



Observer report for Swedish MCR Championship 2025 (MCR, MERS 3,5)

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Date: 23 - 24 August 2025

Place: Varberg, Sweden

Website or other source(s) of information: Information on the website of Uppsala Mahjong (registration, registration fee and payment information, contact information, a hotel discount, program, prizes, list of participants, referees, EMA observer).

Participants: 80 players

Represented countries:

SWE	FRA	DEN	SUI	NED	ITA	ESP	POR	POL	GER	GBR
										
45	14	5	4	3	3	2	1	1	1	1

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

Location: Folkets Hus, Magasinsgatan 17, 432 45 Varberg. Large room for playing as well as extra areas outside the playing room for socialising between rounds.

Equipment: We played with new games and tables.

Refereeing: Alma Klasson and Johan Eklund were non-playing referees.

Complaints: There were a few comments regarding the information and structure of the tournament:

1. With 80 players it would have been nice to also have had a team tournament.
2. There were a few players that complained to me about how a lot of information was only being given out on Facebook. I was told that people not engaging with the information on Facebook were contacted via email. However, I was told that at least two players did not receive all information.

Information / communication during the tournament:

Visible clock projected from a computer onto a very large screen. A gong clearly informs players of the start and the end of sessions. Ranking up to date between each session and was available on the website and the big screen.

Sessions: Excellent playing atmosphere, fair-play, friendly and fun with lots of small extra prizes for best round, biggest hands.

Catering: Lunch was at two different places nearby (Chinese and Thai) and included drinks, as well as a takeaway option if people would like that.

Between session there was always snacks and drinks for people, even on the Friday evening before the tournament during social play.

Prizes: Trophies for individual ranking (1st, 2nd and 3rd), trophy for the best Swede (Swedish Champion), as well as the small extra fun prizes between sessions.

Conclusion: It was a very nicely run tournament with a few hiccups regarding information, but for a club organising their very first tournament, I think they did an amazing job to do everything for people to have an amazing experience in Varberg. Would glad attend again without hesitation.