

# Schedule for 1<sup>st</sup> World Mahjong Sports Games

## 1. Introduction

- Organizer: Mahjong International League (MIL)
- Co-Organizer/Sponsor: BEIJING LIANZHONG CO., LTD.
- Time: Oct. 24-28, 2015
- Venue: Sanya City, Hainan Province, P.R.China

## 2. Time Schedule

Date	Time	Events	Details	Rules
Oct. 23	14:00-24:00	Registration for All the Players and Formal Representatives of MIL		
Oct. 24	9:00-9:30	Opening Ceremony		
	9:30-11:30	Event#1 Individual Competition	Session 1 of Preliminary	MCR
	12:30-18:30	Event#1 Individual Competition	Session 2 to 4 of Preliminary	MCR
	19:30-21:30	Event#1 Individual Competition	Session 5 of Preliminary	MCR
Oct. 25	8:30-12:30	Event#1 Individual Competition	Session 6 & 7 of Preliminary	MCR
	13:30-17:30	Event#1 Individual Competition	Session 8 & 9 of Preliminary	MCR
	18:30-20:30	Event#1 Individual Competition	Session 10 of Preliminary	MCR, Top 64 Qualified
Oct. 26	8:00-13:00	Event#1 Individual Competition	Session 11&12 of Semi-Final	MCR, Duplicated Format for Individual, Living Broadcast
	8:30-12:30	Event#4 Quick-Survival Event		MCR
	13:30-17:30	Event #5 Quick-Lap Event	8 Sessions	MCR
	14:00-19:00	Event#1 Individual Competition	Session 13&14 of Final	MCR, Duplicated, Living Broadcast
	14:30-18:30	MIL Executive Council Meeting		
	19:00-22:00	MIL Welcome Dinner(short Press Conference of MIL Establishment, short Individual Awards, Releasing Team Competition and Mahjong Carnival)		
Oct. 27	8:00-13:00	Event#2 Team Competition	Session 1&2 of Preliminary	MCR,Duplicated Format for Team
	8:30-12:30	Event#6 Sichuan Mahjong Event	8 Sessions	Sichuan Bloody
	9:00-12:00	Event#3 Japan Mahjong Event	Session 1&2 of Preliminary	Riichi
	13:00-17:30	Event#3 Japan Mahjong Event	Session 3 to 5 of Preliminary	Riichi
	13:30-17:30	Event#7 Quick-Lap Event	8 Sessions	MCR
	14:00-16:30	Event#2 Team Competition	Session 3 of Preliminary	MCR,Duplicated
	16:30-19:00	Event#2 Team Competition	Session 4 of Semi-Final	MCR,Duplicated
	18:30-21:30	Event#3 Japan Mahjong Event	Session 6&7 of Preliminary	Riichi
	18:30-22:30	Event#8 Pair Event	8 Sessions	MCR
20:00-22:30	Event#2 Team Competition	Session 5 of Semi-Final	MCR,Duplicated	

Oct. 28	9:00-11:30	Event#2 Team Competition	Session 6 of Final	MCR,Duplicated, Living Broadcast
	8:30-11:30	Event#3 Japan Mahjong Event	Session 8&9 of Semi-Final (16 to 4)	Riichi
	8:30-12:30	Event#9 Team Event of MCR	8 Sessions of Preliminary	MCR,Duplicated
	12:30-15:00	Event#2 Team Competition	Session 7 of Final	MCR,Duplicated, Living Broadcast
	12:30-16:30	Event#3 Japan Mahjong Event	Session 10 to 12 of Final	Riichi, Living Broadcast
	12:30-16:30	Event #10 Team Event of Riichi	6 Sessions	Riichi, Duplicated
	13:00-17:00	Event #11 Ms. Event		MCR
	13:30-16:00	Event#9 Team Event of MCR	4 Sessions of Final	MCR,Duplicated
	15:30-18:00	Event#2 Team Competition	Session 8 of Final	MCR,Duplicated, Living Broadcast
	18:30-19:00	Closing Ceremony (Awards for all Events)		
19:00-22:00	MIL Dinner Party			

#### Notes:

- Tournament Committee of MIL Preparatory Committee is in charge of all the rules and format of the 1st World Mahjong Sports Games.
- The specific schedule and rules of Mahjong Carnival (exhibition events) shall be taken as valid and final version released on the spot.
- All rights reserved by Tournament Committee of MIL Preparatory Committee.

