

NEW SOCIABLES MAH JONGG

Purpose: This is a social Mah Jongg group open to all members of New Sociables who are experienced Mah Jongg players. (For those wishing to learn how to play, a boot camp is offered in the fall and in the spring.)

Location: Carbone's in Lakeville, 7670 160th St. W., Lakeville, MN (Corner of 160th and Cedar)

Time: We play on the first Thursday and the third Tuesday of every month. We plan on starting at 11:00 am and play until midafternoon.

Lunch: As with most New Sociables activities, you will have the opportunity to have lunch at Carbone's which offers a variety of items.

Type of Mah Jongg available: We play both single and doubles Mah Jongg.

Single Mah Jongg Rules:

We follow the National Mah Jongg League rules, with one exception, we do NOT build walls. This is a house rule used to keep the game moving a little quicker.

Because we are following the National Mah Jongg League rules, we do NOT do the Charleston if there are only three players at a table.

If you are over or under in the number of tiles on your rack, your hand is dead. You cannot draw another tile or an extra tile to correct this situation. You will still pay the winner of the hand the value indicated.

We do play for money. The value indicated on the card is what is paid to the player declaring Mah Jongg. If it is clean (no jokers) everyone pays double. (Singles and Pairs hands are excluded from this as they are already doubled on the card.) If a player discards a tile giving another player Mah Jongg, the player who discarded the winning tile pays double.

Doubles Mah Jongg Rules:

Most of the National Mah Jongg rules still apply to the playing of doubles. We do **not** build walls and we do **not** do the Charleston.

One other rule of note: Should two people call for a tile, the tile goes to the next person, unless the other person is calling it for a Mah Jongg. If both players are going to call Mah Jongg it would go to the next person in order of play.

If you have more tiles on your rack or not enough tiles on your rack than is required one of your hands is dead.

Payment to winner of hand: The first hand is paid the value indicated on the card. The second hand is paid double the value indicated on the card. If the winner of the hand puts two Mah Jonggs up at the same time. Both hands are doubled. In Doubles, we do **not** pay extra for a clean hand.

For example: If the first hand is 25 and the second hand is 40, the winner would be owed \$1.05 by each of the other players. If the winner puts up two Mah Jonggs at the same time each is doubled so the amount owed would be \$1.30.

Again, we welcome all levels of experienced players. Because the emphasis of this group is the social interaction of our players. We encourage players to rotate between tables. Usually, one of the chairs or another player will reach out to encourage this. Traditionally, the person who was East is the one who moves to another table.

There is a \$5.00 maximum loss per player. Please do not hesitate to say that you have reached your limit. You may continue to play. As this is more likely to happen playing doubles, do not hesitate to switch to a singles game if you would feel more comfortable.