



## **Observer report for Valencia Riichi 2025 ( MERS 3)**

**Observer:** Katarzyna Chabelska

**Date:** June 14 – 15, 2025

**Place:** Valencia, Spain

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

**Participants:** 44 players

ESP-32, BEL-3, ITA-3, FRA-2, POL-1, UKR-1, GBR-1, USA-1

**Playing schedule:** 2 days, 9 hanchan (5+4) of 75 minutes, after which you finish the current hand and one more if possible

**Location:** Hotel Port Azafata Valencia, very nice place for the tournament, with a good location close to the airport and near metro station

**Equipment:** We played with standard games and mats. Everything was the correct sizer Riichi Mahjong

**Refereeing:** Yulong Zhao was a playing referee.

**Complaints:** None.

### **Information / communication during the tournament:**

Visible clock projected from a laptop 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 and on the application.

**Sessions:** Excellent playing atmosphere, FFF (Fair-play, Friendly and Fun). There were a lot of new players from Spain, for whom it was their first tournament, but the experienced players showed them a lot of kindness and patience.

**Catering:** Lunch in the same place (hotel restaurant with starter, main course and dessert - traditional food of Valencia, for 2 days), drinks and others. In the morning on both days breakfast

**Prizes:** Trophies for individual ranking (1st, 2nd and 3<sup>rd</sup>), and because the tournament was joined together with 2nd Riichi Open Milano trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd for players who achieved the best aggregate result in both of these tournaments. The double winner was Junjie Sun. Prizes for the referee and observer.

**Conclusion:** Very nice and well organized tournament as always!





