



## Observer report for Mahjong Valencia Riichi 2022









**Observer:** Ombretta Tassinari

**Date:** 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> December 2022

**Place:** Valencia, Spain

**Website or other source(s) of information:** All information on the website of Mahjong Valencia: registration, fee, schedule, address to venue and list of participants

**Participants:** 60 players

FRA	ESP	GER	POR	UKR	ITA	BEL	ROU	GBR	AUT	SWE	NED
											
22	12	5	4	3	3	3	2	2	2	1	1

**Playing schedule:** 2 days, 9 rounds (5+4) of 80 minutes

**Location:** Tournament was held in Hotel Port Azafata Valencia with a room big enough for all tables. The hotel is well located near the airport and the metro station. Playing room had easy access also for people with walking problems.

**Equipment:** We played with junkmats and all with the same mahjong sets. All in good/acceptable condition.

**Refereeing:** Yulong Zhao and Joel Ratsimandresy were non-player referees.

**Complaints:** None.

### Information / communication during the tournament:

Visible clock projected from a computer on a screen. A gong clearly informs players of the start and the end of sessions. Ranking up to date between each session was shown on the same screen.

**Sessions:** Excellent playing atmosphere, FFF (Fair-play, Friendly and Fun).

**Catering:** Lunches in the same place (typical Spanish foods with paella and tapas), drinks and others. Also breakfast and coffee breaks available anytime in the same place.

**Prizes:** Trophies for individual ranking (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>).

**Conclusion:** Very nice tournament in Valencia, with a lot of players from many countries. Some players were playing too much slowly, but it's always a pleasure to be host by the Valencia Mahjong Club