

## The 1st Mahjong World Cup (MWC) - MCR Teams Rimini 2025

1. Host: Mahjong International League
2. Endorsed by: European Mahjong Association
3. Co-host and Organizer: Federazione Italiana Mah Jong
4. Dates: 1 to 5 October 2025
5. Venue: the Litoraneo Suite Hotel, Viale Regina Elena, 24 – Rimini, Italy  
(litoraneohotelrimini.it)
6. Match formats:

Each team has at least 4 players, and can have one optional player to enhance the performance making a replacement before a session if needed.

A 5-day team competition comprising at least 12 sessions with elimination after Day 2 to 16 teams, further elimination after Day 3 to 8 teams, and the final four on Day 5.

On Day 3, the 16 eliminated teams will compete to determine their final ranking.

On Day 4 and Day 5, an additional 7-session individual competition with the high-to-high format will be held for players eliminated from the team event.
7. Highlights:
  - (1) The first edition awarding National Honours in MCR teams. Each country and region is expected to send its best MCR players.
  - (2) Countries will compete for their rankings within the MCR community and for quotas in the next edition.
  - (3) The most competitive match format: the 4 teams compete directly against each other using a perfect seating scheme where each player competes against all opponents from the other 3 teams over 4 matches (see schedule below). This ensures players have direct control; results are not dependent on random seating.
  - (4) Enjoy 5 days and 20 sessions of Mahjong on a Mediterranean beach near San Marino.
  - (5) On-site Duplicate exhibitions during the night time, and On-line Duplicate adventure for top teams after the MWC in 2025&2026
8. Registration fees:

Basic team fee: € 960 per team (4 players) , covering both team and individual tournaments plus 5 lunches (Wednesday to Sunday , 1-5 Oct).

Registration of reserve players is optional and incurs a fee of € 200 per player, including also the individual tournament and 5 lunches.

Individual tournament only: € 30 per player (not participating in the team tournament)

\* Other fees: For companions, the cost of each lunch is € 35 per person. The hotel has granted us a special discounted rate of approximately 20%: Double/twin

room at € 100 per night; single-use double room at € 85 per night, showing a special code which will be provided at registration.

9. Prizes:

Award for the top 8 teams and top 3 MVP players.

Award for the top 10 players in the individual event.

Quotas for the next edition will be distributed according to the countries and regions teams ranking.

\* Awards for on-site Duplicate exhibitions and on-line Duplicate adventure among top teams.

10. Quotas distribution (proposed):

32 teams allocated according to MIL's zonal principles, historical performance, MCR players populations, and IOC principles:

a. 9 teams: China, France, Italy (3 teams each).

b. 4 teams: Japan, Netherlands (2 teams each).

c. 14 teams: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Germany, Hungary, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Chinese Taipei, Hong Kong China, Reunion Island (on behalf of African Zone) (1 team each).

d. 3 teams: potential mixed team(s) for Poland, Portugal, United Kingdom, USA, Brazil, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia etc.

\* 2 teams designated as Independent Teams for those unable to use their country or region's flag and name following IOC principles. These teams will use the neutral flag (MIL logo) and be named as Independent Team A/B.

\* Countries and regions not listed are welcome to apply for a team or a mixed team spot before 10 July.

\* The listed countries and regions may request additional teams before 10 July; these will be considered after standard quota teams are confirmed.

\* Each country and region will compete to earn its quotas for the next edition.

11. Key Deadlines:

Confirm participation: By 30 June.

Request additional team: By 10 July (subject to approval following confirmation of standard quota teams).

Finalize team roster: By 15 July.

\* For the above matters, please contact [mahjongworldcup@fimj.it](mailto:mahjongworldcup@fimj.it)

\* For feedback or comments, you may also reach out to [match@mahjong-mil.org](mailto:match@mahjong-mil.org)

12. Schedule:

An exhilarating 5 days Mahjong vacation for all players.

