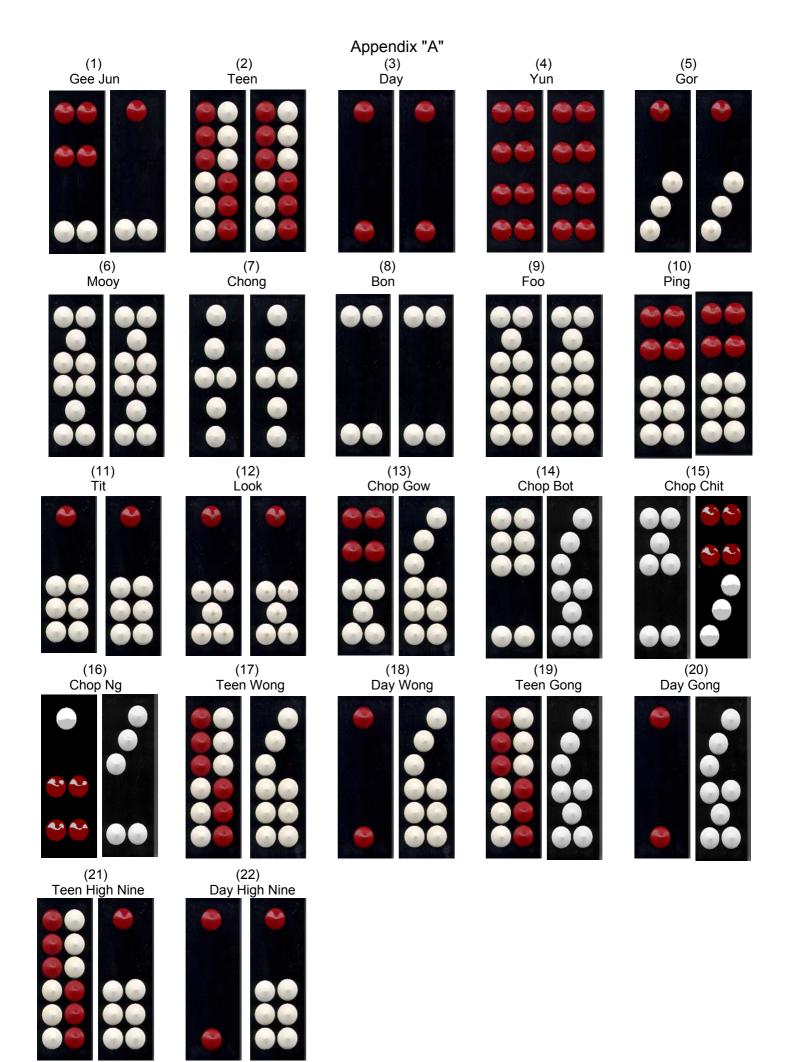
- 17.1 The <u>casino operator</u> may invalidate the outcome of a game if the game is disrupted by civil commotion, fire, riot, brawl, robbery, or any like disturbance.
- 17.2 Where a person has contravened any provision of these rules, the <u>casino operator</u> may:
  - (a) declare that any wager made by that player <u>void;</u> and
  - (b) direct that the player be excluded from further participation in the game.
- 17.3 The <u>casino operator</u> may declare a <u>round of play void</u> if it is impractical to continue or a person commits a fraudulent act that affects the outcome for that particular <u>round of play</u>.
- 17.4 Where the outcome of a <u>round of play</u> is <u>void</u>, the <u>casino operator</u> must refund wagers made by players for that particular <u>round of play</u>.
- 17.5 The <u>casino operator</u>'s decision in any dispute arising from these rules is final, subject to a review by the ACT Gambling and Racing Commission if requested.
- 17.6 An employee of the casino shall:
  - (a) not advise a player on how to play his/her <u>hand</u>, except to ensure compliance with these rules;
  - (b) not give or allow any advantage to a person, or cause or allow a change in any probabilities of the game by any means other than that covered by these rules; and
  - (c) commensurate with their responsibilities, ensure that the game is conducted in accordance with the <u>approved</u> procedures.
- 17.7 A seated player who abstains from betting for three consecutive <u>rounds</u> <u>of play</u> whilst all other seats at that table are in use may be required to vacate that seat.
- 17.8 A person shall not instruct or influence another player's decisions of play.
- 17.9 Players are not permitted to have side bets with each other.
- 17.10 A copy of these rules shall be made available by the <u>casino operator</u>, upon request.

