



# The Mahjong Europe Ranking System

The goal of the Mahjong Europe Ranking System (MERS) is to rank European players according to the results achieved at tournaments they have played over time. Doing so, EMA encourages players on all levels of skill to play in tournaments and to improve their level.

## 1. Rankings rule sets

There are ranking lists for the two official rule sets of the European Mahjong Association (EMA) for which the same calculation system is applied: Mahjong Competition Rules (MCR) and Riichi Competition Rules (RCR).

Details of the calculation system are published on EMA's web site.

## 2. Certified tournaments

The ranking lists of the European Mahjong Association are based on the results of mahjong tournaments that are certified by EMA.

The board of EMA certifies local and national tournaments in EMA member countries or applicant countries for the Mahjong Europe Ranking System. European Championships are also certified and their result contribute to the MERS ranking.

Certified tournaments have 3 different weights in the ranking calculation. EMA member organizations can apply for certification each year for a limited number of tournaments:

Weight		Number of tournaments per country
1	Local tournament	Max 2 per year per rule set
2	National Championship	Max 1 per year per rule set
5	European Championships	

Certified tournaments must follow the EMA requirements for MERS tournaments.

Note: Réunion Island (France) can organise 2 MERS 1 and 1 MERS 2 in each rule set. This is additional to the standard tournaments of France. This special rule, decided at the GA 2013, pertains only to the number of tournaments, not to the country quota or ranking.

## 3. Requirements for players

Only players who are registered by EMA member organizations are listed in the European ranking systems. A player needs an EMA registration number to be listed.

If an EMA member country requires a national membership administration and corresponding fees for players to be able to participate in tournaments then EMA respects that such countries exclude players that do not comply to these national requirements.

This does not imply that other countries should have to exclude such players from playing tournaments. Players who do not comply with the regulations set by their country will not enter the EMA ranking list.

To be listed in a ranking of a specific rule set, a player must have participated in at least two certified competitions of this ranking. Participation as non-playing official or non-playing referee is not rated.

#### **4. Publication**

Tournament results and rankings are published on the EMA website. By subscribing to a tournament a player accepts that:

- His name appear in online listings of participants, tournament results and ranking;
- His picture and video may be recorded and used for reports or publicity of the tournament.