



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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Date: September 20-21 2025

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 :

Belgium	Germany	Spain	France	Italy	Philippine	Poland	Portugal	Slovak	Sweden	Ukraine
										
2	2	5	7	2	1	1	9	1	2	4

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 3rd).

Conclusion: Very nice tournament in Porto. Excellent organisation!