



OEMC 2020

V A L E N C I A , S P A I N

Spanish Candidature for the Open European Mahjong
Championship



Introduction

Mahjong Valencia, a Mahjong Association in Spain, has been successfully organizing Mahjong tournaments in the city of Valencia since 2018, being their first one their most successful one, with 88 participants from 10 countries, organizing further tournaments in 2018 and 2019.

Being motivated by this success, and given that there are no candidatures for the next OEMC provided for the year 2020, this association wants to propose a candidature.

And so, hereby, The Spanish Mahjong Federation (FEMJ) is happy to present their candidature for the celebration of the OEMC 2020 in Valencia, Spain, for the consideration of the European Mahjong Association.

Organising Team

The team organizing the OEMC would consist of:

- Edgar Rubio Rodilla (EMA member: 10990026, president of FEMJ and Mahjong Valencia)
- Raúl Ríos Navarro (EMA member: 10990043)
- Marcos San Antonio Serrano (EMA member: 10990051)
- Ana Pérez Galve (EMA member: 10990074)

Plus helping people from the Spanish Mahjong Federation. This team has been organizing the following tournaments since 2018:

- Mahjong Valencia Tournament 2018 (10-11 March, 2018)
- 1st Spanish Riichi Open (15-16 September, 2018)
- Mahjong Valencia MCR Tournament 2019 Mediterranean Cup II (23-24 March, 2019)
- Valencia Riichi 2019 (14-15 September, 2019)
- Valencia MCR 2020 - Mediterranean Cup (21-22 March, 2020)

Dates

We propose **24-27 September, 2020** as the best date that give us enough time to prepare the tournament. The tournament will have a duration of **4 days, with 3 days of tournament playing** (11 sessions total) and **1 additional day beforehand reserved for events related to the European Mahjong Association** (referee certification, general assembly and other events that the EMA would considerate appropriate). The proposed schedule will be:

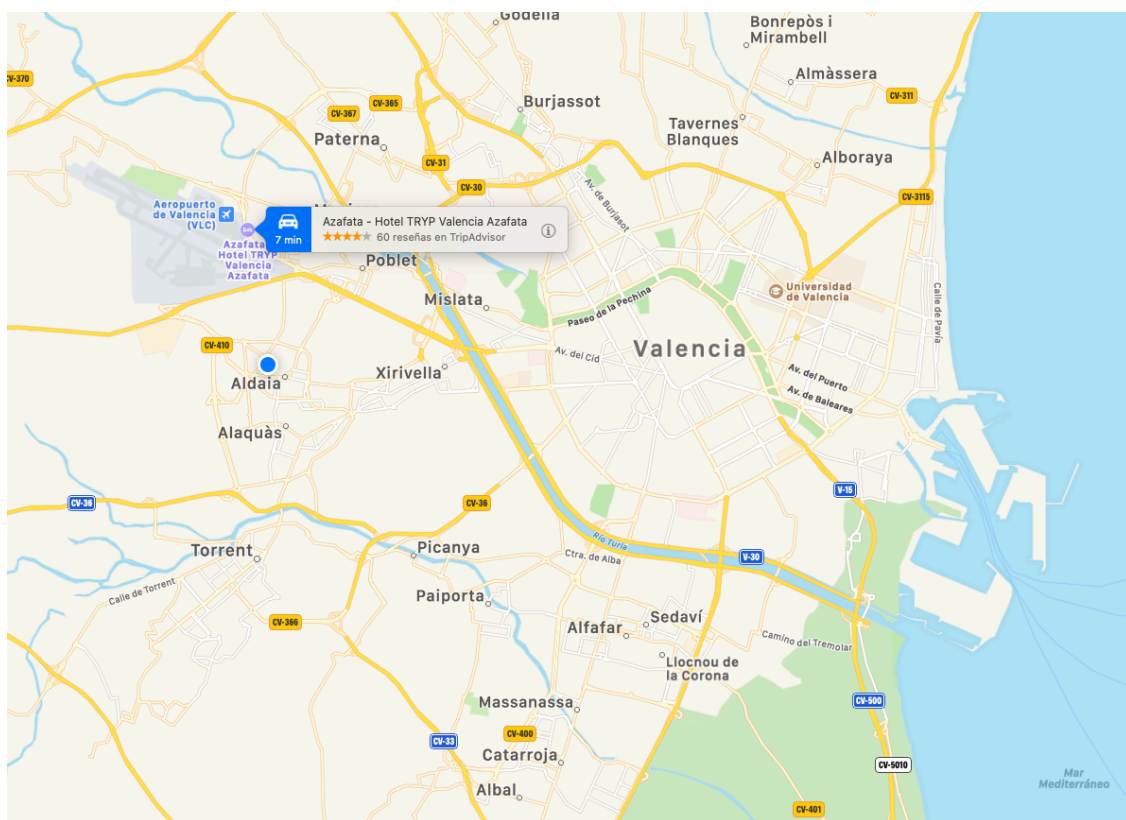
- Thursday: day reserved for EMA-related events.
- Friday: first day of OEMC: 4 sessions

- Saturday: second day of OEMC: 4 sessions
- Sunday: third day of OEMC: 3 sessions

Location

We have been looking for representative places in Valencia other than the place we have been organizing our tournaments so far to hold the tournament, yet we have not found a better place that could guarantee the quality of accommodation and service as we have currently with the Hotel Port Azafata (formerly Tryp Azafata).

This Hotel is just next to the Airport (5 minutes by a free shuttle service) in Valencia's outskirts



town of Manises, with good connections to Valencia by a 15 minutes travel by subway, bus, etc.

We have successfully organized a 88 people tournament by using half of the Hotel main event room. After proper talking hold with the hotel staff and a study of the space provided by the entire main event room, we are confident that there is enough space for 45 tables, or 180 players.

Players can lodge there, or there are also a few alternative hotels nearby, including a Travelodge and an Ibis Budget.

Following there are a couple of photographs from the past 88 people tournament. Please note that this is only half of the room we intend to use in the tournament. The wooden panels in the background of the second photography can be removed and behind them there is another room that is more than double the one pictured here. Both parts, with the panels removed, are consolidated in a single, opened room.



Number of participants

The room is theoretically able to hold 200 people, but we have taken into consideration the size of the tables and the auxiliary furniture plus staff members and so we will limit the participants to **180 players, or 45 tables**.

Tournament Format

The tournament will consist of **11 game sessions of 2 hours** of duration each, with an **individual and team competition** taking place at the same time.

Friday and Saturday will hold 4 sessions each, with Sunday holding 3 sessions.

The format will be **standard round-robin pairings, with team avoidance** (no people from the same team will play against each other).

The draw will be done randomly at the time of registration. Each player will receive a number draw by himself from a pool.

We will use standard Chinese tile sets, bought specifically for the tournament, with special flower and season tiles.

We have considered having 4-5 non-playing referees as well as one EMA observer. We will provide food and lodging for the referees.

Prizes

We will have the following prizes:

- Trophies for the first three individual winners (3 trophies total)
- Trophies for the first three teams (12 trophies total)
- The Top 10 players will receive one tile set of the tournament each.
- The 4-5 referees will also receive one tile set each.

Registration fees

We have considered two different fees that each player can choose freely:

- 160 €, will include lunch of the three tournament days and break meals.
- 200 €, will also include dinner for two days (Friday night and Saturday night).