



## Observer report for the Rode Lotus MCR 2025 Tournament

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**Place:** Leuven, Belgium

**Website or other source(s) of information:** All information were on the website of [MahjongBelgium.be/Rode-Lotus-cup](http://MahjongBelgium.be/Rode-Lotus-cup) (the registration, the location of the tournament, the schedule, the fee and the list of participants).

**Participants:** 36 players

**Countries represented:** Netherlands (15), Belgium (12), France (6), Sweden (1), Germany (1) and Hungary (1).

**Playing schedule:** 1 day, 4 rounds of 110 minutes.

**Location:** In the center of Leuven, at the bridgeclub Pieterman, Brusselsestraat 61. The club has 3 big rooms; one was the playing room with all the tables, spacious, well lit, climatized when needed and the other two rooms were for the breaks and the lunch.

**Equipment:** We played with standard MCR mahjong sets. All in good quality but with no edges which could cause tiles to fall easily.

**Refereeing:** Marieke Verheyden, non-playing referee.

**Complaints:** No complaints.

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

Visible clock projected on a screen. A 10 second countdown clearly informs players of the start and the end of sessions. Scores and Ranking were printed and shown at two locations in the venue. The referee announced to the players who had already finished their game to be respectful to the still playing tables and to go on the two other rooms instead of chatting in the playing room.

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

**Catering:** Snacks in the corridor next to the playing room, a soup after the first game. Some coupons were given to the players for free drinks. Lunch was sandwiches taken in the non-playing rooms.

**Prizes:** Trophies for individual ranking (1st, 2nd and 3<sup>rd</sup>). A special prize for the player who did the most chicken hands. Gifts for the player with the most points for each session. A badge for each player winning an 88 points hand but none was won.

**Conclusion:** Very nice tournament in Leuven, great organization as always and it's the first tournament of Rode Lotus Cup 2025.

Some people stayed for the Sunday Riichi tournament which is combined with this MCR tournament. The best player is the best ranked player in both tournaments.

Everyone was happy to play, and it was a great overall day.