OBSERVER REPORT

VIENTO DEL SURESTE MURCIA MAHJONG CLUB 1st TOURNAMENT (MCR, MERS 3)

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Date: 10-11 th May 2025

Place: Murcia, Spain

All information were on the website of the club.

Participants: 44 players from 6 countries

Spain 31, France 7, Italy 3, Portugal 1, Switzerland 1 and China 1.

<u>Playing</u>: 2 days, 7 rounds of 1hour 55 minutes, the tournament format was a pure Round -Robin with teams.

The <u>draw</u> was made before the start of the tournament in the presence of all players.

Refereeing: 2 playing referees Antonio AYLLON and Nicolas BAPTISTE.

Location: Hotel ALLEGRO AZARBE, Murcia.

A very well located hotel with nice rooms . We played in a room dedicated exclusively to the tournament with enough space for the 11 tables.

Equipment: Good game sets and bordered tables.

Information/Communication during the tournament: visible clock projected from a computer on a screen. A gong clearly informed players of the beginning and end of each sessions.

Ranking up to date between sessions on the same screen as the clock.

Sessions: Excellent playing atmosphere.

Catering: Breakfast in the morning, bottles of water, coffee, tea, fruit and biscuits between rounds at the playing venue.

A lunch was provided the 2 days in the restaurant of the hotel, the food was hearty and excellent, even vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free meals.

Prizes: prizes for individual ranking (top 3), for the 4 players of the best team, a prize for the player who had more self drawn mahjong and a special prize for the referees and the observer (sincerely appreciated)

Complaints: Almost NONE. Some players noticed that one of the table was larger than the others and that on this one it was difficult to reach the tiles of the opposite wall.

Conclusion: Excellent organisation for a first tournament! Waiting for the next one, next year, same place.