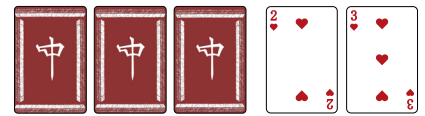


# OVERVIEW

In Riichi Mahjong, tiles are drawn and discarded to create a *valid hand* consisting of four *melds* (three-of-a-kind or sequence of three) and one pair. Win by drawing or calling the needed 14<sup>th</sup> tile!

## SIMILAR TO... RUMMY / POKER / SHANGHAI



Difficult hands (e.g., all melds same suit) are rewarded with more points.

# SUITS

Suits comprise of *pin* (dots), *so* (bamboo), and *man* (characters). There are also four separate suits of winds and three suits of dragons. Each meld may comprise of only one suit.

## SIMILAR TO... SPADE / HEART / CLUB / DIAMOND



Different suits can make up a hand, but not a meld.

# HANDS

A hand must meet the criteria for a *yaku*. Combine different yakus or aim for difficult hands to earn greater *han*, or points. Examples include a flush, all triplets, or three matching dragons.

## SIMILAR TO... 3-OF-A-KIND / STRAIGHT



Unlike some western card games, each suit has four of each tile.

# GAMEPLAY

Draw and discard tiles each turn. Open a hand to call needed tiles by saying *pon* for a three of a kind, or *chi* for a sequence. If a player discards a winning tile, say *ron*! If drawing a winning tile, say *tsumo*! Points are based on the hand, *dora*, dealer status, and whether *ron* or *tsumo* was called.

## Features Unique to Riichi Mahjong:

**Yaku:** A valid hand needed to win. Can be stacked for big scores.

**Dora:** Bonuses! Each *dora* is worth an entire point (*han*).

**Furiten:** Players can't call tiles they discarded to win. Defense!

**Riichi:** A bet! And the name of the game. Commit to a closed hand when one tile away from winning (*tenpai*). This *yaku* unlocks additional *dora*.

## HELPFUL HANDS

### ALL SIMPLES

Every meld contains only tiles 2-8.



This example also gets points for having a *red dora*.

### SET OF HONOR OR TERMINAL

Each meld contains at least one terminal (1 or 9) or honor (dragon or wind).



This example also gets points for having a *set of dragons*.

### MATCHING SEQUENCES

Two matching sequences of the same suit, in a closed hand.



This example also gets points for having only *one suit* in combination with honors.