

1. Registration

Registration for this tournament has closed, and we have a total of 104 competitors confirmed, as well as a couple of players who are on the waiting list and who will fill in the spots of competitors who may for some reason be unable to take part in the tournament at the last minute. See the finalised list of participants [here](#)!

2. Tournament rules

As announced previously, the version of MCR rules used in this tournament is the new China Majiang Federation MCR tournament rules, first used in tournaments in Guang'an and Beijing last year.

These rules have now been translated into English, and are now ready for your reference and study in preparation for the cruise tournament! The rules can be downloaded from this Google Drive link: [China Majiang Federation MCR Tournament Rules](#).

I apologise for the delay in releasing this document, as this was a complex endeavour, and needed some fine-tuning and proof-reading. Note that the current document is only Version 1.0, and will be updated as necessary after feedback from MIL and CMF. We will conduct a briefing on these rules for participants on the first day of the cruise, so that you will be better prepared when the tournament starts on the second day!

Please note that in the CMF rules, there is a problematic rule (Article 9.5) on the use of language to report the score after winning a hand. In an international tournament with many competitors coming from around the world and speaking different languages, this will be difficult to implement as the competitors may not be able to communicate effectively in the same language (whether Mandarin Chinese or English). This rule is only effective within China itself (since it is the CMF rules), but we will not be able to enforce this rule as is at the Nanyang Modern Mahjong Mindsport Tournament 2018, and we will implement a different rule to accommodate the international make-up of the competitor field. I will update on this issue again later, after discussion with MIL.

Queries for clarification on the rules and feedback on the translation are most welcome!

3. Language issues

As this tournament will be quite international, you will get to face many competitors from China (about 47% of the total competitors). As such, there may be communication issues, so we have planned to prevent such troubles! We will now have three bilingual referees (speaking English and Mandarin Chinese) at this tournament. There will also be quite a few competitors present who can speak both English and Mandarin Chinese. We hope that the tournament experience will be a most pleasant one, not be marred by communication woes!

4. Mahjong practice and get-togethers in Singapore

If you arrive in Singapore before the cruise departs on 1st March 2018, and if you have some free time, you may want to join us for a little bit of mahjong play and practice! We will be organising a couple of get-togethers for international players to come and meet our local players for some social play and practice. We will release more information on these get-togethers once we have the dates and times confirmed. These are likely to be held in the evenings of 26th, 27th, and/or 28th February 2018.