### 3. Introductions of Major Rules Adopted by those Events

#### ➤ MCR

- Mainly based on ***China Mahjong Competition Rules*** issued by China National Sports General Administration of sport in 1998, which is called Version 98 in China. MCR used commonly in Europe is called Version 06, which is originated from Version 98 with less difference. Rules Committee of MIL Preparatory Committee will make the clarification of the two versions 98 & 06, and use an updated MCR according to the full development in China, Japan& Europe.

#### ➤ Riichi

- ***World Riichi Championship Rules 2015*** is recommended.

➤ Sichuan Bloody

- The rule is widely used near Sichuan Province of China. MIL Preparatory Rules Committee of MIL Preparatory Committee will make a formal clarification of the Sichuan Bloody.

## 4. Competition Formats

➤ General Format

- Scoring unit is as individual: after 1 round, 2 rounds or 1 session, rank according to the present individual scores, and then gain the individual table points.

➤ Duplicated Format for Team

- 4 teams are set into one group and each team has 4 players. The 4 players from each team will sit at East, South, West and North of 4 different tables respectively. Same tiles of each hand will be discarded to the 4 tables. For each hand, the scores from 4 players sitting in different tables should be accumulated as the team score, and then the team score will be converted into team IMP. After some certain hands, the sums of IMPs of each team will be the final results for competition comparison.
- For the duplicated format, Swiss Shift, Elimination Games and Circulation Games can be organized based on IMPs.

➤ Duplicated Format for Individual

- All tables play the same tiles and each player gets his original scores after each hand. According to the players' original scores sitting at the same direction, we can get 4 relative rankings for 4 different directions. For one certain player, his ranking can be converted into standard points of each hand at his certain direction.
- After some certain hands, the sums of standard points of the certain player will be the final results for competition comparison at his certain direction. That means there will be 4 Champions of 4 directions.

- Other Formats (Lap Event, Survival Event and Pair Event, etc)
  - Based on General Format, factors with entertainment and participatory are introduced simply. For more details, please read "5. Introductions of Events"

## 5. Introductions of Events

### Main Events ( Official Competition )

- Event#1 Individual Competition
  - Rules: MCR
  - Format: After 10 Sessions as preliminary, top 64 players shall be qualified to the Semi-final. Duplicated Format for Individual is used during the Semi-final and Final. 2 sessions for Semi-final with 64 to 16; 2 more sessions for Final with the top 16 ranking.
  - Players: 500 players are expected
- Event#2 Team Competition
  - Rules: MCR
  - Format: Duplicated format for Team. Swiss Shift is used from Session 1 to Session 3 for 16 to 8; then 2 Sessions for 8 to 4 ;2 Sessions for the final.
  - Players: 16 teams, 4 players for each team, totally 64 players are expected.

### Mahjong Carnival (Exhibition Events)

- Event#3 Japan Mahjong Event
  - Rules: Riichi (***World Riichi Championship Rules 2015*** is recommended)
  - Format: One session has one Hanchan(East-South). Round Robin is used for the 7 sessions of preliminary, and the top 16 players are qualified; 2 sessions for semi-final and top 4 qualified; 3 sessions for final.
  - Players: 100 players are expected

➤ Event#4 Quick-Survival Event

- Rules: MCR
- Format: Each player has 60 initial points. The players shall be eliminated after losing all points, and then the remaining players will be re-arranged. Players can join in before 10:30, but cannot re-entrance once eliminated.
- Players: 200 players are expected.

➤ Event#5 Quick-Lap Event

- Rules: MCR
- Format: One session has 1 round. Score 4-2-1-0 after each session. Rank according to the total scores of 8 sessions.
- Players: 200 players are expected.

➤ Event #6 Sichuan Mahjong Event

- Rules: Sichuan Bloody
- Format: One session has 1 round. Score 4-2-1-0 after each session. Rank according to the total scores of 8 sessions.
- Players: 80 players are expected

➤ Event #7 Quick-Lap Event

- Rules: MCR
- Format: One session has 1 round. Score 4-2-1-0 after each session. Rank according to the total scores of 8 sessions.
- Players: 200 players are expected

➤ Event#8 Pair Event

- Rules: Based on MCR. One hand shall be ended until 2 players declare to WIN. During one hand, the first winner shall gain the present points and quit the following draw&discard

procedure, and then the other 3 players continue to play until the second player declare to WIN, with the second winner gain the points among the remaining 3 players. The result of one hand shall be calculated by the points of two WINs respectively.

