



PACIFIC MAHJONG LEAGUE

RIICHI MAHJONG OPEN 2016

10-11 SEPTEMBER 2016 / 9:00 AM / EXECUTIVE ROOM I & II

275 S. AIRPORT BLVD / SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94080

PLAYER REGISTRATION

Players who received a registration confirmation email from both EventBrite are registered and ready to go. Please be prepared to present your EventBrite ticket and photo ID. Players who do not present both items will not be admitted to the tournament.

As part of registration, you will receive a PML player account that tracks your game history. This account will be useful if you attend another PML event in the future.

If you have or will trade your spot in the tournament to another player, you must immediately notify PML by emailing: tournaments@pacificml.com. We must receive notice of any registration transfers before September 1st, otherwise it will not be accepted. Failure to notify PML of a registration transfer to another player will invalidate your registration.

PRIZE SPONSORS

Prizes have been graciously provided by the following organizations:

NARMA North American Riichi Mahjong Association

<http://www.nariichi.org>

JPML Japanese Professional Mahjong League 日本プロ麻雀連盟

<http://www.ma-jan.or.jp>

YMI Yellow Mountain Imports

<http://www.ymimports.com>

Reach Spirits Inc.

<http://www.reachspirits.com>

SCHEDULE

Saturday	10:00	Check-In, Opening	Check-in, welcomes, and table assignments
	10:30	Block 1 Games	
	12:00	Block 2 Games	
	13:30	Pro Lunch Gang	Have lunch with everyone or do your own thing! Lunch not included
	15:30	Block 3 Games	
	17:00	Block 4 Games	
	18:30	Dinner Break	Players can eat at the Holiday Inn or surrounding areas
	18:30	Free Play	Free play mahjong
	23:00	Tables Closed	
Sunday	9:00	Block 5 Games	
	10:30	Block 6 Games	
	12:00	Lunch Break	Players can eat at the Holiday Inn or surrounding areas
	12:00	PML General Meeting	Meeting for PML and those aspiring to be active with PML
	13:00	Block 7 Games (Low 44)	Lower block semifinal games
	13:00	Block 7 Games (Top 8)	Upper block semifinal games
	14:30	Block 8 Games (Low 48)	Lower block final games
	16:00	Block 8 Games (Top 4)	Upper block final game, broadcasted
	16:00	Free Play	Free play mahjong
	17:30	Closing Ceremony	Award ceremony and closing remarks
	18:00	Autograph Session	Autograph session and goodbyes
	18:30	End of Program	Doors to attendees close

FORMAT

8 HANCHAN / 30,000 STARTING POINTS / 80 MINUTES PER GAME

Every player will play 8 hanchan, and the scores from each hanchan will be aggregated over the course of the tournament to determine placings. After 6 hanchan, the top 8 players will proceed to the upper bracket semifinals, and the lower 44 will proceed to the lower bracket semifinals. After the 7th hanchan, the top 4 players within the upper bracket will proceed to the upper bracket finals, and the lower 48 will proceed to the lower bracket finals.

For purposes of overall tournament placement, positions start with the upper bracket and continue into the lower bracket. For example, even if the 4th place player from the upper bracket has fewer points than the highest point player from the lower bracket, that player will be considered 4th for the tournament placements and the lower bracket player will receive 5th place.

At the end of the allotted 70 minutes, if a game has not ended, the current hand of the game may be completed, and the following hand may be started and played as the last hand of the game.

UMA AND SCORING

15 • 5 • -5 • -15

The placement bonus will be +15 for first, +5 for second, -5 for third, and -15 for fourth. The placement bonus will be computed at the end of every game.

The player's starting points will be deducted from results. Ex. If a player starts with 30,000 points, wins 5,000 points, and places second, they will gain +10,000 points.

30,000	Starting Points
35,000	Points at End of Game
<u>5,000</u>	Placement Bonus (Second Place)
40,000	Total Gross Points
<u>-30,000</u>	Subtract Starting Points
10,000	Total Net Points (Added to Player's Tournament Score)

Note that tournament rules do not end the game when a player's score becomes negative; the game will continue as normal and will end when all rounds have been played or the allotted time has finished. Players can still declare riichi when they are at 0 or fewer points.

RULES

The tournament will use the WRC 2015 Ruleset. The ruleset is available here: http://pacificml.com/pdf/World_Riichi_Championship_Rules_2015.pdf.

ETIQUETTE

No elbows on the table. All calls must be audible to be legitimate. So as not to disturb the focus of other players, loud voices and unnecessary chatting should be kept to a minimum. South 4th Round (Orasu/All Last) should be clearly announced. The average turn should be 10 seconds long at most.

No food in the mahjong room except during breaks. Drinks and food must never be on the tables.

Cell phones or other devices that might cause a disturbance are to be put on silent mode.

PRIZES

First Place, Grand Prize

The first place player will receive the grand prize of a guaranteed seat at the World Riichi Championship in 2017. If for any reason the first place player cannot accept this prize, it will be awarded to the next highest placing player that is able to accept the prize. The player that receives the grand prize will forgo any other placement prize that they might have otherwise won. The foregone prize will go to the first place player.

The first place player will receive a trophy.

Other prizes to be announced.

HOTEL

Players are encouraged to stay at the Holiday Inn where the tournament is being held. You can book a room with the special group rate by going to:

<https://www.ihg.com/redirect?path=hd&brandCode=6c&localeCode=en®ionCode=1&hotelCode=sfoan&PMID=99801505&GPC=mjt>

If you are calling in your reservation, please use the group code **MJT** to receive the discounted rate.

SHUTTLE SERVICE

If you cannot take the BART service or a hotel shuttle, please contact PML immediately at tournaments@pacificml.com to make arrangements for a shuttle service. This service is not guaranteed to be available.