

MAH JONGG FOR BEGINNERS  
NATIONAL MAH JONGG LEAGUE OFFICIAL RULES  
OLLI: LEWES CAMPUS SPRING 2023  
Mondays: February 5 – April 22, 2024

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Syllabus

1. Day One: New Beginners Lesson One: Introduction to the course. Brief History of the Game. The National Mah Jongg League Rules. Learning the Tiles. Pairs, Pungs, and Kongs. Jokers. The Role of East. Very simple play: Playing Right. Picking, naming, discarding and calling.
2. Day Two: Lesson Two: Review of Tiles. Uses of the Rack. Building the Wall of China. Breaking the Wall. Moving Left: Tile distribution & etiquette. Pin the tail on the wall. Related tiles. Simple play, II. Racking. The Wall Game.
3. Day Three:: Lesson Three: The Card: Categories and Color Codes. Reading the Fine Print. Jokers and White Dragons. Exposed and Concealed Hands. Singles and Pairs. Values. Seeking power. Constructing Hands. Play with exposed hands.
4. Day Four: Lesson Four: Review of Card. Tile Rack Arrangement. The Charleston. What to pass and what not to pass. The Courtesy Pass. Blind passes. Stopping the Pass. Concealed hand play.
5. Day Five: Lesson Five: Playing with Five. Calling and exposing (melding). 300 point Pie & Scoring.
6. Day 6: Lesson Six: Defensive play. Dogging. The Dead Hand. Jokerless Hands.
7. Day 7: Lesson Seven: Errors and Penalties. Miscalling Tiles. Mah Jongg in Error. Exposure Errors. Playing out of Turn.

SPRING BREAK WEEK MARCH 25 – 29 NO CLASSES

8. Day 8: Lesson Eight: Playing with 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 players. Warning: Table Rules.
9. Day 9: Play with support: Card Review. Picking Up Speed.
10. Day 10: Play with support. Members Questions.
11. Day 11: Play with support. Fine points. Finding and joining a new game.