



## **Observer report for East River MCR Open 2026**

**Observer:** Petter Ranefall

**Date:** May 2nd, 2026

**Place:** Vetlanda, Sweden

**Website or other source(s) of information:** All information on the website of Varbergs Mahjongsällskap (<http://varbergmahjong.se/tournament/eastriver26>): registration, program, list of participants, results.

**Participants:** 24 players from 1 country: Sweden 24.

**Playing schedule:** 1 day, 4 sessions of 120 minutes (gong after 115 minutes).

**Location:** Vetlanda golfklubb. The venue was well suited for a tournament of this size.

**Equipment:** We played with sets of high quality and same layout, on tables with borders. The scores were registered in a phone app developed by Johan Eklund from Varbergs Majongsällskap, which worked very well. As a backup and double check, the winner, discarder and hand value were also noted on paper.

**Refereeing:** Ingrid-Maria Erlandsson was non-playing referee.

**Complaints:** None.

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

Visible clock projected on a computer screen. The referee clearly informed players of the start and the end of sessions and when 15 minutes were remaining. Ranking was up to date on the phone app between each session. The total scores were also presented on paper between each session, large enough to be visible even during the games, which was appreciated – especially during the last game.

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

**Catering:** Lunch at the golf restaurant (not included in the fee). Coffee, tea, and snacks were available before and between the sessions.

**Prizes:** Top 3.

**Conclusion:** A very nice tournament in Vetlanda. Lots of side-activities possible at the golf club. The one-day tournament was the second day of a three-day mahjong camp. Thanks to Martin and Ingrid-Maria Erlandsson for their hospitality when opening their summer cottage for the

participants of the camp. This was the first occasion of what was promised to become an annual event with a walking prize.