



**Observer report for Uppsala Open MCR Mahjong Championship 2025**

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**Date:** 15th February 2025

**Place:** Uppsala, Sweden

**Website or other source(s) of information:** All information on the website of Uppsala Mahjong: registration, fee, schedule, address to venue, list of participants.

**Participants:** 20 players from 2 countries (Sweden and Spain)

**Playing schedule:** 1 day, 4 rounds of 120 minutes

**Location:** Studieförbundet, Ljusbärargatan 2, Uppsala, Sweden.

**Equipment:** We played with good games and tables.

**Refereeing:** Annika Ridell was non-player referee, acted friendly and helpful.

**Complaints:** No public draw at the start.

**Information / communication during the tournament:**

Visible clock projected from a computer on a screen. Tables draw was done in advance and printed on the participant badges. A gong clearly informs players of the start and the end of sessions. Referee announced when 10, 5 minutes left and, clarify that players could finish their hand. Ranking up to date between each session projected in the place.

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

**Catering:** Lunch in the same place, a buffet. Coffee, tea, fruit and snacks for the breaks

**Prizes:** Trophies for individual ranking (1st, 2nd and 3<sup>rd</sup>). A special prize for the greatest hand.

**Conclusion:** Very nice and friendly tournament in Uppsala. Well organized. There were many beginner players. The help of the referee in developing the tournament was great but in future tournaments self-refereeing should be encouraged.