

Beginner Rules

Instructionish

No experience of Mahjong needed!
Simple game play for beginners.

3-4 Players
 20-40 Minutes
 Age 10+

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日本語の説明は反対面にあります。

BABA is a Japanese family name but there are 9 combinations of different kanji characters. With these character cards, play like Mahjong!

Contents



40 Cards (Kanji: 4 cards x 9 suits, Obaba: 4 cards)

9 DORAYAKI Chips
 2 Instruction Sheets
 32 KOBANs (Coins)
 *Koban = old Japanese coin

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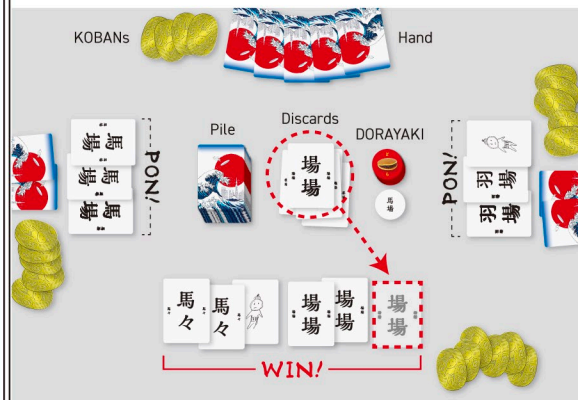
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Outline

Pick up a matching card, 'PON!'
Make 2 matching sets, 'WIN!'
Play your KOBANs to the end!

- ✓ All players start each hand with 5 cards.
- ✓ The goal is to collect 2 sets of 3 matching cards. The OBABA card can be used as a wild card for any suit.



- ✓ Players draw a card from the pile or pick up a card discarded (discard) by another player. Discard one unneeded card face up in the discard pile.
- ✓ When a discard is picked up to complete a set of 3 matching cards, the player explains PON! The cards are then placed face up in front of the player.
- ✓ When a player has collected 2 sets of 3 cards of the same suit the player exclaims WIN! That hand is concluded.
- ✓ The winning player receives (a) KOBAN(s). When the DORAYAKI chip matches your card, you score bonus points!
- ✓ Play until one player has no KOBANs remaining. The player who has the most KOBANs wins the match.

Glossary [Hand] Cards each players holds. One play reaching WIN! or No Result. [Pile] Cards placed in the center. [Draw] Card (s) taken from the pile. [Discards] Discarded cards next to the pile. [PON!] Exclaimed when claiming a discard. [WIN!] Exclaimed when 2 sets of 3 cards the same suit are matched for a win. [DORAYAKI] Chip showing the Kanji for a bonus point. [Pot] Penalty KOBANs placed in the center.

Preparation

Cards, KOBANs and DORAYAKI chips

- Remove 2 OBABA cards from the pack. Shuffle the remaining 36 kanji cards and 2 OBABA cards.
- Each player is given 5 KOBANs.
- DORAYAKI chips are placed in the center.

Deciding the first dealer

- The first dealer is decided by 'rock scissors paper.'



Game play

Game start

- The dealer deals each player 5 cards face down (hand). The remaining cards are placed in the center (pile).
- Select 1 DORAYAKI chip and turn it face up.
- Each hand is played from the dealer.



Overview

- The goal is to collect 2 sets of 3 cards the same suit (WIN!).
- The OBABA card serves as a wild card and can be used in place of any one card.
- Each player draws a card from the center pile and discards one card on their turn.
- The game is played clockwise.



⚠ Players may miss a turn upon PON! being claimed.

PON! : Claiming a discard

- If a discard makes a set of 3 in any player's hand that player can claim PON!
- The 3 cards are placed face up in front of the player.
- The player discards one card.
- Play restarts from the player to the immediate left of the player who claimed PON!



PON! configuration



? What if

👉 3 matching cards are dealt or drawn?

The player can choose whether the cards are placed face up in front or not as a tactical move.

👉 PON! or WIN! is claimed by more than one player?

PON! Vs. WIN!, WIN! takes precedence. PON! Vs. PON!, the player closest to the previous player's left takes precedence. WIN! Vs. WIN!, winner is decided by 'rock, paper, scissors.'

WIN! : Hand conclusion

- Collect 2 sets of 3 matching cards for WIN!.
- WIN! can be claimed either from claiming a discard or drawing from the pile.
- All cards are placed face up in front of the player.
- The player who calls WIN! receives (a) KOBAN(s).
- The hand is concluded. The player calling WIN! becomes dealer for the next hand.



Scoring KOBAN(s) from WIN!

From claiming a discard
Receive 1 KOBAN from the player who discarded.

From a draw from the pile
Receive 1 KOBAN from each player.



Bonus points

Score 1 KOBAN for each card matching the upturned DORAYAKI chip.



No result

- If the pile is exhausted and no WIN! is claimed that hand is concluded. The same dealer continues for the next hand.
- Following a no result hand 1 OBABA card is added to the deck. In the event of another no result, another OBABA card is added to the deck (2 extra cards in total). Upon reaching WIN! any extra cards are removed from the deck.

Game over

- Repeat play. The match reaches a conclusion when any one player has lost all KOBANs.
- The player with the most KOBANs is declared the winner.

👉 PON! or WIN! is claimed with unmatching cards?

That player receives a penalty and places 1 KOBAN in the pot and the hand is concluded. The winner of the next hand wins the pot as well as any other KOBAN owed.

👉 A player mistakenly holds too many or too few cards?

That player will receive a penalty and 1 KOBAN is placed in the pot and that hand is concluded.