



## **Observer report for Bologna Double Race (Riichi, MERS 1)**

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**Date:** June 7<sup>th</sup> 2025

**Place:** Bologna, Italy

**Website or other source(s) of information:** All information are available on the tournament website in English and Italian : [https://www.fimj.it/?page\\_id=10584](https://www.fimj.it/?page_id=10584)

**Participants:** 28 players

**Countries represented:** 2

Italy: 25

Belgium: 3

**Playing schedule:** 1 day, 4 Hanchans of 75 minutes + 1 Hand

09.30 – 10.15 : Registration

10.30 – 12.00 : 1<sup>st</sup> Hanchan

12.15 – 13.45 : 2<sup>nd</sup> Hanchan

13.45 – 14.45 : Lunch

14.45 – 16.15 : 3<sup>rd</sup> Hanchan

16.30 – 18.00 : 4<sup>th</sup> Hanchan

18.15 : Prize giving

Due to a computer problem, the first Hanchan had to be postponed by 20 minutes.  
This did not affect the rest of the program.

**Location:** Bologna, Via Corticella 147 presso Circolo Sportivo (Bocciofila) Caserme Rosse.  
The venue was close to the city center and easily accessible by public transport.

**Equipment:** Standard Amos mahjong set with standard junk mat. Tenbo sticks were used to record scores and certain table had a sheet indicating the wind of each player.

**Refereeing:** Marco MONTEBELLY was the playing referee.

### **Complaints:**

- Table numbers were not clearly marked
- The “ all last sheet “ and the “ final score sheet” were double-sided which made transcription impractical
- There were several phones that rang during the day

**Information / communication during the tournament:**

Visible clock projected from a computer on a screen. A ringtone from the computer informed the elapse of the 75-minute limit. Ranking up to date between each session once again from a computer on a screen.

The important information was communicated to us by the referee, either in Italian or in a flawless French. Around the table, the other players mostly spoke Italian among themselves and English with us.

Point-counting and transactions were clear without major problems.

Before the all-last game, players wrote their current scores on a piece of paper visible to all players at the table.

**Sessions:** Excellent playing atmosphere, the Italian players were very friendly and particularly welcoming.

**Catering:** Optional Lunch in the same place with the choice of a mixed salad or a lasagna for 15€. Still and sparkling water were provided, and players could purchase additional drinks or snacks from the venue's concession stand

**Prizes:** The referee and the EMA observer received an Italian sausage as did those with the best results in each Hanchan. The 3 best players in the ranking get a bag of goodies as prizes.

**Conclusion:** A pleasant one-day tournament with a very friendly atmosphere that made us really feel at home.