

Observer report for the Spanish International mah-jong tournament in Valencia

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Date : September 17-18th, 2022

Place : Valencia, Spain

Website or other source of information : All information was available on the website of the organizing club Mahjong Valencia : Program, venue, schedule, registration, list of participants...

Participants : 40 players from 6 countries.

Represented countries :

Spain 15, Italy 11, France 7, Switzerland 5, Netherland 1, Hungary 1

Playing schedule : 2 days, 7 rounds (4+3) of 1 h 55 minutes and the last hand finished to the end.

Location : Hotel Port Azafata, located near the Airport.

Equipment : A mixture of tournament style mahjong sets and similar table decks.

Refereeing : Marco Montebelli was player referee.

Complaints : One player complained that there was not non-player referee, actually the referee was seldom called.

Information during the tournament : Visible clock projected from a computer, a gong clearly informed players of the start and the end of the sessions. Ranking up to date between each sessions, projected on a screen.

Sessions : Excellent playing atmosphere.

Catering : Breakfast available in the morning, coffee, tea, drinks , biscuits and fruit throughout the day. Lunch in the restaurant of the hotel, served at table, very good spanish food. Optionnal dinner on Saturday was also served in the restaurant of the Hotel.

Prizes : Trophies for individual ranking (1st, 2nd and 3rd) , and one for the best team .

Conclusion : Excellent tournament. Very convenient place and schedule. Maybe for the next European MCR Championship which was previously cancelled during the COVID lockdown ?