#### 18. TOURNAMENT PLAY

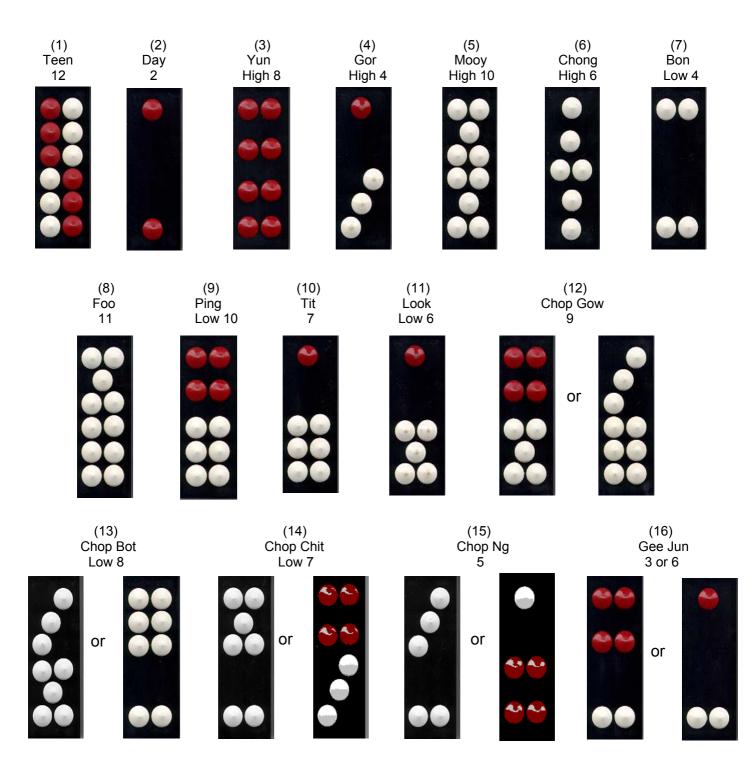
- 18.1 In addition to the rules set out in the preceding paragraphs and Appendices, the rules of this section shall apply only to tournament play.
- 18.2 The Gaming Shift Manager shall nominate a person, known as the <u>Tournament Director/Assistant</u>.
- 18.3 The conditions of entry and of play for each Pai Gow tournament shall be <u>approved</u>.
- 18.4 The conditions of the tournament may include the following:
  - (a) the tournament starting date and time;
  - (b) the heat structure of the tournament;
  - (c) the entry fee and <u>tournament commission;</u>
  - (d) the amount of <u>tournament chips</u> each player will receive for the entry fee;
  - (e) the minimum and maximum number of players;
  - (f) restrictions on player groups;
  - (g) the table limits; and
  - (h) the breakdown of the prize pool.
- 18.5 Where the conditions of entry and play for tournament play <u>approved</u> under Rule 18.3 are inconsistent with the rules set out in the preceding paragraphs and in the Appendices, the conditions <u>approved</u> under Rule 18.3 shall prevail for the duration of the tournament.
- 18.6 The <u>Tournament Director/Assistant</u> shall allow players one entry only into the tournament.
- 18.7 The <u>Tournament Director/Assistant</u> shall allocate each player a table and seat position by ballot before the commencement of a <u>session</u> and the player is restricted to playing in the assigned position for the duration of that <u>session</u>.
- 18.8 The <u>Tournament Director/Assistant</u> shall determine the number of players allocated to any one table.
- 18.9 All entrants shall take their allocated seat prior to the published starting time. If at the commencement of a <u>session</u>, an entrant has not taken their allocated seat, the entrant shall be deemed to have forfeited their position. The entry fee paid by the entrant is forfeited and remains as part of the prize pool.
- 18.10 Where a player has not taken their seat prior to the commencement of the first session the Tournament Director/Assistant may offer that seat to a reserved player on payment of the specified entry fee for the tournament.
- 18.11 Approval for a substitute player shall be at the discretion of the <u>Tournament Director/Assistant</u>.

