



Observer Report 18th Open Italian Championship MILAN 2024 (MCR, MERS 3.5)

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Date: 16-17th November 2024

Place: Milan, Italy

Website or other source(s) of information: All information on the website:
https://www.fimj.it/?page_id=10097

Results: http://mahjong-europe.org/ranking/Tournament/TR_409.html

Participants: 96 players from 8 countries:

ITA	FRA	ESP	SUI	NED	RUS	GER	AUT
							
47	34	5	4	3	1	1	1

Playing Schedule: 2 days, 8 Rounds.

Saturday

09.30 – 10.30 Registration
10.30 – 12.25 1° Round
12.30 – 13.30 Lunch
13.30 – 15.25 2° Round
15.45 – 17.40 3° Round
17.40 – 18.05 Coffee break
18.05 – 20.00 4° Round

Sunday

09.15- 11.10 5° Round
11.30 – 13.25 6° Round
13.30 – 14.30 Lunch
14.35 – 16.30 7° Round
16.45 Prize-giving

Location: **SALONE DELLA COOPERAZIONE Giacomo Matteotti**. Via I Maggio 5, Cinisello Balsamo (Milan).

A new place dedicated exclusively to the tournament. Huge game room with capacity for more than 100 players, toilets, bar and tables where you can eat the optional buffet prepared by the organization. A little closer to the center, but with all the comforts for a great tournament.



Equipment: We played with good game sets and bordered tables. All in good condition.

Refereeing: Marco Montebelli, Joel Ratsimandresy and Frédéric Chassot were referee-players.

Complaints: Some small confusion at the beginning and end of the games, it is recommended to make some clear sound so that all players know when the games start.

Some players needed the wind indicator to better know their score.

A player indicates that there should be some non-player referee and that most players did not want to write on the score sheets.

Information / communication during the tournament: A clock very visible. Ranking up to date between each session projected on huge screen from a computer (Individual and team ranking).

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

Catering: Optional homemade food buffet at the tournament site. Inside the building there was a bar where you could buy whatever you needed (water, ice cream, coffee...). The organization gave several water and coffee tickets included with the participation in the tournament.



Prizes: Prizes for individual ranking (top10) and the three best teams. Prizes for the best player of each session (7 players), three best Italian players of 2024, three best player in the Mediterranean Cup 2024 (combined Valencia-Milan), referees and observer.



Conclusion: Very nice and well organized tournament in a perfect place. See you next year!