**November’s $10,000 Pai Gow Poker Tournament Rules**

November 20, 2025

**Tournament Duration:**

1. November’s $10,000 Pai Gow Tournament will be held on Thursday, November 20, 2025.
2. Registration will be held in front of the Pai Gow tables from 10:00a.m. PT until 12:00p.m. PT.

**Tournament Eligibility:**

1. No entry fee required, open to all players on a first-come, first-served basis.
2. Maximum participation for this tournament is sixty (60) participants.
3. Patrons can register for the tournament by visiting the registration table and showing a valid photo ID.) and True Rewards club card. Must be 21 or older.
4. Maximum of one (1) entry per person.

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| Qualifying Rounds: 12pm, 12:40pm, 1:20pm, 2:00pm, 2:40pm  (60) players | |
| 12:00PM | 2 Tables, 1 player from each table advance, 2 total |
| 12:40PM | 2 Tables, 1 player from each table advance, 2 total |
| 1:20 PM | 2 Tables, 1 player from each table advance, 2 total |
| 2:00 PM | 2 Tables, 1 player from each table advance, 2 total |
| 2:40 PM | 2 Tables, 1 player from each table advance, 2 total |

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| Semi-Final Round at 3:20pm (10 players total) | |
| 3:20PM | 2 Tables, 3 players from each table will advance,6 total |

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| Final Table at 4:00pm (6 players total) | |
| 4:00PM | 1 Table, 6 players total |

**Prize Breakdown:**

1st place – $4,500 in cash

2nd place – $3,500 in cash

3rd place – $2,000 in cash

4th place – $1,000 Promos

5th place – $500 Promos

6th place - $500 Promos

Tournament Details:

1. All rounds will consist of ten (10) hands.
2. Tournament will consist of a qualifying round, a semi-final round, and a final round.
3. The qualifying round will consist of five (5) rounds with six (6) players per table.
4. The top player with the highest chip count from each table in the qualifying round will move on to the semi-final round.
5. The semi-final rounds will consist of one (1) round with five (5) players per table.
6. The top three (3) players from each table in the semi- final round will move on to the final round.
7. The final table will consist of one (1) round with six (6) players per table.
8. Each player will receive **$5,000 in tournament chips** at the beginning of each round.
9. All tournament chips must remain in full view of the tournament judges, at all times, and stacked in denominational order. Tournament chips may not be exchanged, borrowed, or loaned between players. Failure to follow these rules may result in disqualification and forfeiture of any prize money.
10. The starting position will be determined each round by the randomly generated number on the shuffle machine.
11. All bets must be in multiples of $100 with a minimum bet of $100. No maximum wager.
12. The Emperor’s Treasure and Pai Gow Insurance side bets will have a $100 minimum with a $500 maximum wager. Both wagers will be paid based off the player’s hand.
13. All Emperor’s Treasure and Pai Gow Insurance wagers will be paid, rounded up to the nearest $100.
14. Players may play only one hand at a time and must play in the circle located directly in front of them.
15. The tournament will be dealt as “face down” Pai Gow, meaning the dealer’s cards will not be exposed until all players have made their decisions.
16. There will be no commission on hands won.
17. Banking will not be permitted.
18. Any player hands set incorrectly will automatically lose. No exceptions.
19. The betting order will be determined by the random number generator on the shuffle machine, with the number shown being the first seat to wager and subsequent players wagering in a clockwise order from there. If the dealer’s position, or an empty seat, is generated, the player to that position’s left will make the first wager.
20. When it is a player’s turn to bet, they will have approximately 30 seconds to bet, otherwise a $100 minimum bet will automatically be placed.
21. If a dealer deal cards out of order, and no one has acted upon their hand, all hands are dead, unless there is action and then it is up to the tournament officials’ ruling.
22. If a player has less than the minimum bet remaining, the player will automatically be eliminated from play.
23. All chips must be counted before round results become official.
24. The official tournament language is English and conversing in any other language will not be permitted.
25. Communication, either verbal or visual (e.g. signaling) will not be permitted between players and spectators. This may result in disqualification and forfeiture of any prize money.
26. No written or mechanical aids will be permitted.
27. The use of cell phones, smartphones, personal data assistants (“PDAs”) or other mobile devices (e.g., iPads, Kindles, calculators) during tournament play is prohibited.
28. All players must report to their assigned seat five (5) minutes before the session starts.
29. **If a player is late to the table, the first hand will be dealt five (5) minutes after the round has started. The late player will lose the table minimum bet for three (3) hands. If not present by the start of the 4th hand the player will be disqualified from the tournament.**
30. Tournament participants will not be allowed to discuss betting strategy with other participants during the play. IT IS THE PLAYER’S RESPONSIBILITY TO COMMUNICATE THEIR ACTION TO THE DEALER.
31. Friendly conversation is permitted during the tournament, but coaching is NOT allowed.
32. Spectators who draw attention to or comment on play or bets will be asked to leave the area of play.
33. Any participant observed being coached or carrying on conversations with outside spectators or other participants, or speaking in another language other than English, will be given a "red flag" card on the table in front of their betting area as a warning. If they continue the behavior, they will be disqualified.
34. Playoffs will be for advancement purposes only. In the event of a tie, each player will be given a total of $1,000 in tournament chips and the playoff will begin. Three (3) hands will be played. The player with the most chips will advance. If during the playoff all players at the table bust out on the same hand, each player will be given $500 in tournament chips and will be dealt one more hand.
35. Any player who violates the official rules or becomes offensive to other players may be disqualified and subject to forfeiture of any prize money.
36. The top three (3) prize positions will be paid in cash. All other winnings will be paid in one-time bet promo chips. Winnings must be picked up from the cage within seven (7) days of the end of the tournament or they are forfeited.
37. The STRAT tournament committee will not accept any private arrangements between tournament players, or the interchanging of sessions and/or seats. Tournament players may not arrange for substitute players.
38. All disputes must be handled at the tournament table before the players leave the table.
39. In the event of a dispute, the decision of the tournament committee will be final.
40. The STRAT’s house rules will prevail over any situation not covered in the tournament rules.
41. The STRAT reserves the right to change, alter or cancel tournament or tournament rules without notice.
42. NO SMOKING OR VAPING WILL BE PERMITTED AT TABLES DURING TOURNAMENT PLAY.
43. Team members of Golden Entertainment, Inc.; Arizona Charlie’s Decatur; Arizona Charlie’s Boulder; The STRAT Hotel, Casino & Tower; Aquarius Casino Resort; Edgewater Casino Resort and Golden Casino Group team members, its successors and assignees of sponsors, its advertising agencies and promotional companies involved in this event are not eligible to participate.
44. Management reserves the right to make all final decisions regarding interpretation of rules and eligibility determinations for any promotion, subject to applicable laws and regulations.
45. These are the official tournament rules. Any rule relating to this Pai Gow Poker tournament may be changed, modified, or cancelled by management at any time without notice, subject to applicable laws and regulations.
46. Management reserves all rights to resolve any dispute or situation not covered by the official tournament rules and management’s decision shall be final and binding, subject to applicable laws and regulations.
47. STRAT encourages responsible gaming. For help and information on problem gaming, please call 24-hour Problem Gamblers Help line on 1-800-522-4700 or text 800GAM.