



## Observer report for Valencia Hatsuyume 2025

**Observer:** Zongbo Bao

**Date:** December 13 - 14, 2025

**Place:** Valencia, Spain

**Website or other source(s) of information:** All information on the website of Mahjong Valencia (<https://hatsuyume.mahjong-valencia.es>) for registration, program, list of participants. Results were published online (<https://www.mahjongtournamentmanager.com/tournament/rcr/ranking/individual.php?tn=1764831353700&sn=1&sp=38>).

**Participants:** 40 players

**Countries represented:** Spain (29), French (3), German (2), Portugal (1), Italy (1), United Kingdom (1), Belgium (1), Uruguay (1), The Netherlands (1).

**Playing schedule:** 2 days, 8 rounds of 75 minutes each: finish the current hand plus one more.

**Location:** Hotel Port Azafata Valencia, Cta. Aeropuerto, 15, 46940 Manises, Valencia.

**Equipment:** We played with standard Riichi mahjong sets, which are quite new.

**Refereeing:** Yulong Zhao was a playing referee.

**Complaints:** None.

### **Information / communication during the tournament:**

Visible clock at the front of the room, announcement with 15min and 5min remaining, and also at the end of the timer with instructions to finish the hand and play one more. Communication with regards to referee decisions at the table was clear and concise and responsiveness to enquiries was fast. End of round scores were published online and easily visible to everyone.

**Sessions:** Excellent playing atmosphere, FFF (Fair-play, Friendly and Fun). Because an alert of the heavy rain for the second day, the organizer decided to cancel the 9th round from the original schedule, which was informed by the email and also announced on the screen and by the organizer at the very beginning of the second day clearly.

**Catering:** Breakfast was provided in the same room and lunch was in the neighbor room. A lot of choices for the breakfast and also beverage. For lunch, paellas were provided also with salad and dessert. Pretty decent and enjoyable food.

**Prizes:** Trophies for individual ranking (1st, 2nd and 3rd) as well as small gifts for the EMA observer, and the playing referee.

**Conclusion:** A pretty nice and enjoyable tournament in Valencia. The food, the weather and the atmosphere were super good.