

1. **The organising team:** Polish League of Mahjong (PLM) with support from Upper Silesian Mahjong Association (USMA) and Kraków Chombo Club Association (It remains to be seen who will take on the role of main organiser.)
2. **Dates:** 05-08.08.2027
3. **Place:** Katowice, Poland.
  - o Katowice has an airport located outside the city with connections to destinations across the continent. Kraków Airport is around 2 hours away by train and 1 hour away by car and has even more connections. A train from Warsaw to Katowice takes 3–4 hours. The city is also directly connected by rail to several other countries, including Germany, the Czech Republic, Austria and Hungary. The venue is the [Katowice International Conference Centre](#), which is located in the city centre and forms part of a complex of buildings that includes the iconic Spodek landmark. We are planning to rent a 400 m<sup>2</sup> ballroom for the playing area and a separate room for the break area. We have already received a very good offer from the venue and have tentatively reserved the rooms for the championship. For a look at the venue, see the [video from our previous tournament](#). You can also view the [venue's official presentation](#) for much more in-depth information.
  - o [Hotel Diament Spodek Katowice\\*\\*\\*](#) is located in the same building complex and we are planning to contact them regarding possible discounts for players. As the venue is in the city centre, there are many other accommodation options available besides this hotel, such as the Courtyard by Marriott, which is 650 metres from the venue, and the Voco Katowice by IHG, which is 550 metres from the venue.
4. **Time schedule**
  - Thursday 05.08.2027
    - 08:00 - 16:00 — Referee Seminar
    - 17:00 - 20:00 — EMA Grand Assembly
  - Friday 06.08.2027
    - 08:00 – 10:00 — *Registration & Welcome*
    - 10:00 – 11:30 — 1st Hanchan
    - 11:30 – 12:00 — Coffee Break
    - 12:00 – 13:30 — 2nd Hanchan
    - 13:30 – 15:00 — *Lunch*
    - 15:00 – 16:30 — 3rd Hanchan
    - 16:30 – 17:00 — Coffee Break
    - 17:00 – 18:30 — 4th Hanchan
    - 18:30 – 19:00 — Coffee Break
    - 19:00 – 20:30 — 5th Hanchan
  - Saturday 07.08.2027
    - 10:00 – 11:30 — 6th Hanchan

11:30 – 12:00 — Coffee Break  
12:00 – 13:30 — 7th Hanchan  
13:30 – 15:00 — *Lunch*  
15:00 – 16:30 — 8th Hanchan  
16:30 – 17:00 — Coffee Break  
17:00 – 18:30 — 9th Hanchan  
18:30 – 19:00 — Coffee Break  
19:00 – 20:30 — 10th Hanchan

Sunday 08.08.2026

08:30 – 10:00 — 11th Hanchan  
10:00 – 10:30 — Coffee Break  
10:30 – 12:00 — 12th Hanchan  
12:00 – 13:00 — *Lunch*  
13:00 – 14:30 — 13th Hanchan  
14:30 – 15:00 — Coffee Break  
15:00 – 16:30 — 14th Hanchan  
17:45 — *Prize Ceremony*

(It may be subject to change, but the changes are likely to be minor.)

5. **Number of participants:** around 200
6. **Tournament format:** full round robin
7. **Registration fee:** around 200 €
8. **Description of what the registration fee includes:**
  - Venue price
  - 3 lunches provided by [EMCEK meet&eat](#) served in a separate room at the venue
  - Coffee break catering including coffee from an espresso machine and a variety of teas. Water and juice in dispensers. Various cakes and cookies. Regularly cleaned and refilled by venue staff.
  - Prizes for the top 10 (subject to change) and special achievements, probably including sets as in Valencia.
9. **Vision/concept:** The tournament is focused on the game and will take place in Katowice at a premium venue that hosts events such as the European Chess Championship and Intel Extreme Masters.

We are going to look for grants and sponsorships from various bodies, such as the city of Katowice, its president, the Silesian Voivodeship, the Polish Ministry of Culture, the Ministry of Sport and Tourism, and the Japanese Embassy in Poland. We plan to invite four professional guests from Japan and a few more players from around the world.