

# Observer report for Valencia Riichi (MERS 2.3\*)

- \* According to the new 2018 ranking system. MERS weight is subject to change depending on the number of players registered and the countries participating. Breakout of the current weight:
  - 2-days tournament: 2 points.
  - More than 40 players: 0.5 points.
  - 10 countries represented: 1 points.

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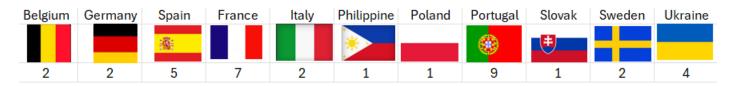
Place: Porto, Portugal

Website or other source(s) of information: All information on the following dedicated website

Riichi Portugal | Gamma

Participants: 36 players (34 enrolled 2 substitutes (1 of them referee)

### Represented countries:



Playing schedule: 2 days, 8 rounds of 75 minutes

#### **Tournament Format:**

The tournament format was a Round-Robin format

#### Location:

The tournament has taken place in Hotel Cristal Porto : a new 4 stars hotel that enjoys a central location in the city of Porto. The room was very nice and well ventilated.

**Equipment:** We played with mats and games on tables that were of excellent conditions.

**Refereeing:** Yulong Zhao and Sergio Lima (Yulong from France, Sergio from Portugal; Sergio playing)

Complaints: None.

## 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, appearing clearly on screen + on phone application

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

**Catering:** Lunch (all you can eat buffet) in the same place. Nice thought from the organiser as one of the players had her birthday on the Sunday and the organiser offered a birthday cake celebration.

**Prizes:** Trophies for individual ranking (1st, 2nd and 3<sup>rd</sup>).

Conclusion: Very nice tournament in Porto. Excellent organisation!