PachiPass

Pachinko first-timer cheat sheet

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

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

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

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)

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.

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.

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.

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/**

Open the interactive phone card

Sources:
DMM Pachitown: pachinko guide (English)
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