



Observer report for Valentijnstoernooi 2026 (MCR, MERS 1)

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Place: Heemstede, The Netherlands

Website or other source(s) of information: All information on the website of Mahjong Club Bamboe Acht: <https://bamboeacht.nl/valentijnstoernooi-2026/> registration, program, list of participants...

Participants: 76 players from the Netherlands (71), Belgium (4), Germany (1)

Playing schedule: 1 day, 4 rounds of 100 minutes. After this time games could be finished, but no new games were allowed to start

Location: College Hageveld in Heemstede is large enough to host 76 players and leave enough space between them.

Equipment: We played on Mahjong tables with big tiles

Refereeing: was a non-player referee : Jacqueline Oudshoorn. There were no major issues

Complaints: None.

Information / communication during the tournament:

Visible electric clock counting down . A gong clearly informs players of the start and the end of sessions. Ranking up to date between each session, printed and posted on walls.

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

Catering: Lunch in the same place: sandwiches, soup,.. Diet wishes were taken care off : gluten free, vegetarian

Prizes: Trophies for individual ranking (1st, 2nd and 3rd)

Remarks : None

Conclusion: tournament and catering were well organised.