

## Tips for Defense

Safest discard is always a Joker

Watch out for discarding tiles often needed for singles/pairs:

- Flowers
- Dragons
- Winds

## 71 Total Hands

Over 1000 combinations  
\*500 in CR & WD

31 hands use flowers (44%)

13 hands (18%) are similar to 2024 (new pattern same hand)

### Common Patterns:

- 3434, 9 hands
- 2444, 5 hands
- 23432 (pyramid) 4 hands

5's & 6's are in high demand

Winds with 2025 concealed last year now open WD/7

Dragons are more valuable

## What's New in 2025 Year of the Wood Snake - Change & Renewal

- 9 sections on the card – one fewer than 2024
- 3 new odd hands, addition hand 10 can be any suit
- 50% of all hands are in CR or WD
- 2 Chow hands (123)
- 19 Dragon hands – appear in every section except Quints
- ALN section is harder but 25 hands outside ALN still use them
- Pungs of Flowers

### Favorite Hand:

112345 • 1111 • 1111

"Floating Pair"

- Pair can be anywhere in the run - pair matches Kongs.
- Backup in CR or ALN

### Toughest Hand:

ALN/2 – requires 4 natural tiles as pairs

### Safe Exposures:

Kongs of 6s (19)

Kongs of 5s (17)

Kongs of 9s (23)

Kongs of Flowers (7)

Avoid Exposing: Q1 – the only CR hand with Pung + Kong in two suits

## I love Mahj I (code MAHJAHOLIC)

- Play online with bots in the just-for-fun mode, enabling hand suggestions to help you see how your tiles can be rearranged for different sections.
- Exercise room Practice building and identifying Mahjong hands with interactive tools like Make a Hand, What Hand Is That?, Mahjle, and Heavenly Hands, each designed to sharpen your strategy and recognition skills.
- Siamese Mahjong more tiles so more options.

## Backup Hands with Common Tiles

2025/1 ⇔ ALN/2 – 12

2025/2 ⇔ 2025/3 – 12

ALN/1 ⇔ Q3 – 12

Q1 ⇔ CR/3B – 11

2025/1 ⇔ E/4 – 11