Pachinko first-timer cheat sheet

Print it or keep it on your phone. 18+ only. Culture and travel guide, not gambling advice.

PachiPass

My budget: Today I'll spend no more than ¥_____ and stop at ___:___. When either runs out, I'm done.

BRING

- Yen banknotes: the dispensers take notes.
- Your passport: you must be 18 or over, and halls may ask for ID.
- This card, saved on your phone.

STEPS: PACHINKO

1. Pick a free machine. Belongings in the tray or a "reserved" sign mean it's taken.
2. Insert a note, then press 球貸 (tamagashi). On 4-yen, ¥500 gives 125 balls.
3. Turn the handle about a third of the way. Balls in the start pocket trigger a spin on the screen.
4. If 右打ち (migi-uchi) appears, turn the handle fully right.
5. Finished? Press 呼出 (yobidashi) for staff, or use the counter on the machine.
6. Take the receipt or card to the prize counter and choose prizes.
7. Cash out any card balance today, at the same hall.

STEPS: PACHISLOT

1. Insert a note and press 貸出 (kashidashi).
2. Bet 3 (MAX BET), pull the lever, press the three stop buttons.
3. When you're done, take your receipt to the prize counter.

HOUSE RULES

- One person, one machine. Playing two at once is not allowed.
- Don't share balls or medals unless the hall allows it.
- Never take balls or medals home: they belong to the hall.
- Don't sit at a machine with someone's belongings on it.

MONEY FACTS

- The legal maximum rental price is ¥4 per ball and ¥20 per medal, plus tax.
- Cheaper 1-yen and 5-yen corners make the same money last longer.
- Halls give prizes, not cash. You can lose money: treat it as the price of a night out.

WORDS ON THE MACHINE

球貸 / 貸出	*tamagashi / kashidashi*	Rent balls / dispense medals
返却	*henkyaku*	Return (get your card back)
計数	*keisū*	Count (cash out to your card)
呼出	*yobidashi*	Call staff
右打ち	*migi-uchi*	Shoot right: turn the handle all the way
ちょっと休憩	*chotto kyūkei*	Short break (locks smart machines)

SHOW STAFF (JAPANESE + ROMAJI)

すみません	*Sumimasen*	Excuse me
初めてです	*Hajimete desu*	It's my first time
遊び方を教えてください	*Asobikata o oshiete kudasai*	Please show me how to play
英語で説明できますか？	*Eigo de setsumei dekimasu ka?*	Can you explain in English?
台が止まりました	*Dai ga tomarimashita*	The machine has stopped
ちょっと休憩します	*Chotto kyūkei shimasu*	I'm taking a short break
やめます。計数お願いします	*Yamemasu. Keisū onegaishimasu*	I'm finishing. Please count my balls (medals)
全部交換お願いします	*Zenbu kōkan onegaishimasu*	Please exchange all of it
トイレはどこですか？	*Toire wa doko desu ka?*	Where is the toilet?
ありがとうございます	*Arigatō gozaimasu*	Thank you

IF IT STOPS BEING FUN

Set a limit before you sit down and stop when you reach it. Free, confidential support: pachipass.com/en/responsible-play/

Sources: DMM Pachitown: pachinko guide (English) (https://p-town.dmm.com/specials/4254) · DMM Pachitown: pachislot guide (English) (https://p-town.dmm.com/specials/4255) · MARUHAN: Let's Play Pachinko (https://www.maruhan.co.jp/info/playpachinko/) · e-Gov: rental price limits (Japanese) (https://laws.e-gov.go.jp/law/360M50400000001)

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