- 18.12 All <u>tournament chips</u> shall remain in full view of the players and the <u>Tournament Director/Assistant</u> while the tournament is in progress.
- 18.13 Players shall not remove, add to, exchange or reduce their amount of <u>tournament chips</u> other than in accordance with these rules.
- 18.14 All players shall wager and risk at least the table minimum for each <u>round</u> of play. Any player who cannot wager at least the table minimum before the commencement of a <u>round of play</u> shall be eliminated from the tournament and must vacate their seat.
- 18.15 A <u>starting marker</u> shall be used to indicate the player who must make the first wager for that <u>round of play</u>. Other players shall place their wagers in order and in a clockwise direction from the first player. Once a wager has been placed and a player's opportunity to wager (refer rule 18.16) has been completed the wager may not be changed. A wager placed out of order shall stand and the player in question shall be advised that further infringement may result in the wager being declared <u>void</u>.
- 18.16 A player's opportunity to wager begins when they are asked by the <u>dealer</u> to place a wager and ends when the <u>dealer</u> asks the next player to place their wager.
- 18.17 During a tournament players are not allowed to wager on jackpot alternatives.
- 18.18 The <u>Tournament Director/Assistant</u> may offer the players the opportunity to take a break during the tournament and shall specify the amount of time allowed for the break.
- 18.19 The <u>Tournament Director/Assistant</u> may determine the speed at which the tournament shall be played and may give direction to players in order to achieve that rate of play.
- 18.20 The <u>Tournament Director/Assistant</u> shall be responsible for calculating and awarding the places.
- 18.21 The <u>casino operator</u> shall return 100% of the prize pool to the players by way of prizes.
- 18.22 In the event of two or more players holding an equal value of <u>tournament</u> <u>chips</u> at the completion of any heat, semi-final or the final <u>session</u>, those players shall be given additional <u>rounds of play</u> until a result is achieved.
- 18.23 In the event of two or more players being eliminated in the same <u>round of</u> <u>play</u> and one or more of the players is eligible for a prize then the prize money associated with the tied placing/s shall be combined and/or divided between the relevant players.

- 18.24 The <u>casino operator</u> may charge an entry fee for the tournament and may retain an <u>approved</u> amount of the total entry fees as <u>tournament</u> <u>commission</u>. The <u>casino operator</u> shall offer the balance of the entry fees as prize money in accordance with the <u>approved</u> conditions of tournament play.
- 18.25 All entry fees and <u>tournament commission</u>s are non-refundable. The <u>casino operator</u> reserves the right to cancel the tournament without liability. In the event of cancellations, the <u>casino operator</u> shall refund all entry fees and <u>tournament commission</u>s in full.



#### Appendix "B"



#### Appendix "C"

#### **TRADITIONAL CUTS**

Yat Dong Dong Cup Say Foot Say Chee Yee Long Tau Fung May Die Pin Pong Yun Hong Kong Bank China Bank Jung Quat Parliament House Seung Gwai Pak Moon Bo Bo Go Sing Gum Un Que Ghan Dong Ping Say Chong Wan Sup Lok Yat Kai Sum May Ghan Dong Cup Say **Telstra** Tower Arn Lok Peng Sar

House Way (Left or Right) Tiger (Left or Right, Top or Bottom) Four Across (Top or Bottom) Chop The Ears (Top or Bottom) Dragon Head Phoenix Tail (Head or Tail, Left or Right) **Big Slice** (Left or Right) Buddha's Signal (Left or Right) Honk Kong Bank China Bank Take The Heart (Top or Bottom) Parliament House Ghost Closing The Door Boy Walks Up Stairs (Left or Right) **Double Bridge** Kangaroo Jump (Left or Right) Sixteen Across (Top or Bottom) **Chicken Three Ways** Striped Tiger (Left or Right, Top or Bottom) **Telstra** Tower Flying Dragon (Head or Tail, Left or Right).