

Emperor's Challenge Exposed

Game Description

Emperor's Challenge Exposed is a commission-free, house-banked Pai Gow Poker-based game using a standard 52-card deck and a Joker. The object of the game is for the players to beat the dealer in both their two-card low hand and their five-card high hand. *Emperor's Challenge Exposed* also contains optional bonus wagers that are not dependent on the base game's outcome.

Emperor's Challenge Wager

1. To begin the game, each player must make the base-game wager. Each player may also place an optional Emperor's Treasure, Pai Gow Insurance and/or Progressive Jackpot wagers.
2. Each player and the dealer are dealt seven cards, with the dealer's cards being dealt face up and the player's cards dealt face down.
3. The dealer sets their five-card hand and two-card hand according to the House Way.
4. Each player must then set their two-card low hand and a five-card high hand and place each in their designated spots on the layout. The ranking of the five-card hand must be higher than the two-card hand. If not, the hand is a foul and settled in accordance with house procedure.
5. The dealer examines each player's hand and settles the base-game wager as follows:
 - a. If *both* the player's low-hand and high-hand *are greater* than the dealer's hands,
 - i. The player's wager pays 1 to 1.
 - ii. **Unless** the dealer has any pai gow, in which case the player's wager pays 1 to 2*.
 - b. If *one* of the player's hands *is greater* than the dealer's hands, the player's wager is a push.
 - c. If *both* the player's hands *are less* than both the dealer's hands, the player's wager loses.
6. The dealer reconciles all optional wagers.

*Alternative Commission-Free Options

- If the dealer has a king-high pai gow or less, all player wagers push.
- If the dealer has an ace-high pai gow, all player wagers push.

Optional Bonus Wagers

Operators choose which optional bonus wager(s) they will offer and set all minimum and maximum wagering limits.

Pai Gow Insurance

A player wins if their seven-card hand achieves a triggering event displayed on the corresponding payable in Appendix A*.

*Optionally, the player may choose, in advance, to wager that the dealer's hand is a pai gow. The dealer places a designated lammer directly adjacent to the player's Pai Gow Insurance betting spot indicating the player has selected this option.

Emperor's Treasure (with Envy Bonus)

A player wins if their seven-card hand achieves a triggering event displayed on the corresponding payable in Appendix B.

Envy Bonus

In the event the player's Emperor's Treasure wager equals or exceeds a predetermined minimum (e.g. \$5), the player may qualify for an Envy Bonus in addition to the Emperor's Treasure payable.

A designated lammer is placed directly adjacent to the player's Emperor's Treasure wager whenever it equals or exceeds the predetermined minimum. A player wins an Envy Bonus if another player at the table achieves a triggering event as displayed on the corresponding Envy Bonus payable in Appendix B. A player may not win an Envy Bonus on their own hand.

Pai Gow Insurance Progressive

A player wins if their seven-card hand achieves a triggering event displayed on the corresponding payable in Appendix C.

Emperor's Treasure Progressive

A player wins if their seven-card hand achieves a triggering event displayed on the corresponding payable in Appendix D.

Appendix A
Pai Gow Insurance

Triggering Event	PT-FLT- EC-PGI-01	PT-FLT- EC-PGI-02	PT-FLT- EC-PGI-03	PT-FLT- EC-PGI-04	PT-FLT- EC-PGI-05
9-High Pai Gow	400	250	100	100	100
10-High Pai Gow	40	75	50	25	25
Jack-High Pai Gow	20	25	25	15	15
Queen-High Pai Gow	5	5	10	6	7
King-High Pai Gow	3	3	5	5	5
Ace-High Pai Gow	2	2	1	3	3

Notes:

1. All pays are "to 1."
2. Only the highest qualifying hand is paid.
3. Ace is always considered high, and the Joker is always considered an Ace.
4. Hands containing a Straight or a Flush do not qualify for a Pai Gow Insurance payout.
5. A lammer must be used to indicate a wager made on the dealer's hand being a pai pow. A player's wager is assumed to be on the player's hand unless the player declares, in advance, that they want to wager on the dealer's hand.
6. Operators may choose to post a maximum aggregate per hand or per round.

