



Observer report for 2nd Milano open 2025 (RCR, MERS 2)

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Date: Marth 22nd – 23rd 2025

Place: Milano, Italy

Website or other source(s) of information: All information on the website of Mahjong Italy: registration, program, list of participants, ...

Participants: 48 players

Represented countries:

AU	BE	ES	FR	IT	DE	GB	CH	Other
2	3	2	2	24	4	4	6	1

Playing schedule: 2 days, 8 rounds (5+3) of 90 minutes

Location: Culture center: La Casa dei Giochi. The tournament has been held in one of the rooms in the culture center. The room is big enough for 48 players but there was little space between the tables.

Equipment: AMOS game sets in good condition. Tables are stables and Riichi Mats were used.

Refereeing: Marco Montebelli and Thibaut Arnold were player referees.

Complaints:

1. Some players were late for the 1st hanchan in the morning and the hanchan after the lunch break on both days. The organizer chose to wait for them instead of starting the hanchan on time and applying penalties.
2. Cellphone were ringing during the game and the referees didn't notice because they were concentrated on their game.

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, printed and posted on walls.

Sessions: Fair playing atmosphere

Catering: Lunch in the same place (nice Italian food), drinks and others. Snacks, tea and coffee during the afternoon of 2 days.

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

Conclusion: Good tournament in Milano. Recommend to have non player referee for Riichi tournament.