- Format: 2 players as one Pair can sign up. One session has 1 round and totally 8 sessions. The final ranking shall be according to the points of each Pair.
- Players: 40 pairs are expected.

➤ Event #9 Team Event of MCR

- Rules: MCR
- Format: Each team has 4 players without specific requirements. Duplicated format for team is used. One session has 1 round. Swiss shift shall be used for the first 8 sessions and the top 4 teams are qualified. 4 sessions for Final.
- Players: 80 players are expected.

➤ Event#10 Team Event of Riichi

- Rules: Riichi (***World Riichi Championship Rules 2015*** is recommended)
- Format: Duplicated format for team. One session has 1 round and totally 6 sessions.
- Players: 32 players are expected.

➤ Event#11 Ms. Event

- Rules: MCR
- Format: Woman player has initial 200 points and man has 50 points. Players shall be eliminated after losing all points and then the remaining players will be re-arranged.
- Players: 80 players are expected.
- Remarks: Concern about the female players` perspective, strict etiquette and other special rules shall be taken.

## 6. Qualification

### Main Events (Official Competition)

- Event#1 Individual Competition
  - MIL members can help all the players to register before Sep. 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - MIL shall appoint some internet platforms to select players before Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - Personal registration or on-site registration shall not be accepted.
- Event#2 Team Competition
  - Each member of MIL can send 1 team as representative in principle before Aug. 31<sup>st</sup>.  
According to the registration order, the first 16 teams shall be accepted.
  - A joint team among different countries shall be allowed on condition that not enough players for one country. The number of teams may be adjusted depends on the real situation.
  - Personal registration or on-site registration shall not be accepted.

### Mahjong Carnival (Exhibition Events)

- Event #3- Event #12 Tickets is required for all the exhibition events. On-site registration is allowed. Players who are not involved in Event#1 or Event #2 can join in on-site.

## 7. Fees

- Players should pay their own travel expenses.
  - Players for the Team Competition as national representatives are provided with board and lodging by sponsors from Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> (6 nights).
  - Players not involved for the Team Competition should pay their own expenses of board and lodging. The Organizing Committee will provide recommended hotels with contract prices.
- Main events: Event #1 Individual Competition, Event#2 Team Competition
    - No registration fee.

- Mahjong Carnival (Exhibition Events): Event #3- Event #11
  - All Carnival events will be held in specified areas called Mahjong Carnival Areas. Daily tickets are required to enter the Mahjong Carnival Areas, which to make sure the high level events and good orders.
  - Price of Daily ticket from Oct 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> is RMB ¥ 150 (US\$ 25). Price of 3-days package(from Oct 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>) is RMB ¥ 300 (US\$50).
  - No registration fee and additional charge.

## 8. Prizes

- Main Events: Event#1 Team Competition, Event #2 Individual Competition
  - Top 3 team and top 3 individual players will achieve Gold, Silver and Bronze medal respectively, comparing to 2008 Beijing Olympic Games.
  - Top 4 team and top 16 individual players will gain certifications and master points issued by MIL, and mysterious awards provided by sponsors.
- Mahjong Carnival (Exhibition Events):
  - For Event#3 Japan Mahjong Event: Top 3 individual players will achieve Gold, Silver and Bronze medal respectively. Top 16 individual players will gain certifications and master points issued by MIL, and mysterious awards provided by sponsors.
  - Other Events (Event #4- Event #11): The championship will achieve Gold medal. Top 4 individual players will gain certifications and master points issued by MIL, and mysterious awards provided by sponsors.

## 9. Goals

- Large-scale
  - More than 500 players will participate in the events.
  - The largest number of participants of competitive mahjong sports games is expected.



- Internationalization
  - Players from nearly 40 countries and regions will participate in the events.
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- Towards Mind Sports
  - Duplicated format is used, which is the most reasonable and fair games.
  - Enough hands, rounds and sessions to make sure that each player has opportunity to show his strength.
- Medias Open
  - Widely media spread by various tools before the events.
  - Living broadcast will be applied during all the events, to improve the ornamentals of Mahjong Games.
- Open for all Rules
  - Includes various popular rules, such as MCR, Riichi, Sichuan Rules, following the road map as “Playing Agreements – Sports Rules – Sportify Mind Game”
  - Mahjong Carnival: Various formats for competitions and funs.
- Professional Tournaments Managements
  - Open minds from professional Mahjong players and referees.
  - Professional on-site organizers from clubs and sponsors.
  - Prizes towards Mind Sports and Olympic Games standards.