



## **Observer Report 3rd Riichi Milano Open 2026 (MERS 3.5)**

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**Date:** 7 - 8<sup>th</sup> March 2026

**Place:** Milan, Italy

**Website or other source(s) of information:** All information on the website:  
[https://www.fimj.it/?page\\_id=11157](https://www.fimj.it/?page_id=11157)

**Results:** [http://mahjong-europe.org/ranking/Tournament/TR\\_RCR\\_408.html](http://mahjong-europe.org/ranking/Tournament/TR_RCR_408.html)

**Participants:** 60 players from 13 countries:

ITA	POL	FRA	GBR	ESP	GER	NED	BEL	SWE	SUI	RUS	POR	AUT
												
26	7	7	4	4	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	1

**Playing Schedule:** 2 days, 8 Hanchan.

### Saturday

09:15 – 09:45 Registration  
09:45 – 11.15 1° Hanchan  
11.30 – 13.00 2° Hanchan  
13.00 – 14.00 Lunch  
14.00 – 15.30 3° Hanchan  
15.45 – 17.15 4° Hanchan  
18.00 – 19.30 5° Hanchan

### Sunday

09:45 – 11:15 6° Hanchan  
11.30 – 13.00 7° Hanchan  
13:00 – 14:00 Lunch  
14:00 – 15:30 8° Hanchan  
16.00 Award ceremony

**Location:** La Casa dei Giochi - Via Sant'Uguzzone, 8 (Milano)



· Two rooms with 15 tables, large enough to host 60 players with enough space between them. We played with good game sets and bordered tables. All in perfect condition.



**Refereeing:** Marco Montebelli, Alan Coli and Noah Schaar were referee-players.

**Complaints:** There were some delays in the hanchans and the planned schedule could not be met. It is recommended to plan for more than 15 minutes of break between rounds and to give each player a sheet with their game table (so they don't have to wait for the results and their table number on the screen).

**Information / communication during the tournament:** A clock visible on a computer and on a screen. Ranking up to date between each session projected on screen.

**Sessions:** Excellent playing atmosphere, FFF (Fair-play, Friendly and Fun). Fairly fast games although there was a lot of talking at some tables.

**Catering:** Optional homemade food buffet at the tournament site. Water bottles available for all players during the tournament and a break on Saturday afternoon. Inside the building there was a kiosk where you could buy whatever you needed (water, ice cream, coffee...)

**Prizes:** Prizes for 5 first classified players and for the best player of each hanchan (8 players). Gifts for the referees and observer.



**Conclusion:** Very nice tournament in Milan. See you next year!