



## Observer report for Valencia MCR 2025

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**Date:** 13-14 September 2025

**Place:** Valencia, Spain

**Website or other source(s) of information:** All information on the website of the tournament : registration, program, list of participants, list of teams as well as several mails to give useful informations.

**Participants: 80 players** from 9 countries : Spain, France, Italy, Swenden, Switzerland, Poland, Russia, Netherlands and Germany.

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

**Location:** The tournament will take place in Hotel Port Azafata Valencia (near the airport), a 4 stars hotel with a lots of services. They are several hotels and restaurants around. The room had an Air conditioner.

**Equipment:** We played with standard mahjong sets.

**Refereeing:** Loïc de Kergommeaux (playing Referee), Erwan de Kergommeaux (playing Referee), And Edgar Rubio Rodilla (non player Referee).

**Complaints:** There were a few comments regarding of the tournament

1. The first day during the first session, we started with 115 minutes and not 120 minutes.
2. The referees did not inform when it left 15 minutes during the session.
3. The routes were decided before (without even having a draw).
4. They was 2 players referees.
5. The score sheets were not practical (too gray to see the results).
6. A lot of people don't speak english during a session. Also when some players call a referee for a decision they didn't understand each other.
7. Some player don't like to be on team and the principe of team price.

**Information / communication during the tournament:** Visible clock projected from a computer on a screen. A gong clearly informs players of the start and the end of sessions. Ranking up to date between each session, projected from a computer on a screen.

**Sessions:** Excellent playing atmosphere, FFF (Fair-play, Friendly and Fun). Very good timing and well respected.

**Catering:** breakfast in the morning (coffee, tea, croissant, juice, ...) during the tournament. During each break different snacks were proposed (little pizza, fruits, ...). Natural and sparkling water were made available for all the participants. Lunch in the same place at the hotel restaurant with starter, spanish main course & dessert during 2 days (the portion was very generous).

**Prizes:** Trophies for individual ranking (1st, 2nd and 3rd) and also for 4th to 7th with a unique trophies for each and price for the 3 best team. Gifts for observer and referees. Also each player received a pin and a little notebook for fridge.

**Conclusion:** It was a very nice tournament with a good mixed of young and old peoples. A lot people appreciate to play 120 minutes because they can finish the 16 hands. It's very nice to have the same games set in all tables. The organizers welcomed us very well and the main room is very comfortable (spacious enough).