

The Pivot Playbook

Pivot Insights

Before Today

What comes to mind when you hear about backup hands or switching hands?

- I choose a backup hand early to give me flexibility.
- I memorize overlapping hands on the card to keep my options open.
- I don't get how backup hands work.

Key Insights

During the demonstration or examples, what stood out to you most?

- How quickly a strong hand can become vulnerable.
- The impact of discards and exposures on feasibility.
- Sharing common tiles does not guarantee switchability.
- Pivoting depends on what the table shows, not what the card suggests.
- Timing matters more than flexibility.
- Pivoting is a judgment call, not a pregame plan.

Was there a specific moment when it became clear that a pivot *was* or *was not* feasible?

What You'll Pay Attention To Going Forward

When considering a pivot in the future, what will you notice first (check all that apply)?

- Tile dependencies
- Discards and exposures
- Wall depth and timing
- Hand strength or vulnerability
- Table position and opponent speed

One Habit You'll Change

What is one habit, assumption, or pattern you plan to let go of?

Post-Workshop Reflections



Pivot Reflections - From Backup Hands to Pivot Judgment

Part 1: How I Used to Think About Backup Hands

Before this session, how did you understand the idea of a “backup hand”?

- I believed choosing a backup hand early gives me flexibility later
- I looked for overlap on the card to keep my options open
- I felt safer knowing I had a Plan B in mind
- I wasn't sure how pivoting really worked

In your own words, describe how you approached backup hands before today:

Part 2: What I Noticed During the Demonstration

During the live demo or examples, what stood out to you most?

- How quickly a hand can shift from strong to vulnerable
- How often “backup” hands collapsed without warning
- The role discards and exposures played in blocking options
- The importance of wall depth and timing

What moment made it clear that a pivot *was* or *was not* feasible?

Part 3: The Breakthrough

Which statement best reflects your current understanding?

- Backup hands don't guarantee switchability.
- Pivoting depends on what the table shows, not what the card suggests.
- Timing matters more than overlap.
- Pivoting is a judgment call, not a pregame plan.

Describe your biggest “aha” moment from this session:

Part 4: What I'll Apply Going Forward

Going forward, what will you pay closer attention to when considering a pivot (check all that apply)?

- Tile dependencies
- Discards and exposures
- Wall depth and timing milestones
- Hand strength and vulnerability
- Table position and opponent speed

Complete this: *I will stop thinking about backup hands as plans and start thinking about pivoting as...*

Part 5: One Thing I'll Do Differently

What is one specific habit or thought pattern you plan to change at the table?

Pivoting isn't about having more options — it's about recognizing when the table requires a change.

What does that mean to you now?

