

Mahjong Rules Cheat Sheet (Printable Guide)

Players: 4

Goal: Complete 4 sets and 1 pair (14 tiles total)

Tile Types

- 1 Suits: Dots (1–9), Bamboo (1–9), Characters (1–9)
- 2 Honor Tiles: Winds (East, South, West, North)
- 3 Dragons: Red, Green, White
- 4 Bonus Tiles (optional): Flowers and Seasons

Valid Sets

- 1 Chow: 3 consecutive tiles of the same suit
- 2 Pung: 3 identical tiles
- 3 Kong: 4 identical tiles
- 4 Pair (Eyes): 2 identical tiles

Gameplay Flow

- 1 Each player starts with 13 tiles (Dealer starts with 14)
- 2 Draw one tile per turn, then discard one
- 3 Claim tiles for Chow (left player only), Pung or Kong (any player)
- 4 Declare Mahjong when you complete a winning hand

Quick Tips

- 1 Keep your hand flexible
- 2 Watch opponents' discards
- 3 Balance offense and defense
- 4 Don't rush—timing matters