



Observer report for Malmö Riichi Open (Riichi, MERS 1)

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Date: 13 September 2025

Place: Malmö, Sweden

Website or other source(s) of information: Information on the website of Uppsala Mahjong (registration, registration fee and payment information, contact information, program, list of participants).

Participants: 36 players

Represented countries:

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Playing schedule: 1 day, 5 rounds

Location: Malmö's Studieförbundet, Ystadsgatan 53D, 214 44 Malmö. Large conference room for playing as well as extra areas outside the playing room for socialising between rounds.

Equipment: Good games and tables.

Refereeing: Anna Zubenko (head referee), Jasper Germeys, and Niklas Johansson were playing referees.

Complaints: None.

Information / communication during the tournament:

Visible clock projected from a computer on a table on the stage in the conference room. Clear information to the players of the start and the end of sessions. Ranking up to date between each session and was posted on the information area (with all other information), as well as online on a link to a Google Sheet.

Sessions: Excellent playing atmosphere, fair-play, friendly and fun.

Catering: Lunch was at the players own choice from the many options nearby. There was plenty of time for it and 3rd round started on time.

Prizes: Trophies for individual ranking (1st, 2nd and 3rd).

Conclusion: It was a nicely run tournament with a few hiccups in the first round, 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.