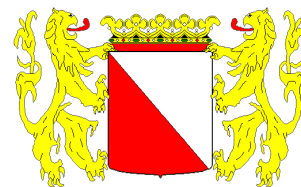




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Newsletter

The Dutch Mahjong Association will host the World Mahjong Championships in Utrecht (NLD) between 27 August 2010 and 29 August.

We are ready for the World Mahjong Championship 2010, are you?

As a host, we are very proud to welcome you to this tournament that is unique in Europe and only two weeks away! We hope the WMC 2010 will be a great success with great sportsmanship and renowned games, and that it will prove to be a platform for cultural exchange and international friendship. The magnificent game of Mahjong connects us all, no matter who we are or where we live. We all live in the same world and we all play the same game.

This final newsletter will inform you about the referees and the rules that should be kept in mind before the tournament kicks off.

Take into account that your winning only can be taken if you can take your loss! Like an old Native American saying: "You can only win if you are able to lose!"

The organising committee wishes you a great and unforgettable World Mahjong Championship 2010!

National Prizes

In addition to prizes for the best individual players, there will also be three National Prizes for the countries that do best. All countries entering 4 or more participants will be eligible to compete for these prizes. The results of the 3 best players of each country will be summarized together (table points and scoring points). Table points will take precedence and only where the total of table points is equal will the number of scoring points be used to decide the ranking. If after these have been considered, the scores remain a tie, then places in the ranking will be used as a 3rd option.

Ordered merchandising

Those who have ordered either a Lucky Tile, a Pendant with necklace or a WMC Pin can collect their order at the Daja Mahjong stand during the tournament. In case the order has not yet been paid for, this should be done at the stand in cash.

(Lucky Tile: €49,00; WMC Pendant with necklace: €49,50; WMC Pin: €37,50)

Those who have ordered a WMC Mahjong set, with 4 memorial tiles, can collect their order at the Daja Mahjong stand, immediately after the end of the tournament. The set should be paid for in cash, €57,50.



A photo book of the WMC 2010 will be created which you can order after the tournament. You will receive more information about how to order the book during the tournament. Also it will be announced on the WMC website



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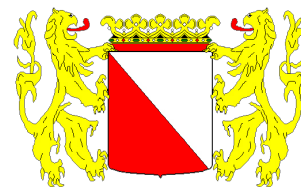
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They ensure that everything runs according to the rules

Head of referees



I started playing mahjong in 1978 or 1979 and in 2003 my club 'Big Three Dragons' organized its first tournament (Dutch Rules). In 2006 we added a MCR tournament (Tile Hog) and since 2007 we also organize a Riichi tournament (Kinryu Majan Taikai).

I have a good understanding of the rules and the interpretation of them and that's why I helped putting together the 'Rules and Regulations' and the 'Referee Manual'. I did so with the purpose to make clear that we are playing a game and not fighting a war.



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Of course, becoming European or World Champion is about the highest 'prize' you're going to be able to win. We would all like to be the next champion, but as a fair sportsman, would you want to win a table because you have an opponent's hand declared dead over some triviality?

If you answer that question with yes, we might have a problem - however, during the OEMC 2009 as a referee I experienced that most, if not all, players have picked up the right spirit. I'm certain that the WMC will continue where the OEMC left off and that this mahjong spirit will once again equal the Olympic spirit.

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Referees



I am Norbert Zsamboki from Hungary, member of Magyar Mah-jong Szövetség. I refereed at the OEMC in Copenhagen in 2007 and at the OEMC in Baden in 2009.



I am Takunori Kajimoto, a Japanese professional Mahjong player and commentator since 1992, JMOC and board member of the Mahjong Museum in Chiba (Japan). I have participated in many Mahjong tournaments as a player, such as the WMC in Tokyo (2002), the China Open (2002-2003-2004), the National Mahjong League Tournament in the Caribbean Sea (2002), the first OEMC (2005) and the WMC in Chengdu (2007).

As a referee I participated in the European Championship Riichi in 2007 and the third OEMC in 2009.



I am Norbert Luckhardt from Hannover (Germany), Vice President of the German Mah-Jongg League and certified EMA referee. I have been playing Mahjong since 1992 and have helped organizing several tournaments, such as the German Mahjong Open in 2009. In everyday life I am a graduated information scientist (Dipl.-Inf.) and I work as the editor-in-chief for a journal on information security.

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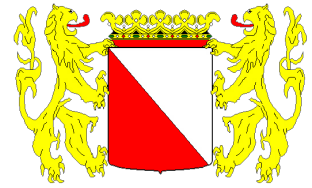
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Axel

Eschenburg

I am Axel Eschenburg and I have been playing all kinds of Mahjong since I was about ten years old. In 2008, Norbert Luckhardt introduced me to MCR, which I found a fascinating set of rules. I then participated in the OEMC in 2009 and attended the referee seminar that was given at the tournament. In 2009, I was the sole referee at the German Mahjong Open. I am very much looking forward to the WMC 2010 in Utrecht.



Lionel

Legaie

I am Lionel Legaie, member of the Fédération Française de Mahjong (French Mahjong Federation). I have been playing Mahjong for over ten years, of which only three years MCR, and I have participated in ten EMA tournaments. I came in first place at the Belgian Tournament of 2009 and entered the first WMC in Chengdu (China). As a referee, I have attended the tournament in Paris in 2009. I will do my best to contribute to the success of Utrecht 2010.



Anders

Labich

I am Anders Labich, member and co-founder of Mahjong Denmark. I have been playing Mahjong for about fifteen years, and since 2002 I also play MCR. I have competed in several international tournaments, such as the WMC in Chengdu in 2007, and I was Danish National Champion in 2005 and 2008. Since 2000 I have also organized a couple of tournaments in Denmark, such as the OEMC in 2007. As a referee I attended several Danish tournaments and the Dutch OEMC in 2005; in 2007 I received the WMO Judge Certificate. I am very much looking forward to Utrecht 2010, where I will do my best to ensure a fair tournament.

Also an 'Arbitration Committee' has been appointed - mrs. Tina Christensen (DK) and mr. Yukio Mori (JP) will assist mr. Robert Rijnders, should the need arise. We have also asked a Chinese representative for this board, but he / she will be added at the start of the WMC.

MERS Tournament Regulations – Mahjong Competition Rules

We want to highlight two points concerning these rules

In the event that a player wishes to lodge an appeal against a referee's decision, he or she will be expected to pay a deposit of 150 euro (as equivalent to the 200 usd noted in the "Green Book").

A section (4) has been added that deals with the substitution of players and the distribution of table points.

Please read the Tournament Regulations - you can find them [here](#).

IMPORTANT

If you are delayed on Thursday and you can not arrive in time for registration, please call **Diana Kuijpers at +31 (0)6-11513280**