There will be 3 main events from 1 to 5 Oct:

a) The 1st Mahjong World Cup - MCR Teams, from 1 to 5 Oct

b) The 1st Mahjong World Cup - Ranking Match, on 3 Oct (for 17-32 teams)

c) The 1st Mahjong World Cup - Open Individual Championship, from 4 to 5 Oct

(for players who do not advance to the semi-finals and companions)

\* Duplicate Pioneers - Night-time duplicate exhibition with additional prizes

\* On-line Duplicate adventure for top teams after the MWC in 2025&2026

The chart below provides a draft of the detailed schedule, outlining daily activities, team competition phases, and the individual competition.

10/1	Session 1	<b>Day1: Points Race 1/2</b> <b>Random groups of 4 teams not from the same Country(Region)</b> <b>4 teams will play for 4 sessions together</b> <b>Perfect seating: each player will meet all other 12 opponents in 4 sessions</b> <b>4321 Points according to the position inside the group</b>		
	Session 2			
	Session 3			
	Session 4			
10/2	Session 5	<b>Day2: Points Race 2/2</b> <b>Groups of 4 teams with different Points, not from the same Country(Region) that will not meet the same team or same Country(Region) of Day1</b> <b>4 teams will play for 4 sessions together</b> <b>Perfect seating: each player will meet all other 12 opponents in 4 sessions</b> <b>4321 Points according to the position inside the group</b>		
	Session 6			
	Session 7			
	Session 8			
		the top 16 in Group Points will advance	others will also play for the ranking	
10/2	Night Exhibition	<b>Duplicate Pioneers:</b> <b>Selected teams play the Duplicate team exhibition on Mahjongsoft.com (with additional prize)</b>		
10/3	Session 9	<b>Day3: 16 into 8</b> <b>4 groups of 4 teams</b> <b>Perfect seating</b>	<b>Day3: Ranking Sessions for 17 to 32</b> <b>Perfect seating</b>	
	Session 10			
	Session 11			
	Session 12			
		the top 2 from each group advance to the semi-final	others will compete in the individual competition	
10/3	Night Exhibition	<b>Duplicate Pioneers:</b> <b>Selected teams play the Duplicate team exhibition on Mahjongsoft.com (with additional prize)</b>		
10/4	Session 13	<b>Day4: 8 into 4</b> <b>2 groups of 4 teams</b> <b>Perfect seating</b>	<b>Individual Competition</b> <b>Session 1-4</b> <b>Swiss-seating (High-to-High)</b>	
	Session 14			
	Session 15			
	Session 16			
		the top 2 from each group advance to the final	others will compete for 5 place	
10/5	Session 17	<b>Day5: Final</b> <b>top 4 teams</b> <b>Contesting for the championship title</b> <b>Perfect seating</b>	<b>Day5:</b> <b>5-8 places</b> <b>Perfect seating</b>	<b>Individual Competition</b> <b>Session 5-7</b> <b>Swiss-seating (High-to-High)</b>
	Session 18			
	Session 19			
	Session 20			
Follow up Online Event End of 2025 or 2026		Invitation to top teams for the online Duplicate team Adventure with additional prize on mahjongsoft.com		

### 13. Seating scheme:

A perfect seating scheme for each group each day: each player on one team will

compete against all players from the other 3 teams in their group over 4 sessions.

Perfect Seating Scheme				
Team A	A1	A2	A3	A4
Team B	B1	B2	B3	B4
Team C	C1	C2	C3	C4
Team D	D1	D2	D3	D4

Session 1				
Table 1	A1	B1	C1	D1
Table 2	B2	A2	D2	C2
Table 3	C3	D3	B3	A3
Table 4	D4	C4	A4	B4

Session 2				
Table 1	B2	A1	D3	C4
Table 2	A2	B1	C3	D4
Table 3	D1	C2	A3	B4
Table 4	C1	D2	B3	A4

Session 3				
Table 1	C2	D4	B3	A1
Table 2	D3	C1	A2	B4
Table 3	B1	A3	D2	C4
Table 4	A4	B2	C3	D1

Session 4				
Table 1	D2	C3	A1	B4
Table 2	C4	D1	B3	A2
Table 3	A3	B2	C1	D4
Table 4	B1	A4	D3	C2