

FIRST OFFICIAL ONLINE MCR TOURNAMENT IN THE NETHERLANDS

We would like to invite you to participate in the very first official online MCR tournament in the Netherlands. The tournament will take place on **Sunday August 30th, starting at 11 AM (Amsterdam time, UTC+2)**. The Mahjong club “De Gouden Draak” (the Golden Dragon) organises this tournament together with www.mahjongsoft.com . Please pre-register (see below for details).

Playing schedule

Before 10.50 Log-in to the site

10.50 – 11.00 Confirm participation

11.00 – 12.15 Round 1

12.15 – 13.00 Break for lunch

13.00 – 14.15 Round 2

14.15 – 14.30 Break

14.30 – 15.45 Round 3

15.45 – 16.00 Break

16.00 – 17.15 Round 4

Note: the start of the first round is at **exactly** 11 AM, afterwards the times are approximate. During breaks a countdown timer will be shown to indicate when play will be resumed.

Registration

Please pre-register by sending an e-mail to voorzitter.goudendraak@gmail.com Please provide the following:

Name

Clubname/Country

Name during the game (*)

(*) During and after you create an account on mahjongsoft.com you can choose the “Displayed Name”.

More about mahjongsoft.com

The site mahjongsoft.com is a website where you can play online mahjong with the MCR rule set. Multiple Dutch mahjong clubs have started playing here during the corona crisis because we can't meet up for physical play. The site has been co-developed by Vitaly Novikov from Russia, a well-

known player in international tournaments and the author of multiple books on MCR (also translated in English). The tournament organising committee of the Gouden Draak has been in close contact with the development team of mahjongsoft.com – we have contributed to the Dutch translations and other developments. The site has been tested and can host an MCR tournament with a maximum capacity of 256 players.

Tournament details

The tournament is mainly targeted at the Dutch MCR mahjong society, but is also open to participants from other countries. The site can be configured to show Chinese, Russian, English, Dutch or French language.

The site will automatically perform a calculation of the hand value, but be aware that declaration of mahjong without the required minimum of 8 points will result in a *false mahjong* with the corresponding penalty according to the MCR rules.

Players will have **12 seconds** to decide on each discard.

Each round will take **75 minutes**. Ongoing games after this time will be finished, and once every game is finished the 15 minute break will start.

How to play an online tournament?

Online participation is fairly simple, please follow these steps

- register by mail (see above)
- create an account on www.mahjongsoft.com
- register on www.mahjongsoft.com to participate in the tournament on August 30th. This tournament becomes available a few days before
- log-in to the site well in advance of the first round (at least 15 minutes before)
- confirm your participation in the 10 minutes before the start

Detailed instructions will be made available well in advance. On August 23rd, you can participate in a *training tournament* on the mahjongsoft.com site to get familiar with the tournament experience.

Participation fees

Participation is free. There will be the possibility to make a voluntary donation to support the mahjongsoft.com development and hosting. The mahjongsoft.com development team develops, hosts and supports this tournament.

We hope that many mahjong friends will take on the challenge of an online tournament to experience that online play is a fun alternative to our beloved game in times where physical play is largely impossible due to the ongoing corona virus pandemic.

With warm regards,

Menno, Floor, Annet, Liesbeth en Jurgen (organising committee Gouden Draak)

Vitaly Novikov en Alexander Egorov (mahjongsoft.com)