

Mahjong (Chinese) for Intermediate/Advanced players

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Questions?

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Short Topics

- Mahjong etiquette
- Playing efficiently
- One-point strategies
- Learning the points sheet

Topic 1: Mahjong etiquette

1. Check for flower tiles quickly, even before organizing your hand.
2. Always call when taking a discard: Chee! Pung! Kong! Mahjong!
Also announce your flowers: Flower!
3. Never bury a discard in your hand when you claim it.
4. Give other players time to claim a discard—3 seconds.
5. Allow the winner to count their hand first, other players verify.
6. Push tiles to the center so everyone can reach them.

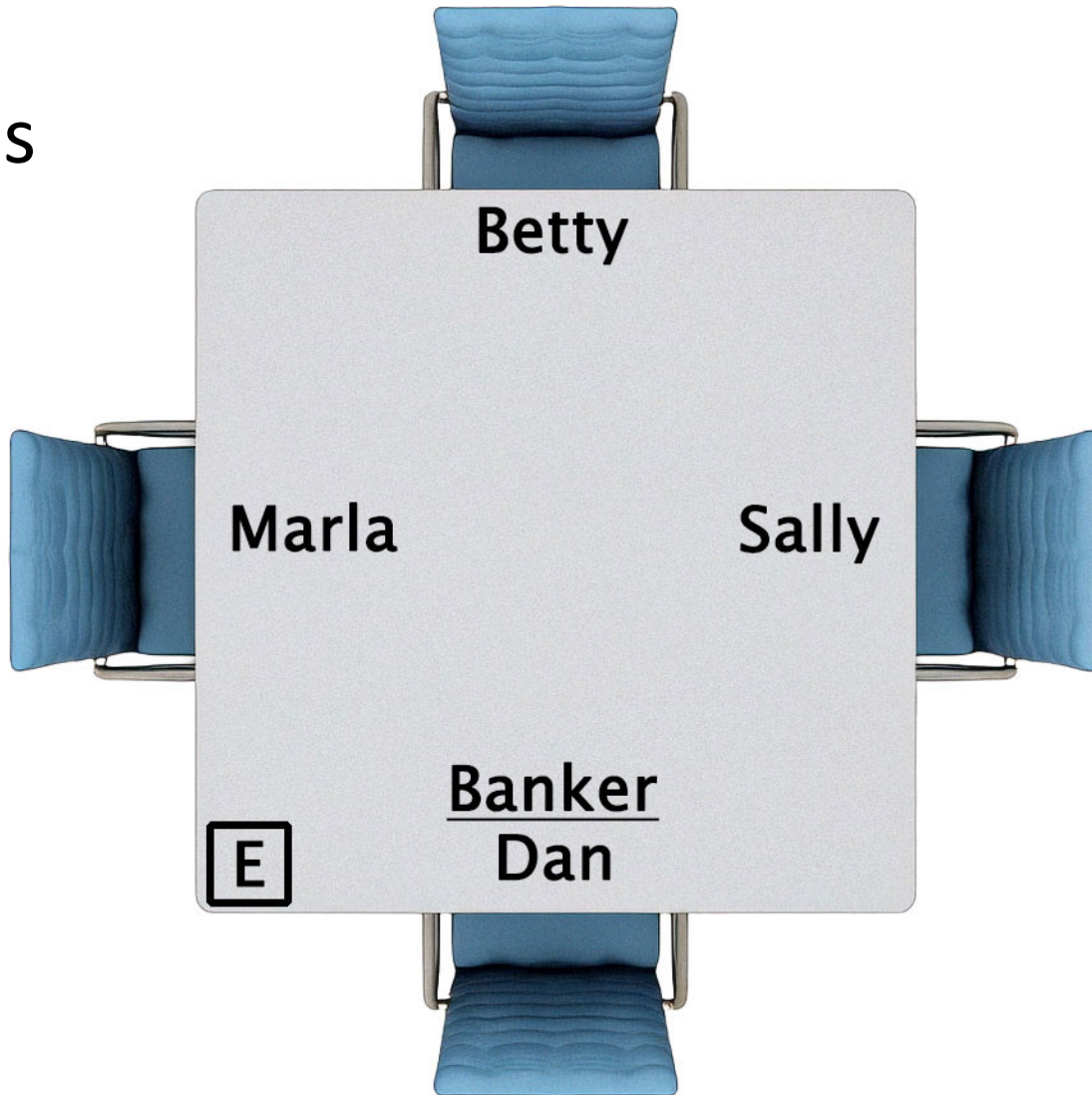
Topic 2: Play efficiently

1. Check for flower tiles as quickly as possible.
2. Build walls quickly: assist in building 4th wall with 3 players, help others build their walls after asking
3. The 1-5-9 rule
4. Consistent hand organization

1-5-9 Rule

quickly
determines
which
player
breaks
the wall

3-7-11



Banker is ALWAYS 1-5-9

Consistent hand organization



- Use Characters to separate Bamboos and Circles
- Put Honors (Winds and Dragons) on the end
- Keep potential discards on the very end
