



## Observer report for San Gimignano 2025 (MCR, MERS 3)

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**Date:** June 21-22, 2025

**Place:** San Gimignano, Italy

**Website or other source(s) of information:** All information on the website of Federazione Italiana Mah Jong, [https://www.fimj.it/?page\\_id=10493](https://www.fimj.it/?page_id=10493): registration, program, list of participants,...

**Participants:** 64 players

### Represented countries

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| 42  | 8   | 8   | 3   | 2   | 1   |

**Playing schedule:** 2 days, 7 rounds (4+3) of 120 minutes (Gong after 115 minutes)

**Location:** Campsite Boschetto di Piemmas. The playing venue was situated above the restaurant. The room was large enough to accommodate 16 tables, but a bit crowded so there was no space to have extra chairs for score sheets, cups etc.

**Equipment:** Square tables with solid table-top frames. Some of the mahjong sets had some marks (not cleaned after duplicate event?), but no complaints about that from the players.

**Refereeing:** Alberto Rosi was non-player referee. Marco Montebelli and Marion Hoarau were additional playing referees.

**Complaints:** Some minor comments from players:

- 1) English is the official tournament language. Players should not use languages not understood by all players at the table during the games.
- 2) No round wind markers at the tables.
- 3) Chairs quite low and some of them not so stable.

### Information / communication during the tournament:

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

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

**Catering:** Lunch buffet at the camping restaurant. Optional dinner at the same restaurant in the Saturday evening.

**Prizes:** Individual prizes for top 10 and for the top 3 teams (Italian delicatessen). Additional prizes for best/worst round scores, and a consolation prize for the last player.

**Conclusion:** Very nice and well-organized tournament in San Gimignano. Nice venue and convenient to stay at the camping site. Very warm, even for Italian conditions, which made it quite warm also in the playing room.