



Observer report for Swedish Open MCR Mahjong Championship 2024 (MCR, MERS 2,5)

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Date: June 15-16th 2024

Place: Uppsala, Sweden

Website or other source(s) of information: All information on the website (https://uppsalamahjong.se/2024_Uppsala.php) with the registration forms, program, list of participants, ...

Participants: 36 players

Represented countries

SWE	SUI	FRA	EUR	ESP	POL	DEN
						
26	2	2	2	2	1	1

Playing schedule: 2 days, 7 rounds (4+3) of 120 minutes

Location: The tournament was inside a shopping center in *Kulturpunkten, Gottsunda Centrum, Valthornsvägen 7, entré E, Uppsala, Sweden*. Easy to find it with the email information send by the organization of the tournament.

The room who played was large (enough for 36 players) with fresh air. Enough space between all the table.

Equipment: One set had to be replaced just before the tournament started. Apparently, there were some scratches on some of the tiles.

This was not a problem because there were some extra sets available. We played with identic sets games and tables.

Refereeing: Caroline Noren. She was non-player referee (non-certified).

Complaints: The referee Caroline isn't certified referee.

There was no draw for the course of each player (each course was made before the tournament).

The chairs weren't great, many players had back pain at the end of the day.

It was nice to have beginner players, but they had a lot of difficulty with the "classic" game speed and didn't know well the basic score sheet.

The break lunch was little bit too short especially when we had to manage to eat on our own.

Information / communication during the tournament:

Visible clock projected from a computer on a screen.

Fifteen minutes before the end of each round, we heard an extra announced by Caroline very clearly.

The ranking was put up to date in between the sessions (screen and on the website by a QR code).

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

Catering: Snacks and drinks between rounds on both days at the playing venue.

Lunch was not included. Each player must manage to eat on his own.

An optional dinner was proposed (Hungarian restaurant) on Saturday evening.

Prizes:

- Trophies for individual ranking (1st, 2nd and 3rd)
- Trophy for best swedish (Sweden championship)
- 3 extra prizes for:
 - o the highest mahjong hand ;
 - o highest number of mahjongs made by a single player in one round ;
 - o highest round score ;

Conclusion: Very nice tournament with a very good weather. Good vibes during the tournament. People enjoyed the tournament.