- Keep tiles pushed together

Topic 3: One-point strategies

1. Get one point and then play “mahjong express.”

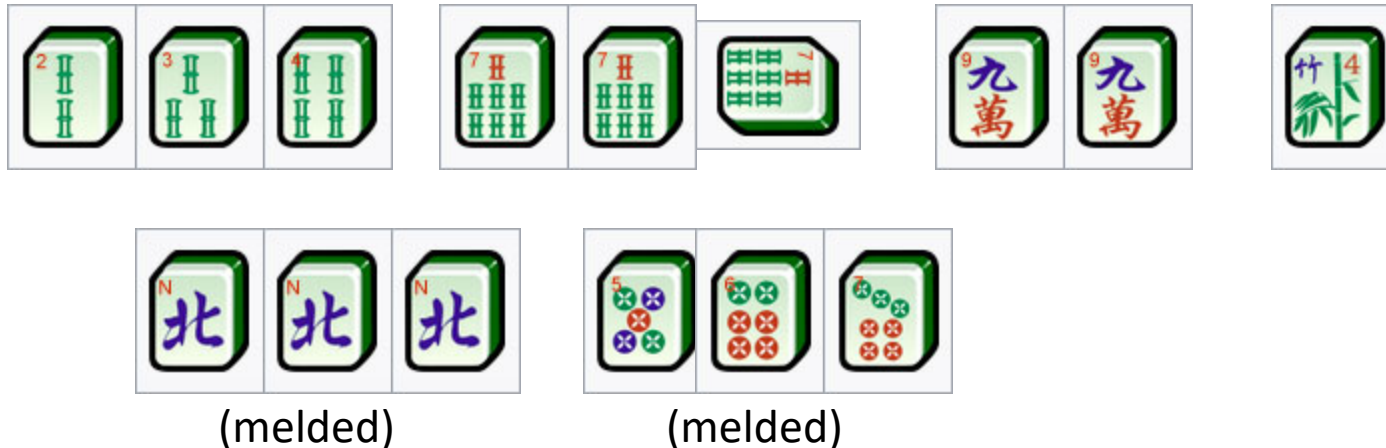
2. Rely on options that don't require the player to assemble specific tile combos

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|----------------------|----------------------------|
| •No Flower | •Middle Tile (Closed Wait) |
| •Your Flower | •End Tile (Edge Wait) |
| •Self-Drawn Tile | •All Concealed |
| •Robbing the Kong | •All Exposed |
| •Single Wait for Eye | •Bouquet |

3. Last resort: Single-Wait-for-Eye trick

Single-Wait-for-Eye trick

Prevailing wind is East and you are the banker.
Minimum of 1 point is needed to mahjong.
Another player discards the 7-Bamboos.



Topic 5: Learning the points sheet

Why?

- Know when you have enough points to mahjong
- Accumulate more points as you play
- Make more informed discards
- Adapt quickly to changing conditions
- Recognize when high-point combinations are possible
- Win more frequently

How?

Read points list occasionally (especially before class)

Case studies

What's Your Strategy?

Mahjong lab (assemble winning tile combinations)

Banker's Choice

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