



## **Observer report for 2<sup>nd</sup> Open Mahjong Murcia (MCR, MERS 2)**

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**Date: April 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**Place: Murcia, Spain**

**Website or other source(s) of information:** All information on the website of the club Viento del Sureste:

<https://sites.google.com/view/viento-sureste-2nd-open-mj-26/home?authuser=0>

**Participants:** 40 players, from 5 countries: Spain (23 players), Italy (7), France (5), Netherlands (3), Switzerland (2).

**Playing schedule:** 2 days, 7 rounds (4+3) of 115 minutes; the format was a Round-Robin and the draw was made before the first round in the presence of the players.

**Location: Hotel Allegro Azarbe, Murcia,** with a room dedicated to the tournament, large enough to host 40 players.

**Equipment:** We played with good games sets and bordered tables, all in perfect condition.

**Refereeing:** Carmen Valbuena Medina was non-player referee, assisted by Antonio Ayllon, referee-player.

**Complaints:** None.

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

Visible clock projected on a screen. A gong clearly informs players of the start and the end of sessions. Ranking up to date between each session, projected on the same screen.

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

**Catering:** Lunches (starter, main dish and dessert) in the same place. Free breakfast in the morning, water, snacks and drinks at the playing venue for free.

Pleasant optional dinner organized on Saturday evening in a typical Murcian restaurant.

**Prizes:** Prizes for individual ranking (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>), for the best Spanish player and for the player with more "self drawn". Nice gifts for the referees and for the EMA observer.

**Conclusion:** Very nice tournament in Murcia: perfect organization and very good hotel. See you next year.