



Observer report for Swedish Open Riichi Championship 2025 (SORC)

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Place: Gothenburg, Sweden

Website or other source(s) of information: All information on the website of Göteborg Mahjong : registration, program, list of participants. Scores were also updated online between rounds.

Participants: 44 players (Sweden 38, Denmark 4, Poland 1, Ukraine 1)

Playing schedule: 2 days, 8 rounds (5+3) of 90 minutes (gong after 75 mins)

Location: The “Gamlestadens medborgarhus” (Gamlestadens community center) room is large enough to host 48 players and leaves enough space between them. There was minor noise (African choir practice) during first day, that lasted only less than an hour, so it was not a big issue. Room got a bit hot after one session and it was fixed by airing out between the sessions. The center had nice common facilities for the breaks with tables, chairs, sofas and many toilets.

Equipment: The tables were very nice square and perfect for the junkmats. Very good chairs, the best I ever had I believe. Good riichi tiles and sticks.

Refereeing: Stefan Persson was non-player referee.

Complaints: None.

Information / communication during the tournament:

Visible clock projected from a computer on a high table. A gong clearly informs players of the start and the end of sessions. Ranking up to date between each session online.

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

Catering: Lunch not included, and there're plenty restaurants close by for reasonable price. Hot beverage and snacks during the break. Local beer bistro restaurant on the Saturday evening where we had a nice time socializing with the other players.

Prizes: Trophies and gift for individual ranking (1st, 2nd and 3rd), and one more for the best Swedish player. Water bottle for player from 4th to 10th.

Conclusion: Very nice tournament in Gothenburg.