



Observer report for Swiss Open 2026 (MCR, MERS 2.5)

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Date: January 24th – 25th 2026

Place: Le Mont-sur-Lausanne, Switzerland

Website or other source(s) of information: All information are on the website of Mahjong Club Lausanne: registration, program, list of participants, results.

Participants: 56 players from 4 countries.

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Playing schedule: 2 days, 7 rounds (4+3) of 120 minutes

Location: The ISL (International School of Lausanne) offers a mezzanine, on the first floor, large enough to host 100 players and leaves enough space between them. The space on ground is used to host the breakfasts, the breaks, to take lunches and the Saturday evening dinner event.

Equipment: We played at comfortable tables (a bit noisy), with 2 different types of sets.

Refereeing: Erwan and Loïc de Kergommeaux were playing-referees.

Complaints: The lack of 1 non-playing-referee must be mentioned. One's also asked me to mention that the results of the last round on Saturday were not available before Sunday morning.

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 and projected between each session.

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

Catering: Breakfast on both days with good coffee, juices, cakes and fruits. Qualitative lunches, served in generous portions. Optional dinner on Saturday evening: Cheese fondue, white wine and nice dessert (meringues double crème) for a good price.

Prizes: Trophies for individual ranking: from the 1st to the 6th player.

Conclusion: A very well organised tournament. It's too bad there weren't more foreign players participating in this SWISS (Sincere Welcome Intended by a Sympathetic Staff) tournament.