Appendix B
Emperor's Treasure

Triggering Event	PT-FLT- EC-ET- 01	PT-FLT- EC-ET- 02	PT-FLT- EC-ET- 03	PT-FLT- EC-ET- 04	PT-FLT- EC-ET- 05	PT-FLT- EC-ET- 06	PT-FLT- EC-ET- 07	PT-FLT- EC-ET- 08
7-Card Straight Flush, No Joker	5,000	8,000	5,000	2,500	5,000	5,000	5,000	2,500
5-Card Royal Flush w/ A-K Suited	1,000	2,000	2,000	1,000	2,000	1,000	2,000	1,000
7-Card Straight Flush w/Joker	750	1,000	1,000	750	1,000	500	1,000	750
5 Aces	250	400	400	250	400	300	400	250
5-Card Royal Flush	100	150	150	100	150	110	150	125
5-Card Straight Flush	50	50	50	50	50	45	50	50
Four-of-a-Kind	20	25	25	25	25	25	25	25
Full House	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
5-Card Flush	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
3-of-a-Kind	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
5-Card Straight	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
3 Pair	Push	Loss	Loss	Loss	Loss	Loss	Loss	Loss

Envy Bonus

Triggering Event	E01	E02	E03	E04	E05	E06	E07	E08
7-Card Straight Flush, No Joker	\$1,000	\$5,000	\$3,000	\$1,000	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$5,000	\$1,000
5-Card Royal Flush w/A-K Suited	\$250	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$750	\$500	\$500	\$1,000	\$750
7-Card Straight Flush w/ Joker	\$100	\$500	\$500	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$500	\$250
5 Aces	\$50	\$250	\$250	\$100	\$150	\$150	\$250	\$100
5-Card Royal Flush	\$25	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$55	\$55	\$50	\$50
5-Card Straight Flush	\$10	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$25	\$25	\$20	\$20
Four-of-a-Kind	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$6	\$6	\$5	\$5

Notes:

1. All odds shown above are "to 1" except for the Envy Bonus prizes, which are fixed pays.
2. Only the highest qualifying hand is paid.
3. Ace/King Suited combination cannot include the Joker. The five-card Royal Flush may include the Joker (e.g. Joker-K♥Q♥J♥10♥-A♠K♠).
4. All qualifying Envy Bonus wagers at each table receive the corresponding Envy Bonus prize excluding the player who had the hand containing the winning triggering event.
5. Operators may choose to post a maximum aggregate per hand or per round.

Appendix C

Pai Gow Insurance Progressive

Triggering Event	PT-BJS- EC-PGI-01	PT-BJS- EC-PGI-02	PT-BJS- EC-PGI-03	PT-BJS- EC-PGI-04	PT-BJS- EC-PGI-05
9-High one color	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
9-High two-tone	10%	10%	250	500	1000
10-High	\$125	\$100	125	125	100
Jack-High	\$30	\$25	30	25	25
Queen-High	\$7	\$10	7	5	5

Notes:

1. All odds shown above are "for 1."
2. Only the highest qualifying hand is paid.
3. Ace is always high, and the Joker is always considered an Ace.
4. Hands containing a Straight or a Flush do not qualify for a Pai Gow Insurance payout.

Appendix D

Emperor's Treasure Progressive

Triggering Event	PT-BJS-EC- ET-01	PT-BJS-EC- ET-02	PT-BJS-EC- ET-03
7-Card Straight Flush, No Joker	100%	100%	100%
5-Card Royal Flush w/ A-K Suited	50%	50%	N/A
7-Card Straight Flush w/ Joker	25%	25%	100%
Five Aces	\$1,000	\$2,000	10%
5-Card Royal Flush	\$175	\$250	\$500
5-Card Straight Flush	\$150	\$150	\$100
4-of-a-Kind	\$75	\$65	\$75
Full House	\$5	\$5	\$4

Notes:

1. All odds shown above are "for 1."
2. Only the highest qualifying hand is paid.
3. Ace/King Suited combination cannot include the Joker. The five-card Royal Flush may include the Joker (e.g. Joker-K♥Q♥J♥10♥-A♠K♠).