American Mahjong Cheat Sheet

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General rules only. You still need the National Mah Jongg League's current card to play. We are not affiliated with the League, and this sheet contains no hands from its card.

Setup

- 152 tiles, including 8 flowers and 8 jokers.
- Walls: 19 tiles long, 2 high.
- East takes 14 tiles. The others take 13.

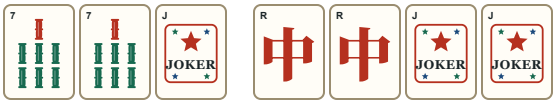
The Charleston

Stage	Passes	Required?
First	Right, across, left	Yes
Second	Left, across, right	Only if all four agree
Courtesy	Across, up to 3 tiles	Only if both agree

You may never pass a joker.

Jokers

- Can fill any place in a set of three or more.
- Cannot fill a pair or a single tile.
- A discarded joker is out of play.
- On your turn, you may swap the real tile for a joker in an exposure.



Calling

- You may call a discard to complete a pung, kong, or larger set, then expose it.
- You may not call for a pair or single tile, unless it finishes your hand.
- A win comes first. Otherwise, the next player in turn gets the tile.
- Check whether your hand must stay concealed.

Habits

- Name each discard out loud.
- Count 13 tiles between turns.
- Keep two or three hands in mind through the Charleston.

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